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Dear Friends:

Although I am unable to attend, I am honored to welcome you to the Southeast Feast: A Taste of Sustainability. I so wish I could join you in this celebration of the world-renowned wild and sustainable seafood of Southeast Alaska. I would like to congratulate Salmon Beyond Borders and The Rookery Café for hosting this feast, a true celebration of Alaskan culture.

The Salmon Beyond Borders campaign, in collaboration with Tribes and First Nations, continues to defend and sustain trans boundary rivers, jobs, and traditions in the Southeast Region. I congratulate Juneau chef Beau Schooler of the Rookery Café and Salmon Beyond Borders for making a dream a reality. Bringing accomplished chefs from around the United States and Canada to prepare Southeast Alaskan seafood is a true effort to highlight the delicacies of the region.

I would like to thank all of the contributing organizations for presenting the Southeast Feast and note that the work you do in support of our commercial fish industry does not go unnoticed. I urge everyone to eat up today, and to continue to celebrate a cultural pastime that is enjoyed by so many Alaskans.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator