

March 10, 2017

Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair  
Senate Resource Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Juneau AK 99801

RE: PVOA Supports John Jensen for Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Giessel and Committee Members,

Petersburg Vessel Owner's Association (PVOA) is composed of over 100 members participating in a wide variety of species and gear type fisheries. An additional 35 businesses supportive to our industry are members. Targeted species include salmon, herring, halibut, sablefish, cod, crab, shrimp, pollock, tuna, geoduck, and sea cucumber.

PVOA's mission statement is to:

"Promote the economic viability of the commercial fishing fleet in Petersburg, promote the conservation and rational management of North Pacific resources, and advocate the need for protection of fisheries habitat."

We respectfully recommend John Jensen for reappointment to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries. In his previous years on the Board beginning in 2002, he has shown skills vital to the process including knowledge for various fisheries and willingness to engage with the public, ADF&G, and other board members. His commitment to the process began in 1970 by serving on the Petersburg Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

Board of Fisheries decisions affect all user groups of Alaska's fisheries resource and Mr. Jensen shows an understanding for all groups from his commercial fishing career that began in 1965, to his skiff rental business that caters to self-guided hunting, fishing, and camping expeditions, to his life long interest in hunting and sport fishing with his family. He and his family's dedication to the State and its fisheries resource is seen in their full-time Alaska residency and his sons' careers as fourth generation fishermen.

Mr. Jensen's dedication to Alaska's fisheries goes beyond state waters and includes work on Federal and State subsistence issues on the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission and chairmanship of the Joint Board of Fisheries and North Pacific Fishery Management Council working on protocol and legislation.

In closing, PVOA believes John Jensen is committed to the State of Alaska and providing sustainable fisheries for all user groups. Thank you for considering our recommendation.

Sincerely,



Megan O'Neil  
Executive Director