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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to enthusiastically endorse Dale Kelley as a candidate for Commissioner, Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

I have known and worked with Dale for many years over a variety of important Alaska fisheries issues. I can attest that she is smart, hardworking, and always on the moral high ground. Her philosophy on fisheries matters has always started with, been guided by and unquestionably putting the fish first. Dale really understands the importance of sound fisheries management, to the fish and the many who depend upon them.

Dale's motives of course included bettering the fishery for her constituents, but it has always gone beyond that. She is respectful of all user groups, and sought continuously to find ways to collaborate with competing interests on issues of common concern. She is a vocal supporter of the needs of our fishing communities, and the role that fish users, be they commercial, sport, personal use or subsistence, play in creating and maintaining a vital coastal region in Alaska.

As a former Commissioner of the Entry Commission myself, when we implemented the program in the 1970's, I know that it is an entity that creates controversy and will always have its critics. Dale will bring an even handed, fair minded approach to the current issues around the Commission and the program. I know she will collaborate with the Executive Branch as the future of the Commission is forged, paying attention still to the mandate of the program. She will be a valuable addition to the Commission, and will ensure the commercial fishing fleet continues to have confidence in the performance of its duties.

Dale's many public roles over the last two decades speak to her commitment to a public process and passion for constituent involvement in formulating fishery policy. It is understandable why many governors, from all political perspectives, have relied on Dale to

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represent the State of Alaska in many different forums. She has earned the trust given to her on so many occasions.

I hope that you will give Dale serious consideration for this position, one that she is well qualified for and that you will be proud to have her represent the people of Alaska in this important role.

Regards,


John Garner

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