



# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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The Honorable Dan Sullivan  
United States Senate  
702 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Don Young  
United States House of Representatives  
2314 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**RE: S.1322 and H.R.214 - American Fisheries Advisory Committee**

Dear Senator Sullivan and Representative Young,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is a statewide commercial fishing trade association representing 34 Alaska commercial fishing organizations as well as individuals participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters. UFA mission is to promote and protect the common interest of Alaska's commercial fishing industry as a vital component of Alaska's social and economic well-being.

UFA thanks you for introducing S.1322 and H.R. 214, which would create an American Fisheries Advisory Committee, as envisioned in the original creation of the Saltonstall Kennedy fund. As we noted in our 2015 letter, The Saltonstall Kennedy Act (SK Act) was created in 1954 for the purpose of aiding America's commercial fishing industry by "promoting the free flow of domestically produced fishery products in commerce and by developing and increasing markets for these products." Under the Act, the Secretary was authorized to appoint a group of experts from various industry sectors to advise the Secretary on industry needs and to encourage the use of SK funds accordingly.

We appreciate your response to our discussions and letter with your introduction and support of S.1322 and H.R. 214.

Thank you ,

Jerry McCune  
President

Mark Vinsel  
Executive Administrator

#### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Tendemmen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association  
Alaska Trollers Association • Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association  
Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas, Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United  
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association  
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association  
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance  
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association