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TO: Alaskan Longliners;

I am enclosing an economic essay prepared by Dr. Daniel W. Bromley of the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Bromley is currently being hired for his opinion on IFQ fisheries by the Director of Fisheries for the State of Alaska, Mr. Denby Lloyd. You should be aware of the philosophical advice being given to your state on how IFQ formatted fisheries programs should be designed.

Dr. Bromley opposes the allocation of resources to the working class fishermen or to individuals, at all. He suggests these resources should be allocated to a municipality, such as a town, CDQ, or the Federal Government and then leased back to the fishermen. This, of course, transfers the wealth of the fishery to small government entities, rather than those who fish. An IFQ, such as the Halibut/Sablefish program, empowers the workers and fishermen. Dr. Bromley supports either federal or municipal ownership of the resources.

Dr. Bromley's comments could have significant impact on how crab rationalization is ultimately reconfigured, how Gulf rationalization is designed, and possible impacts on Pollock and other IFQ programs. Please take a look at this paper. It is important to see the advice being given to policy makers.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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LONGITUDE: 120° 22' 58" WEST

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