

Ballot Measure No. 1

An Act Providing for the Protection of Wild Salmon and Fish and Wildlife Habitat

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote NO on 1 to Protect Alaska's Communities, Jobs and Economy

What is Ballot Measure 1?

Ballot Measure 1 will harm Alaska's economy and cost Alaskans their jobs. It eliminates our science-based fish habitat protections and replaces it with more red tape and untested regulations. From road improvements to projects on the North Slope, this measure will shutdown or delay existing operations and future projects and puts our future at risk.

What Will Ballot Measure 1 Do?

It threatens our jobs and our economy; it threatens our rights as property owners; it threatens our ability to maintain or develop public infrastructure; and it doesn't do what supporters say it will: it does not fix the problems facing our salmon runs. None of that should come as a surprise since the measure was created and funded by Outsiders who have no vested interests in Alaska. **This would threaten projects and activities including, but not limited to: roads, pipelines, wastewater treatment facilities, docks, bridges, land access, home building, septic systems, hydroelectric power, mining, ice roads, tourism operations and more. And it boosts state spending and the number of state employees.**

What Will Voting No on Ballot Measure 1 Do?

- Protect our jobs, our economy and our state revenue
- Maintain our current science-based fish habitat protections
- Allow existing operations, like the Trans-Alaska Oil Pipeline, to continue operating
- Let important new projects, like the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline, to move forward
- Protect private property owners' rights to build or repair on their own land
- Prevent increases in unnecessary State spending
- Allow important road projects to move forward
- Enable communities to use and develop hydroelectric power
- Preserve Alaska Native corporations' ability to develop their lands

Vote NO to Protect Our Jobs and Economy

Ballot Measure 1 will make it much more costly or impossible for existing and future projects throughout the state—particularly those in rural Alaska—to move forward. Without those projects, Alaska's jobs and economy will be in peril at a time when Alaska is in recession and has the highest jobless numbers in the nation. According to State officials, the measure will cost millions of dollars in new state spending.

Vote NO to Protect Your Rights

Under Ballot Measure 1, simple projects like adding or repairing a dock or a culvert on your property will become tangled in endless red tape. You would have to pay for an expensive scientific study, and your project could be open to public comment, meaning anyone, including Outsiders, could sue to stop your project. And, your failure to navigate the new red tape could land you in jail and result in thousands of dollars in criminal penalties.

Vote NO for a Better Solution

Fisheries scientists say that ocean problems are causing Alaska's low salmon runs. Ballot Measure 1 doesn't address ocean issues at all. This measure doesn't solve the problem and, if it passes, will only make it harder for Alaska to enact better policies.

Aaron Schutt, Co-chair, Stand for Alaska, Vote No on 1
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