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Sent via email to jordan.shilling@alaska.gov

Dear Governor Dunleavy and Director Shilling,

I am writing to offer my strong support for Olivia H. Irwin's application for appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Having had the privilege of meeting Olivia several years ago at a partnership meeting when I encouraged her to get involved in hunting and fishing regulatory management. I can speak confidently about her qualifications, dedication, and passion for the sustainable management of Alaska's fisheries.

Olivia brings a unique combination of professional expertise in natural resource policy communications and meeting facilitation and a deep personal commitment to the conservation of Alaska's natural resources. With her background in community engagement and fisheries policy, she has demonstrated an exceptional ability to understand the complexities of fisheries issues, particularly fisheries regulations and management, as well as a keen sense of responsibility toward the communities that rely on these resources for their livelihoods.

Throughout her career, Olivia has worked closely with both stakeholders and local communities to advocate for policies that balance economic development with environmental stewardship. Her approach is grounded in collaboration, and she consistently seeks to ensure that all voices are heard in the decision-making process, particularly those of Alaska's rural and indigenous communities, who are directly impacted by fisheries policies.

Olivia's appointment to the Board of Fisheries would bring a fresh and thoughtful perspective to the table. She is a dedicated young leader with the skills necessary to address the critical challenges facing our fisheries, from resource management to ensuring that fishing opportunities are equitable and sustainable for all Alaskans.

I believe that Olivia Irwin will serve with integrity, commitment, and a deep understanding of the importance of Alaska's fisheries. I urge you to strongly consider her for this important position.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Karen Linnell
Executive Director