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<p data-bbox="149 228 338 256">9/21/2018 15:10</p> <p data-bbox="149 472 302 500">Lisa Marquiss</p> <p data-bbox="149 548 359 576">Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p data-bbox="424 253 1894 423">I support reasonable and relevant laws. I also support proper management of our resources. I want to believe that Ballot measure 1 had good intentions but it was poorly written and convoluted. Because of this language we will suffer unintended consequences of over regulation and reduced ability to develop projects that inevitably will have a strong negative impact on our economy. I think the general public isnt educated on the current system and process. I believe in responsible management of our resources but ballot measure 1 appears to be a knee jerk, emotional and uneducated reaction that will shut Alaska down.</p> <p data-bbox="424 472 527 500">I vote NO</p>
<p data-bbox="149 626 338 654">9/21/2018 11:37</p> <p data-bbox="149 862 327 922">Andrew George Neuerburg</p> <p data-bbox="149 1230 359 1258">Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p data-bbox="424 651 1900 784">Completely against this initiative. The name itself is a use of fear to garner support, making one believe that if they vote for this, they are voting to help Salmon. The fact of the matter is that there are multiple opportunities to voice and opinion or objection in any permitting process. I don't feel that increasing the regulation so that local industry cannot function efficiently is a very smart move. One should also note that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="424 824 1633 852">a. the initiator of this movement is not an Alaskan based special interest group, but one from the outside Alaska</li> <li data-bbox="424 889 1894 1019">b. Alaska is a state of massive amounts of infrastructure that is spread out farther and more remotely than any other state. This infrastructure must be maintained/improved if normal day to day business is going to occur. Additionally, should this ballot measure pass and capital projects come to a grinding halt, how will emergence services in remote locations function if the infrastructure, such as airports, are not maintained?</li> <li data-bbox="424 1024 1871 1089">c. With Alaska's primary export as energy production it represents over 45,000 jobs (direct, indirect or induced) and with the royalties and taxes, the oil industry supports over 1/3 of Alaska's total workforce.</li> <li data-bbox="424 1127 1881 1224">d. It is rare that all Native Alaskan companies and communities are unified in a common goal and vocal are extremely vocal about it. Personally, when i hear that Native Alaskan owned companies are unified in their support of Stand for Alaska and are against Stand for Salmon, something with the initiative is not right and it should not be passed.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="424 1300 1633 1328">In summary, I feel that Stand for Salmon is not a good proposition for our state and should not be on the ballot.</p>

<p>9/21/2018 11:03</p> <p>Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p>I was born and raised in Alaska, and am raising my children here. I am an avid fisher and spent this summer filling my freezer with salmon as I always do. I also appreciate that the permitting process that already exists today in Alaska WORKS and it has made it possible for me to continue enjoying my love of catching wild fish because it is already effective.</p> <p>Adding administration, public hearings, and more bureaucracy to our state-owned processes is not going to put more salmon in our streams. It is going to create a massive bottleneck that will add a layer of more cost to our government at a time when we really need to keep our state budget under control.</p> <p>Our permitting process works. We have a limited season each year when road/civil work can be accomplished in Alaska- it. Sure grandfathered permits "won't be affected" - like the TransAlaska Pipeline's stream crossings - but they have to be renewed every year - so they actually are impacted. And how would we ever build a gas pipeline?!</p> <p>We are taking good care of our salmon and environment. My family does not support this initiative.</p>
<p>9/21/2018 10:11</p> <p>Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse</p>	<p>For the record, my name is Rick Van Nieuwenhuysse, I grew up in Alaska, graduating from West High in 1972. I have worked in the mining industry for over 40 years and have been involved with permitting several mines in Alaska. I started NovaGold over 20 years ago when we discovered the Donlin Gold Project. I am very familiar with the extensive work required to ready a mining project for permitting and the rigorous review process that a project undergoes - including Title 16 in order to receive all of the appropriate permits to begin construction, operation and closure of a permitted mining site. It is a rigorous process. It has taken us 6 years to complete the formal permitting process for Donlin and cost many tens of millions of dollars - on top of the hundreds of millions of dollars to identify, explore and develop the project beforehand. Trust me, there is a rigorous process already in place run by professionals who understand their roles in protecting the environment - including fish habitat.</p> <p>First of all, the ballot initiative process is an extremely poor way to develop policy and legislation. Emotion and bumper-sticker slogans do not make for good law. These are complicated issues that require lots of debate and input. This Ballot Initiative#1 is the result of a failed attempt to pass nearly identical legislation. That effort failed in committee because it was a poorly thought out piece of legislation that our elected legislators rejected.</p>

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So now we have two out-of-State Hedge Funds who have spear headed this effort. One has to wonder why Hedge Funds from out of State would have an interest in Alaska salmon? These guys are used to going Short on the stock market - what possible interest could they have here? Having witnessed the dark side of the market first hand, I can only wonder if it isn't to "Short Alaska" by making a cheap investment in the State (Stand for Salmon) to create economically damaging legislation that has the potential to cause many businesses to go out of business only to be picked up for pennies on the dollar. I'd call that a Wall Street wet dream! Call me paranoid, but we all have seen far worse and less obvious sinister plans perpetrated by Wall Street! Vote No on One!

I am also very annoyed with our Supreme Court Judges who apparently do not understand their role as judges - to interpret laws or find them unconstitutional. Where does it say that they have the right to pick and choose what parts of an initiative meets what should be rigorous standards in law. Over 40,000 people signed a specific initiative to accomplish a specific points of law. If it doesn't meet the criteria then send it back until it does. The Legislature had the courage to do just that and did - this legislation died in Committee! Now we have judges who think their job is to write legislation - how messed up is that!? Now every half baked idea that has a catchy bumper-sticker slogan has a shot at becoming law since the Supreme Court Judges will just take it as their job to try and make sense out of something that doesn't.

The really sad part of Ballot Initiative #1 - Stand for Salmon, is that it actually does nothing to "Save the Salmon" or even enhance clearly declining salmon runs. There is not one shred of evidence to support diminished salmon runs on loss of fish habitat on land. This is precisely because we have a rigorous Title 16 process in place already and it is working well. Asked to provide a specific example of significant habitat loss due to an industrial, commercial or infrastructure project and the proponents can't point to one. That's simple - it doesn't exist!

Perhaps, the problem that salmon are having is out in the ocean - warming water in Gulf and over fishing may be the culprits. Perhaps more study and understanding of what is going on in the ocean would be more useful to address fish populations than ill-conceived and unnecessary legislation to address problems that don't exist.

Ballot Initiative #1 will not improve fish habitat as it purports. It specifically won't clean up arsenic and mercury polluted waters as their advertisements claim (which also don't exist) simply because water quality is not covered under Fish Habitat permits, they are covered by both State and Federal legislation directed by the Clean Water Act - and they too are very rigorous!

Ballot Initiative #1 will not improve fish habitat as advertised. It will only result in longer time lines for permitting with three different opportunities for Project opponents to challenge the permitting process in court. This will lead to projects not only being delayed but far more costly. And we're not just talking about large industrial projects, small scale projects as well - septic systems, roads and culverts, water wells, bridges. Alaska's Department of Transportation is on record stating that it significantly increase their costs to maintain our neater road system let alone build new roads - they will spend all their time fighting to get permits. Large companies with lots of lawyers will no doubt wade through the messy process, but smaller businesses and smaller communities without the legal support will loose out. Many businesses will not prosper and many people will loose their job - except perhaps the lawyers! Vote No on One!

There is no evidence that any modern mine in Alaska has destroyed fish habitat. In fact, several mines have demonstrably improved fish habitat. Red Dog Creek was a naturally contaminated stream due to very high grade sulphide mineralization exposed in the creek. Specifically, I recall when I first worked at Red Dog in 1980, before it was a mine when we had to move our camp from where it had been planned because the water was obviously not drinking quality, let alone good for fish. It is today, thanks to the good work by the Red Dog Mine. The water quality has been greatly improved resulting in creating additional and enhanced fish habitat with fish now moving into Red Dog Creek. Same scenario with the Fort Knox Mine near Fairbanks. Efforts by the Mine have enhanced fish habitat in Fish Creek and abundant greyling now thrive where none did before.

One last point - last I looked, the Copper River King was one of the tastiest, best marketed and most expensive fish on the menu. The Copper River is named for the famous Kennecott Copper Mines near McCarthy - one of the highest grade copper mines the world has ever seen - developed near the headwaters of the Copper River at a time when Alaska was a territory and there were no regulations. The fish are fine coming out of the river today - the problem is in the ocean. Direct your Save the Salmon efforts there - VOTE NO on Ballot Initiative #1!

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My name is Bonnie Broman for the record, and I Stand for Alaska because I believe Ballot Measure 1 is a misguided attempt to improve fish habitat protections. I will be voting NO on Ballot Measure 1. YES, we can always do more to protect our wildlife, but this measure is deeply flawed, with serious unintended consequences for Alaska and Alaskans.

Bonnie Broman

Alaska is already recognized as a world leader in responsible fish and habitat management because Alaska has numerous policies, acts and regulations that have been updated over the years and work together to protect fish habitats. We have a robust science-driven permitting system regulated by many state and federal policies in addition to numerous regional protections that are unique to habitats and species, allowing for sophisticated policies that address the demands of each environment specifically.

<p>Vancouver, BC, CA</p>	<p>Ballot Measure 1 threatens our communities, our jobs and our economy. This measure, if passed will threaten our Alaskan way of life - this ballot measure is a perfect example of how bad things result from a flawed process. This group proposing this ballot measure wrote the language in secret without public input. And out of the top 3 contributors to their ballot initiative, two are from the Outside - one is a venture fund out of Washington DC and the second is an East Coast hedge fund private equity investor who lives in Florida - how would these people know what is best for Alaskans and Alaska policy?!</p> <p>Major infrastructure projects like the Alaska Gas Pipeline, hydroelectric power development, runway updates and updates to major highways, such as the Seward, Steese and Glenn, might not go forward under this measure or could be challenged in court causing unnecessary lengthy delays and costs. Existing projects, like the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, Proudhoie Bay projects, and the Red Dog mine would be at risk if Ballot Measure 1 passes. Even private property owners rights will be at risk! And many other development projects in rural Alaska and elsewhere across the state would be threatened. We Alaskans are going to have to protect our rights and stand for Alaska by voting NO on Ballot Measure 1. Thank you</p>
<p>9/21/2018 9:22</p> <p>Thomas W. Hendrix Jr</p> <p>Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p>I do not support Ballot Measure One. Presently we have regulations and permitting processes in place that protect the environment that work. This measure is not about protecting salmon, it is being raised to stop resource development more specifically mining. The adverse effects that it will have on other areas that include Oil and Gas development, , Road Maintenance, ability to provide fuel services to remote villages on the coast and river systems and many other areas where we have a waterway. The outside environmental concerns that are backing the ballot measure should not be able to impact the population of Alaska. Alaska is a resource rich state that provides 20% of the domestic Crude Production Responsibly. Resource Development is and will be the larges sector of Jobs that the residents of the state have. I am a life long resident of the State of Alaska and depend on the opportunities that Responsible Resource Development provides to myself, my adult children and my grand children. Measure one is bad for our state. I will vote NO on ballot measure one. my email is thendrix@carlile.biz and home address is 10134 East John Henry Circle Palmer Alaska 99645</p>
<p>9/21/2018 8:51</p> <p>Wesley Nason</p> <p>Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p>Ballot Measure 1 is an example of anti-development organizations funded by Outside money to shut down Alaska's resource extraction economy. Alaska currently has a rigorous regulatory regime to permit resource extraction projects. Initiatives to change regulations are not appropriate. Changes to regulations should be directed by legislation and open to public comment before any changes are made.</p>

<p>9/20/2018 7:12</p> <p>Wendy Lindskoog</p> <p>Troy, MI, US</p>	<p>I am writing to express my concern with Ballott Measure 1. I will be a no vote. I do not believe we should be writing complex permitting law through the ballot box. There will be too many unintended consequences that will add time, cost, and unnecessary road blocks to much needed economic development in our state. We continue to find ourselves as Alaskans not having "Good Conversations" around difficult issues. If there is a problem that needs to be fixed with our permitting process, our state scientists and agencies should be bringing forward the practical and sensible ideas that make sense to implement. Then we should get the right parties with different views in the room to discuss and craft solutions. These conversations should happen before and during the legislative process so that changes and their impacts can be fully explored in an openly public process. It is time to push for a new paradigm for how complicated issues in Alaska are decided. The ballot box is not that place. Ballot box legislating is divisive and ridden with underlying agendas such as "keep it in the ground". Time we do better!</p>
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<p>9/19/2018 23:55</p> <p>John H. Lamont</p> <p>Los Angeles, CA, US</p>	<p>I am a lifelong commercial fisherman from the mouth of the Yukon River, my entire family depended upon mainly Chinook "King" Salmon over the years since the early 1900's both commercially and sustenance. I read through the entire measure and it has very little to do with enhancing commercial Salmon harvests, in fact it restricts my traditional commercial harvest of Yukon Chinook Salmon. Not only that, it restricts any other resource development that would help alleviate the economic situation we as indigenous people are in on the Yukon River Delta. There may be some good thoughts that went into this measure, but overall it has little to do with our People being able to maintain our traditional harvest of Yukon River Chinook Salmon. Not to belittle anyone, but one of the well educated proponents behind this measure helped to persuade our people with the word "Salmon" in the measure so they think it would allow us to harvest more salmon in the future (after the election, should it pass), which is totally false, just the opposite. We are the first people of this land and we should not have environmental groups from out of Alaska dictate our laws of the land. I hope the majority of Alaskans vote "NO" on this ballot measure in November.</p>
<p>9/19/2018 15:40</p>	<p>My Name is Jim Hill with AllPro Alaska and I am a lifelong Alaskan. For over 50 years I have enjoyed all things that make this state a fantastic place to work and play. I am opposed to this initiative as I can see no proven benefits.</p>

<p>James Hill</p> <p>Fairbanks, AK, US</p>	<p>This measure replaces the stellar habitat management that we already employ. We have more than 18 State and Federal Policies which address our WORLD CLASS fish habitat protection and this measure utilizes untested regulations which in my opinion will do more harm than good,</p> <p>I haven't seen a proposed cost for the management and infrastructure which will be required for the measure, but doubt it would pass a cost / benefit analysis especially given the current state of our economy. This money would be much better utilized funding better social programs dealing with the crime and Opiod epidemics which we are facing throughout the state.</p> <p>This measure hurts our economy and hinders development and doesn't address how it will work any better than our current regulations. It is a Development Killer in the guise of a salmon initiative and has no bearing on our salmon runs of recent years. This is an ocean problem and not a land based regulation issue. I feel the supreme court should have killed this initiative instead of removing the unconstitutional wording as this measure does not benefit the state or protect salmon in any way.</p> <p>I am strongly supporting the NO vote..</p>
<p>9/19/2018 13:52</p> <p>David King</p> <p>Woodbridge, ON, CA</p>	<p>I wish to express my opposition to ballot measure one. This initiative is over reaching and in my view will guarantee long delays or cancellation of development and investment in the state. This comes at a time when Alaska is finally getting back up it's our feet after a painful economic downturn. Salmon are important to all Alaskans but this poorly written legislation is not the correct way to protect them.</p>
<p>9/18/2018 19:26</p> <p>Terry T. Brady</p> <p>Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p>The Supreme Law of the State of Alaska - the State Constitution, declares that the natural resources of the stage are to be managed for the benefit of the Peopl. Title 16 Fish and Game, and AS 41.17 Forest Resources and Practices Act were enacted and strict regulations were adopted to protect the anadrmous fish habitats. Mining and other "development" laws and regulations specify protection.. Much of this is in line with federal programs. Voting and approving new, untested, Ballot Measure #1, in addition to being duplicative at the least, and creating hurdlethat will delay or destroy good scientific management of the very resources the Statehood Act bequeathed to</p>

	<p>the People for economic betterment purposes. This Ballot Measure should be resoundly defeated. Terry T. Brady, Master of Science.</p>
<p>9/18/2018 16:07</p> <p>Keegan Fleming</p> <p>Kenai, AK, US</p>	<p>My name is Keegan Fleming, and I am second-generation lifelong Alaska resident. I work in the Oil &amp; Gas and Environmental Industries, and my livelihood is dependent on the success of both of these industries in our state. I would like to state my opposition to Ballot Measure 1.</p> <p>As an Environmental and regulatory professional in the oil and gas industry, I have intimate firsthand knowledge of the current fish habitat permitting process, and feel that it currently provides a robust and appropriate mechanism for not only protecting anadromous fish habitat but also for including the public in said process.</p> <p>I have read ballot Measure in detail and feel that this Measure will not improve fish habitat or increase salmon runs. It is well documented that active fry and hatchling release populations in our freshwater bodies are healthy and in some locations at an all-time high. Impacts to salmon populations in Alaska are currently thought to be incurred while at sea, and not in fresh water habitat, and thus not addressed by this measure. The "Stand for Salmon" group has failed to site a single scenario where permitting under the new proposed system vs. the current system would have resulted in greater protection for anadromous fish habitat, or a single scenario where the current permitting and/or regulatory system has failed.</p> <p>Most importantly, this Measure will cause unnecessary, unmanageable administrative burden to the State of Alaska, create a back log of permit applications causing project delays, and will increase costs for additional Fish and Game staff and low value research.</p> <p>I feel strongly that Ballot Measure 1 is unfounded, poorly written legislation that does not provide any new or additional benefit to the protection of anadromous fish habitat. Furthermore I feel that the adverse effects of accepting a new regulatory framework that provides no timelines or clear processes, and is open to legal proceedings from non-residents/stakeholders is contrary to the best interests of our state and our citizens.</p> <p>Keegan Fleming Anchorage, AK</p>
<p>9/18/2018 15:36</p>	<p>Ballot Measure 1 Public Hearing – Sept 18, 2018 Anchorage, AK</p>



<p>Tom Barrett</p> <p>Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p>Hi, my name is Tom Barrett. I am testifying today as a 24 year Alaska resident, and an environmental professional. I have spent much of my career cleaning up contaminated sites across the state and now managing regulatory compliance and environmental permitting for North Slope based industry. I'm confident that the current regulations and statutes protecting the environment in Alaska are strong and highly protective of fish and fish habitat.</p> <p>The current system provides for collaboration with ADF&amp;G from early in a project stage. Permits are issued based on scientific data, proven methods for safe fish passage that accounts for site specific conditions. The current system is not broken and is protective of fish habitat for routine work such as culvert replacements, ice roads and tundra travel. I don't see how Ballot Measure 1 improves this system by adding bonding requirements and lengthy open ended public review process.</p> <p>I work with several State and Federal regulatory agencies that revise their regulations from time to time to be more protective of the environment. Their process is transparent, open for public comment, and has a measurable benefit to the environment. I don't know where Ballot Measure 1 comes from as it was developed without public input or input from ADF&amp;G. In fact, the measure has a financial impact to ADF&amp;G, among other state agencies, while not providing them the data they need, like surveys for the Catalog of Waters Important for the Spawning, Rearing, or Migration of Anadromous Fish. The measure does not appear to address the problem of low fish returns from the ocean. For these reasons I cannot Ballot Measure 1.</p>
<p>9/18/2018 15:32</p> <p>Christina Pohl</p>	<p>My Name is Christina Pohl.</p> <p>I offer comments today as a born and raised lifelong Alaskan and an environmental professional. I started my career in Alaska in the environmental non-profit sector but have spent most of the last 10 years on or supporting the North Slope managing fish and wildlife compliance programs. I am very familiar with the existing Alaska Title 16 fish habitat protections and believe they are robust regulations that are protective of the 11 species of anadromous fish found on the North Slope and their habitat. I've spent many hours on the phone, around a table and standing on stream beds with ADFG biologists reviewing designs, applications, and best management practices for activities such as culvert installations, road maintenance, tundra travel and even ice road construction and water withdrawal.</p>

<p>Wasilla, AK, US</p>	<p>I work in an industry that is always striving to minimize impacts. We spend large dollars on annual inspection and maintenance programs to ensure there are no barriers to fish passage in our infrastructure area. We work closely with specialized consultants on hydrology modeling and innovate designs to ensure fish passage in conditions beyond what the State currently requires. In my experience, these applications are thoroughly reviewed and vetted by ADFG biologists. ADFG applies science and historical knowledge-based decisions on each application, which often include site specific stipulations. I can confidently state that under the proposed requirements of the initiative, our activities will be more difficult, more expensive, and take longer to permit, without benefit to the fish. I also find the proposed stipulations regarding on-site mitigation to be impractical and overly restrictive.</p> <p>I take issue with the fact that the initiative assumes problems, but fundamentally does nothing to address those problems. The initiative proposes a new and untested law, rather than strategic updates within the existing fish habitat protections. I am deeply unsettled that this initiative was developed without input from the professionals at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game who have the expertise, history, and intimate understanding of the issues at hand to propose the best protections to anadromous fish.</p> <p>I believe that the initiative poses an unnecessary administrative and financial burden to our state, that we are currently in no place to take on. Our fish and our state deserve better. I will be voting NO on Ballot Measure 1.</p> <p>I will submit my comments today for the written record.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
<p>9/18/2018 15:14</p> <p>Michael Hauser</p> <p>Lynnwood, WA, US</p>	<p>As an environmental professional who has worked in Alaska for 8 years I feel that this is a deeply flawed measure. I am all for protecting salmon habitat but this measure was written in secret and pushed by out of state interests to get the required amount of signatures to put it on the ballot. Having worked on fish habitat permitting for various Alaska projects and working with fish and game the current process is effective and it works. This measure will put jobs at risk in an already fragile economy. I stand for Alaska and strongly oppose ballot measure 1.</p>
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9/18/2018 14:58  Suzanne Little     Anchorage, AK, US	<p>I have worked over 30 years in land planning in Alaska. I support Ballot Measure One. For two main reasons:</p> <p>In the next 5 years, over 80 million acres of land managed by the federal government in Alaska are going to be opened for development as Alaska Native Claim Settlement Act Public Land Orders currently preventing development are expected to be lifted.</p> <p>There is currently very little data about Alaska's vast landscape. It is estimated that Alaska has data on only 1/2 of our rivers and streams. The Precautionary Principle every planner knows, says we should gain and evaluate scientific and environmental information before makes no irreversible decisions. The precautionary principle says we need to know where anadromous streams are and mitigate harm to them before approval of construction projects that would bring irreversible damage to critical habitat.</p> <p>Providing a systematic investigation, evaluation and public input for development projects that would create irreversible change to critical Salmon habitat is a responsible action for Alaska to take.</p>
9/18/2018 14:53  Terry Lauck     Anchorage, AK, US	<p>I typically support practical environmental regulations that effectively address issues of concern. What Ballot Measure 1 proposes, however, does not get my support. All Alaskans should have an interest in protecting salmon. Alaska's wild salmon populations are closely associated with the very identity of the state. Salmon are important to the economy, recreation, and traditions in Alaska. Because of this, Alaska already has rigorous and effective regulations and processes in place to protect anadromous fish habitat.</p> <p>There are certainly incremental measures that can be taken to help protect salmon, but the broad-brush approach proposed by Ballot Measure 1 would create unnecessary impediments to many existing lawful activities. Furthermore, the proposed permitting process would increase opportunities for litigation. The resultant delays and additional cost will ultimately get passed on to residents of our state. Meanwhile, Ballot Measure 1 would do very little, if anything, to benefit salmon. There are better ways to help salmon. I am voting "No" on Ballot Measure 1.</p>
9/18/2018 14:51  Dorothy Lazar	<p>Save our salmon! We need our wild Alaska salmon. We need the protections that updated regulations would bring. Don't let deep pocket fossil fuel companies interfere with our need and right to</p>

Sunnyvale, CA, US	protect this naturally sustainable and invaluable resource. The good of humanity demands it.
<p data-bbox="149 289 415 391">9/18/2018 14:46</p> <p data-bbox="149 391 415 634">Timothy Mullikin</p> <p data-bbox="149 634 415 716">Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p data-bbox="415 289 1898 423">Anyone who thinks the permitting process needs more restrictions has not made a permit application. This initiative is a tool to halt development in the guise of helping salmon habitat.</p> <p data-bbox="415 423 1898 558">The existing regulations offer adequate protection of our natural resources. Any changes to the permitting process should be made through a science and fact based decisions, not emotional feelings and propaganda by both sides.</p> <p data-bbox="415 558 1898 716">Eliminating the provision for off site mitigation would stop many projects. The burden of proving a negative, that a waterway is not anadromous would add great complexity with no gain for fish habitat. A small time permittee would be unable to prove this.</p>
<p data-bbox="149 716 415 797">9/18/2018 13:41</p> <p data-bbox="149 797 415 911">Warren Jones</p> <p data-bbox="149 911 415 987">Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p data-bbox="415 716 1898 987">Improved rules about protection of salmon streams are needed for resource developers and the citizens of Alaska should be informed and have a voice in proposed habitat changes that could affect the viability of salmon streams. I support Proposition 1 to protect salmon streams.</p>
<p data-bbox="149 987 415 1068">9/18/2018 13:24</p> <p data-bbox="149 1068 415 1300">Jeannette Shifflett</p>	<p data-bbox="415 987 1898 1089">Initiative 17FSH2 (Ballot Measure 1), September 18, 2018</p> <p data-bbox="415 1089 1898 1300">Hello, my name is Jeannette Shifflett. I am a proud, nearly 20-year Alaskan resident and environmental professional. I am against Ballot Measure 1. I have spent my career in Alaska working in the oil production and transportation industry managing compliance with environmental protection regulations. I know, firsthand, that the current regulations and statutes and existing permitting process implemented by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game provide robust, effective environmental protection of Alaska's fish and fish habitat.</p>

<p>Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p>I have an advantage over many Alaskans who will have to make an important decision in November. I have direct experience working in environmental regulatory compliance: I understand the complexity of the regulations and I know that the regulators take protection of the environment seriously and make decisions based on scientific data and proven effective measures. Unfortunately, the proponents of Ballot Measure 1 have spun the issue into a false plea to “save our salmon”. I know enough to look behind the curtain to see the wizards from Outside trying to fix a problem that does not exist – fish and fish habitat are already well protected under the current process.</p> <p>This Measure will not improve fish habitat or increase salmon runs. This Measure will cause unnecessary, unmanageable administrative burden to the State of Alaska, create a back log of permit applications causing project delays, and will increase costs for additional Fish and Game staff and low value research. Ballot Measure 1 will not benefit Alaskans.</p> <p>I submit these comments today for the written record. Thank you.</p> <p>Jeannette Shifflett Anchorage, AK</p>
<p>9/18/2018 12:07</p> <p>David Owen</p>	<p>The Ballot 1 proponents contend that the grandfathering clause protects existing mines, which would not have to comply with the new regulatory requirements. That is true only so long as the existing permits are in effect. When the permits require renewal, they will be subject to the new proposed regulations. A spokesman for Pogo mine, in a recent video, said that Sumitomo would be unable to meet the requirements and would have to shut down, throwing their workers out of work. The measure would also require mining companies, even under existing permits, to obtain a new permit(s) and comply with the new regulations if they wish to expand their operations.</p> <p>Another spokesperson for Hecla recently said that Ballot 1 would be a disaster for mining companies and impossible for them to comply with because of the requirement prohibiting off-site mitigation and mandating only on-site mitigation. For example, if development would permanently eliminate an anadromous fish habit of a stream on-site, the effects could not be mitigated by creating new habitat off-site, and it would be impossible to issue a permit in these circumstances.</p>

<p>Victoria, BC, CA</p>	<p>The Ballot 1 initiative seems particularly directed at the Pebble project, which is currently undergoing the permitting process under NEPA, and the USACE is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement. If the proposed Pebble mine and infrastructure would have unacceptable adverse effects on the Bristol Bay fishery, the Corps will not grant the permit. If there are no unacceptable adverse effects to the Bristol Bay fishery from Pebble, then obviously the project should go ahead. It will provide much-needed jobs and revenues for the State, local, and federal economies. This ballot measure is gross overkill and has unintended consequences, namely, to kill any major development in rural Alaska—not just Pebble, but airports, highways, dams, and ANWR—all would be affected.</p> <p>Moreover, this ballot measure, supposedly created by Alaskans, was, I suspect, developed and written by the World Salmon Center, headquartered in Portland, Oregon, but with a branch office in Anchorage. It is heavily staffed with environmental lawyers. At the recent fish forum fight in Juneau, the spokesperson for Ballot 1, a lawyer, was the head of their Anchorage office. The World Salmon Center actively collaborates with the NRDC, Trout Unlimited, the World Wildlife Federation, and other ENGO's, all of which have as one of their main objectives to kill the Pebble mine. I am cynical enough to believe that they really do not think that a Pebble mine would wipe out the fishery, but it really doesn't matter: the spectre of such an event is a great money-making tool for them by frightening gullible donors. Ballot 1 was developed and presented as a fait accompli to be put on the ballot with no public input whatsoever about whether it is a good idea or what it should contain.</p>
<p>9/18/2018 11:45</p> <p>Claire Holland LeClair</p> <p>Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p>I will vote yes for Ballot Initiative 1, aka the "Stand for Salmon" proposal.</p> <p>While our state's salmon management system is sound and has been working great, we are clearly vulnerable when it comes to protecting the freshwater habitat needed to produce healthy runs.</p> <p>The loss of salmon runs in the lower 48 are almost all due to the incremental loss of habitat. It was not just one project or change that ended these runs, but a cumulative series of disruptions that caused changes to the freshwater habitat such that salmon could no longer thrive.</p> <p>As Alaska becomes more populated and development projects occur to support our economy and our citizens we need more robust laws to protect the habitat that supports our extraordinary salmon resources. The Board of Fish requested such a statutory change from the Alaska Legislature but our lawmakers did not act on that sound and reasonable request from the policy makers who I consider experts on the state's fisheries management scheme.</p>
<p>9/18/2018 11:38</p>	<p>Hello:</p> <p>I want to encourage the State of Alaska to protect it's salmon, something that does not come natural to the State of Alaska because:</p>

<p>April Warwick</p> <p>Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently, there is no definition for what it means to “develop responsibly” in salmon habitat.</li> <li>• Alaska Department of Fish and Game issues fish habitat permits for development activities in salmon streams, but the standard for permitting is vague and does not provide the Department of Fish and Game with all the tools necessary to protect waters important to salmon.</li> <li>• The current law only applies to the waterways that are listed in a statewide list of salmon streams called the Anadromous Waters Catalog. However, the Department of Fish and Game estimates that less than 50 percent of Alaska’s salmon-bearing streams have been listed in the catalog -- with the other half not subject to permitting requirements.</li> <li>• The current law does not require public notice nor does it provide an opportunity for Alaskans to participate in decisions that have the potential to damage Alaska’s fisheries.</li> <li>• Under current law, Department of Fish and Game does not have all the tools needed to enforce permit violations.</li> <li>• We need to hold foreign mining corporations accountable and make them pay for the clean-up of mega development projects on or near vital wild salmon habitat – so that Alaska taxpayers won’t be left holding the bill.</li> <li>• This measure puts Alaskans in charge of protecting our state’s thriving salmon economy and way-of-life for generations to come.</li> <li>• We are looking for a responsible update to a 60-year-old law that gives Alaskans a voice in protecting our state’s most vital natural resource: wild salmon.</li> </ul> <p>Thank You,</p>
<p>9/18/2018 9:58</p> <p>Leah Moss</p> <p>Anchorage, AK, US</p>	<p>Alaska’s current laws surrounding development in fish habitat is weak and far from rigorous. It simply says “the commissioner shall issue a permit unless the plans and specifications are insufficient for the proper protection of fish and game.” ADF&amp;G has never established any regulations to define the proper protection of fish and game, which creates uncertainty in the permitting process. We can not leave ourselves open to the interpretation of changing administrations.</p> <p>The law creates science-based standards to help guide how projects will be permitted. This provides clear guidelines for developers.</p>

Naawéiyaa áyá aḡ saayí,  
ku.aa dleit kaa x'éináx Austin Tagaban yéi xat duwasáakw.  
Juneaux' yéi xat kooowdzitee tsu Juneaux' yéi xat yatee.  
Aak'wtaatseen daat shkalneegedáx áyá  
Kaalkáawu x'éidáx,

“Haa Lingítx sateeyí.  
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Ch'a ldakát át ayakgwahéiyagu kudzitee  
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A xoo aa áyá  
káax'w eedé  
haa shkalneegí toox' yéi yatee  
wáa sá  
has du een yéi jeewuneyí.”  
Yéi áwé aḡ tundatáani a daat wé xáat kwáanich tsu wé ballot measure 1  
Dé wutusikóo áwé wáa sá át woonéi tlé tlél has du een haa wushk'éi.  
Ach áwé has du yáa ayagaynéi!

In his opening to the story of Aak'wtaatseen, Kaalkáawu (Cyril George) speaks to the Tlingit worldview saying “In our Tlingit way of being, we have respect for each other, we love each other” however Cyril does not simply limit this respect and love to the human realm of being. One must also have the utmost respect and love for the natural world. He Says “There is a spirit that exists in everything. The salmon in the water, the animals on the land, the brown bears, they have a spirit that exists just like us.” Salmon have provided for the Indigenous peoples of Alaska from time immemorial. The story of Aak'wtaatseen describes the consequences of disrespecting the Salmon and speaks to the great spiritual import of respect toward all creatures. I believe that ballot measure 1 takes up this same value of respect and for that reason I am voting Yes on 1 in November.



### Translation

My name is Naawéiyaa  
however I am called Austin Tagaban in English.  
I was born in Juneau and I live in Juneau.  
This is from the story of Aak'wtaatseen,  
these are the words of K̄aalk̄áawu (Cyril George)

“In our Tlingit way of being,  
The way we are taught,  
we have respect for each other,  
love for each other.  
There is a spirit that exists in everything,  
that is how they taught us.  
The salmon in the water,  
the ones who roam the forest,  
the brown bear,  
them too,  
they have a spirit that exists,  
just like us.  
No one says is outright,  
that you have to respect them.  
Some of them  
told it to people  
through our stories,  
how  
to treat them.”  
This is the way I feel about the salmon and ballot measure 1.  
We already know what happens when we are not respectful to the salmon.  
Thus, we must respect the creatures we live with.

**Ballot Initiative 1  
Public Hearing  
Anchorage, AK  
09/18/2018**

Hello, my name is Meredith Kenny and I am offering comments today as an Alaskan who is concerned that this ill-advised ballot measure, while maybe well-intentioned, is going to hurt our state at a time when we can least afford it.

Alaska is in a state of recession with the highest unemployment rate in the nation. A few months ago we were rated America's worst state for business. This ballot measure has absolutely nothing to do with salmon and fish health, and everything to do with shutting Alaska down for business. It invites emotion into an already flexible and scientific process.

As someone who hopes to build a future here, I want to see a healthy economy AND healthy salmon runs, and I don't believe they need to be mutually exclusive.

I will submit my comments today for the written record. Thank you.

**Ballot Initiative 1  
Public Hearing  
Anchorage, AK  
09/18/2018**

Hi, my name is Robyn McGhee and I offer comments today as a lifelong Alaskan and an environmental professional. Unlike many people speaking out passionately about Ballot Initiative 1, I have actually seen a fish habitat permit and am intimately familiar with the current State of Alaska Fish Habitat permitting process. I have sat at the table with Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologists, reviewing applications for projects such as culvert installations. I have copies of Fish Habitat permits sitting on my desk right now, and part of my job is to ensure compliance with those permits which include monitoring and other stipulations.

The current permit process works quite well to protect both anadromous and non-anadromous fish habitat. The fish habitat application, 3 pages long, requires a significant amount of information be submitted by the project proponent, including engineering drawings and other details. These applications are thoroughly reviewed by ADFG biologists, and ADFG subsequently applies science-based decisions on each application received. Often times, this includes specific stipulations and monitoring requirements.

I'm not aware of any projects that have received fish habitat permits and have subsequently failed to protect anadromous fish habitat (or any fish habitat for that matter). This initiative will not fix "bad apples" – projects that simply don't apply for a permit or a project that didn't follow the science-based stipulations issued in their permit. What this initiative will do – however – is create permitting delays, more administrative burden for the State of Alaska (the Alaska Department of Transportation, for instance, is one of the largest recipients of ADFG Fish Habitat permits), and introduce uncertainty into a process that is already working quite well. I will submit my comments today for the written record. Thank you.

**Ballot Measure 1 Public Hearing – Sept 18, 2018 Anchorage, AK**

Hi, my name is Jessika Gonzalez. I am testifying today as a born and raised Alaskan, and an environmental professional. I have spent much of my career on the North Slope managing compliance of environmental permits and most recently applying for environmental permits. I can say with confidence that the current regulations and statutes protecting the environment in Alaska are very robust and highly protective of fish and fish habitat.

I work in an industry that is constantly trying to reduce environmental impacts. One of the primary ways we do this is by building ice roads. Every year a vast network of ice is built to provide access for a wide range of activities. These ice roads are currently permitted under the exiting ADF&G statute and I work closely with ADF&G staff to ensure they are permitted correctly, with the appropriate considerations and engineering in place. The current system allows for this type of collaboration and effectively ensures that fit-for purpose permits are issued based on scientific data and project and site specifics. The current system is not broken and is protective of fish habitat. In fact, I am not aware of any examples of the current statute and permitting process failing – the examples of habitat loss that you may hear are from lack of permitting or lack of compliance with permits. Neither of which will be fixed by the initiative.

Ballot Measure 1 will not improve fish habitat protections but instead will add unnecessary administrative burden for the State of Alaska, create a back log of permits applications resulting in permitting and project delays, and will insert untested requirements into an existing process that is already very protective of fish and fish habitat. Ballot Measure 1 is an example of trying to fix a problem that does not exist.

I am also submitting these comments today for the written record. Thank you for your time.

My name is Georgeanna Heaverley. I am a born and raised Alaskan and a commercial fisherman in Cook Inlet.

Salmon are central to my livelihood and many others I know and love. Commercial fishing has employed my father for over fifty years and in turn, my brother and myself. Without salmon we would lose not only our seasonal income but our way of life. How do we protect this?

As our state grows and thrives, we have to build and develop. Certain development in this state requires a Title 16 permit. If you read this current law you will see it is One. Vague. Sentence, lacking proper definition and clear instructions. It is time for an update.

The Stand for Salmon initiative is the solution to responsible future development. Large-scale projects must be held to higher standards. Alaskans deserve a say; we must be given the opportunity to provide public comment. Developers must follow science-based standards to ensure things are done safely and without threat to critical salmon habitat. Because if major projects like the Pebble Mine fail, there is no going back.

I have observed overwhelming support of Ballot Measure 1 from the commercial fishing community. We are all willing to do what it takes to protect what we love so that our future grandchildren and their grandchildren know what it's like to stand on the aluminum deck of a boat, pick salmon from a net, and provide the world a sustainable food. The legacy of salmon runs deep. We know this because we live this.

I ask you, how do you protect what you love? We cannot do nothing, we must do something. As true Alaskans, we vote yes on Ballot Measure 1. Thank you.

My name is Andrea Gusty, and I am the Vice President and Chief of Staff for The Kuskokwim Corporation, an ~~ANCSA~~ Alaska Native Village Corporation. Our more than 39-hundred shareholders and our ten communities on the Middle Kuskokwim River- Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Napaimute, Crooked Creek, Georgetown, Red Devil, Sleetmute and Stony River- will be directly, negatively impacted by Ballot Measure one.

Today, I am not here to talk about the impact Ballot Measure one could have on large projects- I'm here to talk about the impact it could have on the small projects in small communities around our state.

*one of ANCSA villages*  
I am from Aniak in the middle Kuskokwim River. I know how important development is in our rural communities. Projects like the road repair after spring flooding washes away a culvert. The runway improvements needed so that a medivac plane can land in times of emergency. Moving a graveyard that is in danger of eroding into the river. All of these are projects currently scheduled in the Middle Kuskokwim. All of them are on the line if Ballot Measure one passes.

Our communities depend on salmon and the subsistence way of life, but they also depend on development. Subsistence and responsible development have successfully co-existed for a long time. Ballot measure one may have good intentions, but it aims to fix something that isn't broken. In fact, if Ballot measure one passes, we will not only have a *destitute road* broken system, but we will have a lot of broken roads, runways and bridges across Alaska.

**HEARING ON BALLOT MEASURE #1 – Protection of Wild Salmon and Habitat  
9/18/18**

Submitted by Ann Rappoport, 17053 Aries Court, Anchorage, AK 99516

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ballot Measure #1, which provides a balanced, reasonable, and responsible approach to protect wild salmon and their habitats while supporting sustainable job opportunities for all Alaskans.

My name is Ann Rappoport, I'm a 39-year resident of Alaska, retired after a 33-year career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I spent 19 years of my career as Field Supervisor for the Anchorage Fish and Wildlife Field Office.

Much of my career involved evaluating how proposed water projects could impact our state's fish and wildlife, and how to best mitigate those impacts. It also involved overseeing fish habitat restoration projects.

The Alaska Departments of Fish and Game and Environmental Conservation, along with other federal agencies were typically a partner in these reviews, but over the years the State's involvement shrunk as state budgets shrunk. Ballot Measure #1 will right-size State involvement in developments around Alaska. This act is right-sized with its tiered system to ensure projects meeting specific scientific criteria would not need a permit and would proceed as they now do, while others would require either minor or major habitat permits depending on established standards. It would allow general permits for similar activities that would not cause significant adverse effects and where such effects can be avoided by certain conditions and stipulations – this is similar to the general permit process for wetlands developments in Anchorage that has been effectively implemented by the Municipality over the past few decades. Ballot Measure 1 will rightfully shift the greatest onus to the companies whose proposals would cause the greatest impacts to our anadromous habitats.

Let's look at habitat impacts and restoration costs. An ADFG Habitat Division evaluation of cumulative development actions along 67 miles of the Kenai River mainstem found that about 12 percent of the streamside habitats where juvenile chinook salmon rear had been impacted by 1994. With subsequent availability of federal programs, a number of streambank and other habitat restoration projects were then initiated.

But what about the cost and feasibility of restoration? From 2011-2016, one program, the National Fish Habitat Partnership, invested about \$3.5 million in habitat restoration projects just in Bristol Bay, the Mat-Su, and the Kenai. Partners leveraged those funds with an additional \$10.3 million.

And, is it even feasible – ecologically - to restore salmon habitats that are obliterated or undergo major changes over a larger area? Look at the billions of dollars that have been spent – with little success - on salmon restoration in the Pacific NW. Once the habitat is gone, populations are gone.

You are hearing concerns that development jobs may be lost if Ballot Measure 1 passes. But what about the countless jobs that directly and indirectly depend on Alaska's fisheries? The countless rural residents who do not have other reliable, affordable, or nutritious food sources? The importance our salmon resources play in the culture and lifestyles of nearly ALL Alaskans? The tremendous tourism dollars that come to our state with fishing, viewing by visitors and even those from the more urban areas of Alaska?

Salmon are a renewable resource – as long as we take care of their habitats. And that is what Ballot Measure 1 will do.

The state's fiscal analysis identifies a \$2 million cost if this measure passes. Well that cost will result in jobs for biologists, managers, and others to conduct the careful analyses, and develop the permits and needed conditions for major projects. The jobs created by passing Ballot Measure 1 are essential to ensure that all those benefits of healthy salmon will continue, for our children's children and beyond. Please join me in voting YES on Ballot Measure 1.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Rappaport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



My name is Bill hauser. I have been a fishery biologist for more than 50 years, including 22 with ADF&G, and I was taken aback to hear a commercial fisherman, in one of those big, glossy ads in the paper and TV openly state that if poor oceanic conditions were affecting young salmon survival; then, protection of freshwater habitats was not important. What could be more short sighted. It takes healthy ecosystems in both freshwater and saltwater to maintain strong salmon populations. If oceanic conditions are poor and we allow freshwater habitats to deteriorate we have fewer or no salmon. We cannot allow that to happen in Alaska. Instead, we should update a 60 year old law to protect and strengthen spawning, rearing, and migratory habitats regardless of other environmental conditions.

He says, "There should be another way." Another way has already been tried. Lawmakers failed to act on a proposed bill intended to do that very thing, so now it is up to the voters.

Good salmon management is based on good habitat. Outside of Alaska, habitat has been squandered and harvests decimated. We cannot do that here. We cannot squander the fish habitat we have.

Even if the new law has flaws, we should err to strengthen the protection. If the errors are too great, we can then fix that. Just as with any other law.

If we want healthy salmon populations and harvests, we Alaskans must provide and protect healthy habitat for migration, spawning, and rearing.

Some 60 yr. ago, fishes in Montana were given the legal right to water. Why can't we, in Alaska, in 2018, make a simple assumption that our streams are considered "anadromous" unless proven otherwise?

Support our salmon. Yes on One!

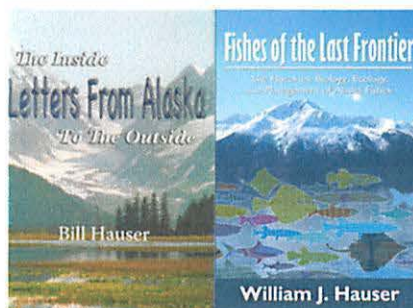
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My name is Paul Robarge I am a born and raised Alaskan. I am a charter boat captain and an IBEW wireman. I support a thriving salmon run 100 percent. My fishing livelihood and subsistence upbringing rely on healthy salmon runs. This ballot measure has nothing to do with promoting or protecting our salmon runs. The salmon problem is in our oceans not our rivers. We know what rivers our salmon come from and those rivers are unsullied and protected. This measure was only brought up to stop progress, to stop new construction and a new building infrastructure that would bring new money and jobs to the state of Alaska. We are in a recession. We need jobs and salmon. This measure does nothing to promote or protect salmon it only takes jobs and money from the Alaskan people. I will vote no on 1.

Good afternoon and thank you Lt Governor Mallot for the opportunity to testify on Ballot Measure 1. My name is Eric Booton and I am with Trout Unlimited Alaska.

Trout Unlimited is dedicated to fish habitat conservation and has more than 1,100 members and roughly 35,000 supporters in Alaska. Trout Unlimited members own and operate sportfishing and commercial fishing businesses that are reliant on salmon and contribute to Alaska's economy. Trout Unlimited supports Ballot Measure 1.

Abundant fish and wildlife bring tourists to fish, hunt and view wildlife, creating more than 43,000 jobs and contributing \$4.8 billion annually to Alaska's economy. Salmon are critical to our state and help buoy Alaska during turbulent economic times by providing a diverse and resilient economic base.

Wild salmon in Alaska are abundant, and it isn't thanks to our management or what has been described as a rigorous permitting process. It's because we are a young and developing state who has yet to negatively impact critical salmon habitat to the extent that others have. Along the United State West Coast over four hundred anadromous fish populations have been driven to extinction, in part due to mass habitat loss. We must learn from these mistakes.

Ballot Measure 1 is a sensible update to Alaska's existing fish habitat permit law and provides clear, science-based guidelines for safely developing projects in salmon habitat, defines the proper protection of fish & game, and includes Alaskans in the process.

Originating with a letter from Alaskans to the Board of Fish, this effort has been Alaska grown since the beginning but has been misconstrued and thwarted by special interests who are opposed to any accountability for their development in fish habitat.

Thousands of Alaskans and hundreds of local businesses are supporting Ballot Measure 1. <sup>For the world</sup> I have a letter from over 40 sportfishing businesses and organizations that have endorsed Ballot Measure 1 and are encouraging Alaska hunters and anglers to vote yes on 1.

Ballot Measure 1 <sup>F</sup> good for fish, good for business and good for Alaska. When salmon thrive, Alaska prospers.

Good afternoon. My Name is Melissa Norris. I have published Fish Alaska magazine since we started it 17 years ago and I stand for salmon. I'll be voting yes on ballot measure 1 this November because salmon and other anadromous fish species are critical to me...they are critical to my family, to our friends, to our hundreds of clients and tens of thousands of readers. Salmon are what make Alaska the Last Frontier.

If we don't do something now Alaska will likely end up like the Pacific Northwest where they've seen decimation in their salmon runs from irresponsible development intended only to maximize profits. Personally, I'm pro development and I love it when Alaska thrives, but killing our salmon stocks for greed is not thriving. It's the exact opposite. We need transparency in the process. For too long certain industries have been allowed to pillage without consequence. Ballot Measure 1 would protect our salmon habitat and make profitable companies accountable for their actions. We simply can't let projects like Pebble Mine take place.

My business brings in many hundreds of thousands of dollars of national advertising money to Alaska's economy and we are just one of many businesses surrounding the fishing industry that need salmon to survive. It's everyone from the hotels, car rental businesses, restaurants, fishing guides, commercial fishers, gas stations, boat dealers, upholstery companies, shrink wrappers and the list goes on and on.

Our enjoyment, serenity and peace-seeking are at also risk if we can't sustain our fisheries. In fact, I'm a pescatarian and I only eat wild-caught fish as my main source of protein. I am not sure how I could eat healthfully if salmon aren't available to sport fish. It's our personal health and the health of Alaska at stake.

Our salmon runs have been on a downward trend for years and the opposition is working with more than 10 times the budget to confuse the issue and scare Alaskans into thinking it affects their future...and go figure it's being paid for by non-Alaskan big business that Stand to Gain...and they are talking about how Alaskans and salmon deserve more. I hope we are smart enough to see through that.

How many Alaskans will be affected by decimated salmon runs? All of them.

I support Ballot Measure one because it is a reasonable update to the law intended to ensure that Alaska can continue to thrive as a state and still develop our natural resources wisely without negatively impacting salmon and their habitat.

**Stand for Alaska Testimony**

For the record, my name is Casey Sullivan and I am the Government and Public Affairs Manager for Andeavor, formerly known as Tesoro Corporation. I'm also a 4<sup>th</sup> generation Alaskan with deep roots in our community.

Andeavor operates ten refineries across the western United States, have an extensive logistics portfolio, a record of solid performance, and a solid platform for growth for years to come. Andeavor has a proud Alaska legacy, with our first refinery located in Nikiski. We employ approximately 270 family wage jobs in Nikiski, Anchorage, and Fairbanks and have greater than 97% Alaska hire rates.

With Andeavor integral role in fueling the state's economy, we take great pride in being a valued business partner and community neighbor. Through job creation, taxes paid, volunteerism, grants and sponsorships, we are committed to making a positive impact in the communities where we operate.

With that, we are opposed to Ballot Measure 1.

In short, the measure as written is untested and creates multiple new layers of regulatory hurdles on top of Alaska premier and already robust system. We believe the initiative will:

- Slow and increase already costly permitting of equipment for soil/groundwater remediation systems. Could delay start of remediation.
- Excavation of pipelines for inspection, modification, and repairs/improvements could require new/additional permitting that would be time and cost prohibitive.
- Added scope, time, and costs to infrastructure improvement projects such as utilities upgrades, piping replacements, and minor excavations/road crossings. Variable added cost., \$10K-\$100K depending on project scale.
- Re-permitting storage tanks, docks, and associated drainage systems would result in added cost and project delays.

## Stand for Alaska Testimony

- Generally, discourages refinery expansion projects due to uncertainties around cost adders, additional engineering required, and accessibility delays for construction. This could range into \$ tens of millions of added costs to an expansion or kill an operation due to inability to rapidly respond to changing market conditions.
- Potential added cost of implementation of pipeline and other cathodic protection systems for the refinery, docks, and pipeline infrastructure.
- Added costs and considerations for new acquisitions such as our recent purchase of Kenai LNG facility due to potentially expiring permits.
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I thank you for this opportunity today to share our opposition to Ballot Measure 1.



August 22, 2018

RE: Protecting habitat protects Alaska business; support reforms to fish and game habitat permit laws.

Dear Alaska decision makers and voters,

As Alaskan business owners, anglers and hunters, we depend on robust populations of fish and game, and healthy habitat to support those populations, to feed our families, pay our employees, and help give visitors and residents alike the sporting experiences they've come to expect in Alaska. Maintaining our wild salmon runs and abundant wildlife populations will help ensure Alaskan businesses, our lucrative recreational fishing and hunting industry, and Alaskan lifestyle continue to

thrive. We support efforts to update our laws and regulations to safeguard important habitat, and we urge our elected officials and fellow Alaskans to do the same.

Healthy ecosystems and abundant fish and wildlife populations bring tourists from around the world to fish, hunt and view wildlife. These activities create more than 43,000 jobs and contribute \$4.8 billion annually to Alaska's economy. The sport-fishing industry in Alaska annually supports more than 1,150 businesses, licenses nearly 2,500 Alaska-resident fishing guides, and hosts more than 450,000 participants. Our businesses play an important and growing part of our state economy and help buoy Alaska during turbulent economic times by providing a diverse and resilient economic base.

Strengthening our laws and regulations for protecting fish and wildlife habitat isn't just the right choice for natural resources, but it is the right choice for our economy and for the long-term interests of Alaska.

Reforming our fish and game laws and regulations will create predictability. It will give Alaskans the confidence to know that projects permitted in important fish and game habitat will only be developed in a way that protects the natural resources that are the foundation for our businesses. These protections will allow us to continue to invest and grow our businesses with confidence.

Alaska is at a crossroads. As has been demonstrated time after time throughout the Pacific Northwest where habitat degradation played a key role in diminished wild salmon runs, if we fail to adequately protect Alaska's unique and irreplaceable salmon habitat we will suffer the same fate and Alaska's abundant salmon runs will become a thing of the past. We must act now to implement new measures to safeguard our abundant fish and game resources while allowing truly responsible projects to move forward.

Therefore, the undersigned businesses and organizations support strengthening the laws and regulations that guide development in salmon habitat and encourage voters to voice their support for salmon habitat protection at the ballot box this November. Our laws and regulations must do more to protect habitat, promote responsible development through science-based decision making, and ensure Alaskans have a voice in decisions impacting the future of our salmon streams and wildlife habitat.

Sincerely,

David Lisi, Owner  
Cooper Landing Fishing Guide LLC  
Cooper Landing, AK

Jason Rockvam, Owner  
Wilderness Place Lodge  
Anchorage, AK

Christopher Tobias, Owner  
Roe Hard Guide Service LLC  
Wasilla, AK

Dave Bachrach, Owner  
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Mike Brown, Owner  
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Anchorage, AK

Brad Kirr, Owner  
Alaska Kenai Fishing For Fun  
Palmer, AK

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Anchorage, AK

Dave Atcheson, Board Member  
Kenai Peninsula Trout Unlimited Chapter  
Kenai, AK

Kevin Maier, President  
Juneau Alaska Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Juneau, AK

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Sterling, AK

Richard Jameson, Owner  
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Keen Eye Anglers  
Seward, AK

Ed Schmitt, Chairman  
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Soldotna, AK

Dave Lisi, President/Director  
Peninsula Rivers Conservancy  
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Fish Em LLC  
Cooper Landing, AK

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Heather's Choice  
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Heidi Wild, Owner  
Wild on the Fly  
Wasilla, AK

Zack Walters, Owner  
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King Salmon, AK

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Alaska Fly Anglers  
Kodiak, AK

Dan Michels, Owner/Manager  
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King Salmon, AK

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Phil Hilbruner & TJ Dawson  
Lakeview Outfitters  
Cooper Landing, AK

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Alaska Angling Adventures, LLC  
Cooper Landing, AK

Richard Marshal  
Retired USFWS Biologist  
Kenai, AK

Charles Ash, Owner  
Wild Fly AK  
Anchorage, AK

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EPIC Angling & Adventure, LLC  
Alaska Peninsula, Alaska

Sarah Fullhart, General Manager  
Bristol Bay Mission Lodge  
Aleknagik, AK

Josiah Brown, Owner & Guide  
Kenai River Trout Anglers  
Cooper Landing, AK

Pete Wedin, Owner & Operator  
Anchor Watch Vacation Rental  
Homer, AK

Michael Trotter, Owner & Guide  
Baranof Wilderness Lodge & Beyond Boundaries Expeditions  
Sitka, AK

Rebecca Bertke  
Chelatna Lake Lodge  
Anchorage, AK

Michael Wald, Owner  
Arctic Wild  
Fairbanks, AK

Dave Maternowski, Fishing Program Manager  
Alaska Wildland Adventures  
Cooper Landing, AK

Mike Overcast, Owner  
Tordrillo Mountain Lodge  
Anchorage, Alaska

Written testimony 9/18/18  
Re - Ballot Measure 1

I am writing in opposition to Ballot Measure 1. I am the owner of a small business Montana Creek Campground. We have suffered significant low run of salmon for past ~~10~~ 7 years. Ballot Measure 1 ~~does not~~ and would not change that. Ballot measure 1 will cause significant cost to my small business. Its proponents of Ballot Measure 1 they need to address the salmon in the oceans ~~not~~ on land. I could not develop my campground with onerous and costly regulations and permits required in this ballot initiative. It is poorly written and would NOT save one salmon. I urge the defeat of this initiative.

Joe B/Miller  
Owner  
Montana Creek Campground  
Montana Creek Alaska

Good morning! My name is Bethany and I stand for salmon, which I believe IS a stand for Alaska.

I'll be honest. I'm a transplant. Moving to Sitka six years ago after growing up in the suburbs of Boston and ~~living all over the globe from San Francisco to England~~. I first came to Alaska for the romanticized wilderness, to escape humanity. And ironically, I am building my forever home here because of the people. The Tlingit, Haida people who have lived here for centuries and families who have chosen more recently build a life in this beautiful state.

My day job working for a collective impact partnership focused on cultural, economic and ecological prosperity brings me all over Southeast from Yakutat to Hyaburg. The people I get to work with who have since become dear friends, show me daily how a good, meaningful life is one connected deeply in stewardship to the giving lands and waters around us. This value of stewardship is one I now emulate in my personal life hunting, fishing and filling my freezer is not just nutrition for my body but part of my identity. These values, and this way of life are tied so intricately to the health of our salmon runs.

I also run a small side business that in tangential ways relies on salmon. As a photographer, some of my favorite clients are family owned businesses adding value to our world class seafood. Because salmon and our fisheries don't just support a handful of multinational corporations, they support a huge complex web of businesses- large and tiny.

Stand for salmon is not anti-development, it's pro careful development encouraging responsible use of our common resources.

<sup>with Biodiversity mgmt.</sup>  
I hold a masters in ~~science~~, I know that Ballot 1 will not solve all problems. Salmon are complex. However, we should be doing everything in our power to integrate the best available science into our policies. Why else do we invest as a state, as communities, as families who can barely afford it.. In education. If when it comes to safeguarding our most treasured resource, we refuse to listen.

<sup>personally</sup>  
I will vote yes on one because there's nothing more important to me than keeping my new hometown from becoming the town I fled, a place that feels abundant in little more than astry values and vacant strip malls. We are so lucky here, we must do everything we can to protect this abundance for ourselves and our children.

Thank you!

Bethany Goodrich  
Sitka, Alaska  
500 Lincoln St Unit B7  
99835

I Stand for Salmon not because I'm just worried about the wilderness and the fish that first attracted me here, I stand for salmon because I stand with my neighbors, with Alaskans for our values, values that are so intricately woven to these complex glittering fish.

I was born and raised in Alaska.

~~I grew up subsisting~~ <sup>my family</sup>

During my childhood, I would subsistence set net on the Cook Inlet for salmon.

To this day I still enjoy subsistence

fishing. <sup>Salmon is a main staple that</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>my mom taught me how to smoke</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>salmon and now</sup> my children thrive on and I would love

for this resource to be available for the <sup>I am spawning this process with my children.</sup> generations to come. Under our current

law only 50% of Alaska's salmon rivers,

their spawning beds, are protected. We need

to <sup>act responsibly by</sup> updating this 60 year old law. We need

to take better care of our resources.

Lootenit govener

My name is Bella I am nine years old.

I love smoked salmon i eat it at least  
twoice a week. my favorit thing to do  
on weekends is catch king salmon!

In 27 days and 8 years i can voat<sup>yes</sup> for salmon  
but until then I am cawnting on Alaska to voat yes on  
salmon. Bella Schmitt

~~My Name is Aspen Barrs. and in seven vea~~

As a lifelong Alaskan, it's important to me to stand for salmon as a way to protect this natural resource, so fundamental to the way of life we experience day in and day out. I ask you today, as a leader in our great state, to support this initiative and insure the future of salmon. As an Alaskan, Alaskan native woman, and a constituent I ask you to support this initiative along side me.

All the best,  
~~Jeannette Hansen~~  
Jeannette Hansen

601A Lincoln Street  
Sitka, AK  
99835





I was born & raised in Sitka, and my entire community depends on sustainable salmon. It supports myself, my friends, & my family. I support Stand for Salmon because our current regulations ~~only allow us to~~ are so vague that we end up dealing with the aftermath of disasters that could have been prevented. Stand for Salmon would allow for responsible development while protecting our wild salmon now & in the future. Commonsense habitat protections will benefit all Alaskans - I support Stand for Salmon. and I ~~the~~ ask you to do the same. Thank you.

Margot O'Connell  
2216 Sawmill Creek Rd.  
Sitka, AK 99835

Fri - 10-12, Sign up 930

I've been salmon trolling in SE Alaska since 1981. The health + purity of SE Alaskan waters are vital to the salmon industry.

My daughters grew up here fishing with us and then ran their own boat for 7 years. Alaskans care about salmon + the health of the resource. Our industry supports the coastal communities of SE Alaska, and we are under threat from many different directions. This is one that is under our control to prevent. Please don't fail those who depend on salmon, for our livings, our food, again.

The potential for disaster with the Pebble Mine is huge. Mining companies ~~are~~ must be required to provide in advance for potential mitigation.

Pat Kehoe  
POB 1615  
Sitka AK  
pendell@ak.net

9/19/18

Even as a newbie of two years to Alaska, I've witnessed the profound impact Salmon has on the economy and way of life here. My freezer is full of fish. Almost everyone I know here ~~catch~~ commercial fishes, subsistence fishes, or both. Salmon are vital to the entire community.

Having clear, ~~and~~ defined science-based standards are necessary to protect this life-giving resource. Unfettered development cannot be allowed to endanger and damage <sup>the</sup> salmon habitats ~~and~~ that affect the lives and livelihoods of many thousands of Alaskans ~~and~~ without strict consequences. The Department of Fish and Game needs to be empowered to enforce standards consistent with the best interests of Alaska.

~~Please~~ We are counting on you to stand behind salmon. Even as a newbie to Alaska, I've volunteered my time in support of this initiative because I recognize and honor the impact salmon has on my ~~and~~ life and the lives of those I care about.

Jolie Tulley  
*Jolie Tulley*

601 Lincoln St Apt A,  
Sitka, AK 99835

good morning everyone  
my name is August and I am  
nine years old. I am here on  
behalf of stand for salmon. If we  
don't stop the lack of government  
all salmon will be exposed to toxic  
waste. If salmon die out seals and other  
animals could die out too. Native cultures  
depend a lot on salmon for their diet.  
US citizens must make a stand against  
the lack of government and speak up for  
the voiceless. If salmon die out they will  
no longer fill our nets, traps, and  
bellies. On top of that fishermen  
will go out of business for the most  
part. let me ask you guys a quick question  
OK. Do you guys want your family  
putting toxic waste in your bodies  
just because you love to eat salmon  
? pretty sure the answer is no.  
we have no choice but to  
make a stand and protect salmon  
for future generations. fishing  
for salmon is our catcher.

One more time my name is  
August Fair and I stand  
for salmon!

Thank you for hearing  
me out. Have a good day

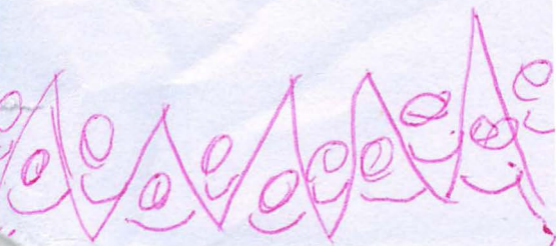
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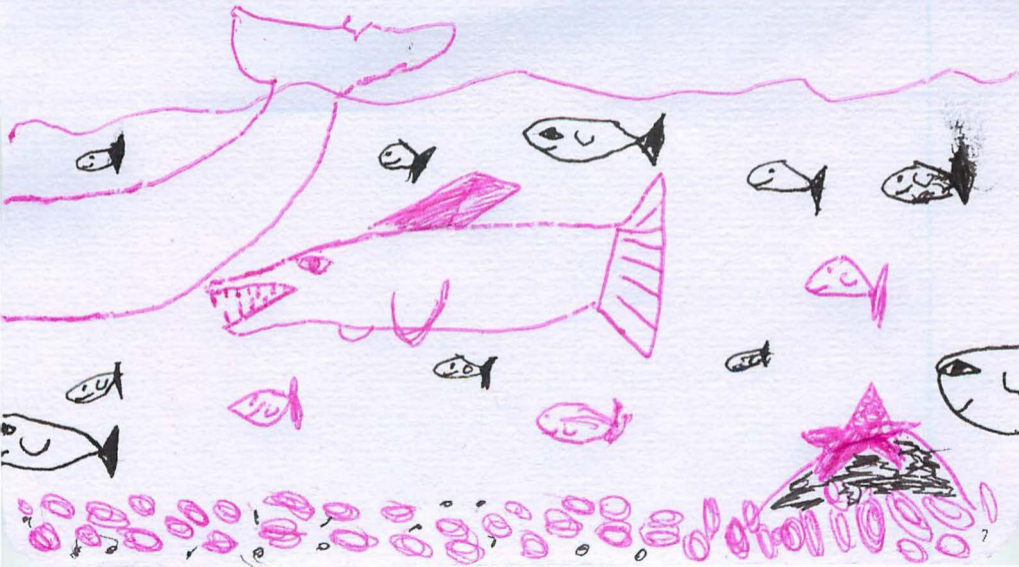
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~~be~~ nets traps or bellys

August Fair

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old  
Sika, AK





Nova Schmidt

Age 6

Sitka, AK



Breezy

4 yrs. old

BATS

Sitka, AK



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Breazy  
in  
Sittka  
AK  
4/15/02



(This is what will happen if we do not  
protect fish habitat. - No fish and messed  
up streams)



Eleanor Fair Age 3 Sitka, AK

By Cora | Batts. Age 7  
Sitka, AK

