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Cc: Rep. Ed McBroom; Cath Petroskey
Subject: Coldwater Fisheries and Delta County EDA Support of HB 5166 Net Pen Aquaculture
Attachments: Coldwater House Ag Letter.pdf; ATT00001.htm; HB5166Ag020116.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Good afternoon,

As way of introduction I am the Director of Economic Development for Delta County located in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan. In Delta County we are known for our natural resources, our rich agricultural base, our commercial fishing and processing industries, diverse manufacturing that includes Pisces fish machinery, world class sports fishery and a quality of life with more miles of Lake Michigan shoreline than another other county in the U.S. Most of all we are known for rolling up our sleeves and working collaboratively to make things happen.

Letters are attached from the Delta County EDA and Coldwater Fisheries to add our support of House Bill 5166 enabling expansion of Aquaculture in Michigan. This enables the expansion of existing and future aquaculture industry, ensures responsible and sustainable economic development and jobs, but most importantly provides the ability to grow healthy Michigan fish to feed Michigan people for generations to come.

Please take note of the invitation from Coldwater Fisheries President and CEO Robert Devine to visit their farm in Manitoulin Island to see first hand a net pen operation on Lake Huron. In addition to being a tourist, I've visited their farm and brought home their farm raised trout. It is absolutely delicious!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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