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Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature, Room 427
State Capitol, Juneau AK 99801

Re: Support for Dale Kelley for Commissioner of CFEC

Dear Chair Giessel 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 Dale Kelley for appointment as a Commissioner of Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

Ms. Kelley has an extensive background in commercial fisheries. She brings over 29 years of experience working on the administrative end of commercial fisheries serving as the Executive Director for the Alaska Trollers Association. She has served on the Pacific Salmon Commission since 2008 and the North Pacific Anadromous Fisheries Commission since 2015. More notably she was selected to be part of the Governor's Working Group on the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission in 2016.

Many UFA members know Ms. Kelley through her membership with UFA starting in 1989. She is known for her attention to detail, hard work ethic, and extensive knowledge when it comes to fisheries. Ms. Kelley's approach is educated, fair, and thoughtful which we believe would be good assets to the CFEC.

In closing, we wholeheartedly endorse Ms. Kelley and would appreciate the opportunity to work with her in this new role.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry McCune
President

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Executive Director