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Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for HB 149 - Five year Board of Fisheries meeting cycle.

Dear Chairwoman Stutes and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is a statewide commercial fishing trade association representing 34 Alaska commercial fishing organizations as well as over 450 individuals participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters.

UFA supports House Bill 149, which would change the Board of Fisheries current three year meeting cycle to a five year meeting cycle. This would benefit the business stability of State-managed fisheries, be more consistent with the life cycle of many species such as salmon, and could be expected to reduce costs for the board, ADF&G, and for the public who participate throughout the meetings.

We appreciate your consideration and urge passage of HB 149.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune
President

Mark Vinsel
Executive Administrator

CC: Representative Mike Chenault