

Sponsor Statement HB 309

Transportation of non-indigenous predatory game fish has become a problem in some parts of Alaska. Currently it is a misdemeanor to transport live game fish in Alaska. By passing [this bill](#), Alaska will be able to send a message that bucket biology will not be tolerated in Alaska by unauthorized individuals who, for their own desires, wish to alter ecosystems in Alaska.

When a person or group makes their mind up to take management of Alaska's fishery resources in to their own hands, they put the local economy at risk and place the burden of the expense of controlling the spread of these non-indigenous predatory fish. A burden which costs Alaska hundreds of thousands, or even millions of dollars for their self-interest.