



**Cordova District Fishermen United**

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Representative Bill Thomas  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
State Capitol  
Room 3  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Thomas,

I am writing to you on behalf of the membership of Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) to support the appointment of Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We commend Governor Palin for her selection, and urge your support of this candidate.

As one of Alaska's oldest fishing organizations, CDFU represents the interests of over 1200 commercial fishermen and their families in Prince William Sound. We have a long tradition of constructive and successful involvement in fisheries policy arenas supporting sustainable fishing practices, fisheries research, and the economic stability of Alaska's coastal communities.

Brent has extensive commercial fishing experience, and is articulate and knowledgeable in both practical fishing issues, and fishery management. His vast background will prepare him well for the position, and we believe he will be an asset to the Board. We believe that he will provide commercial fishermen with fair representation, in balance with the current Board of Fisheries members' interests and experience.

CDFU wholeheartedly supports Johnson's nomination, and appreciates your consideration in supporting his appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Rochelle van den Broek  
Executive Director