



# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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Representative Louise Stutes, Chair  
House Special Committee on Fisheries  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

**RE: Support for appointment of Renee Alward to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council**

Dear Representative Stutes and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 34 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters. The UFA board met recently and discussed nominees to fishery-related boards and commissions.

UFA supports the appointment of Renee Alward to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council. Ms. Alward has longtime experience in a family fishing operation and fishing-related support business, job experience as a medical assistant in the family medical field, and bookkeeping services for fishing related businesses. This breadth of related experience uniquely qualifies Ms. Alward for the council. We appreciate her willingness to serve and ask for your support of her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jerry McCune  
President

Mark Vinsel  
Executive Administrator

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association  
Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association  
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas Inc.  
Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Douglas Island Pink and Chum  
Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association  
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association  
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance  
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association