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Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Support for V. Fate Putman for Commissioner of CFEC

Dear Chair Stutes and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 35 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state, and the federal fisheries off Alaska's coast.

UFA supports the confirmation of V. Fate Putman for appointment as a Commissioner of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

Mr. Putman has a background in both commercial and personal use fisheries with a degree in law. He brings over 35 years of professional experience working with public officials, legislators, staff, and program administrators. His in depth understanding of as a former trial attorney and legislative political consultant makes him an excellent candidate.

Over the past several months, UFA has had the pleasure of working with Mr. Putman. Our organization finds him extremely responsive, knowledgeable, and effective as a Commissioner. He is very familiar with the commercial fishing sector and has its best interest in mind.

In closing, we wholeheartedly support Mr. Putman and would appreciate the opportunity to continue working with him.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry McCune
President

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