



***North Pacific Fisheries Association***  
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March 22, 2016

Re: Endorsement of Renee Weddle Alward for the District 3 Seat of Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council.

Dear Alaska State Legislators,

The North Pacific Fisheries Association would like to express our support for Renee Weddle Alward as a candidate for the District 3 seat on the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council. Jim Herbert, the outgoing Council member brought the vacancy to our attention and at our December board meeting, the NPFA Board of Directors voted unanimously to support Renee for this position.

NPFA is a multi gear, multi species commercial fishing organization based in Homer, Alaska. We represent about fifty family fishing operations, mostly based out of Homer. Our members participate in many fisheries throughout the State from Southeast to the Bering Sea.

Renee Weddle Alward is well known to NPFA as she is the wife of our current treasurer, Matt Alward. Renee has assisted our group with accounting advice and has proven to be very knowledgeable, patient, level headed and a problem solver. Given her experience with the family fishing operation, Renee is quite familiar with the industry and the challenges involved. Renee Weddle Alward is a thoughtful and reliable candidate and we strongly recommend her for this position. Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of our Board of Directors,

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