



# Alaska Conservation Alliance

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February 9, 2009

The Honorable Donald Oslon  
State Senate  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

**Re: SB 4 – Coastal Management Program**

Dear Senator Olson,

On behalf of the Alaska Conservation Alliance (ACA), a consortium of 40 Alaska-based conservation groups with a combined membership of over 38,000 Alaskans, I would like to express our support for SB 4, an act that revises the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Currently, the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) is not currently meeting many of the goals of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) of 1972. Under the CZMA, it is the state's responsibility to create and implement management programs that protect the coastal zones and "achieve wise use of the land and water resources...giving full consideration to ecological, cultural, historic and esthetic values as well as the needs for compatible economic development." *Id. as* § 1452(2). Alaska's version of this program, ACMP, as it is currently implemented, is in need of the open, honest and through revision your bill will provide.

SB4 would restore checks and balances by establishing a Coastal Policy Board with representation from state agencies as well as coastal districts, repeal the DEC carve-out, reaffirm the ability of the coastal districts to write enforceable policies and incorporate subsistence into the objectives of the program. These changes would go a long way towards addressing the negative effects of the 2003 changes made by the Murkowski Administration to limit the ability of the public and coastal districts to participate in the management of Alaska's coastal areas.

I strongly encourage the Alaska Legislature to pass SB 4. Thank you for your time and dedication to this very important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Troll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kate Troll  
Executive Director