KENAI RIVER SPORTFISHING
ASSOCIATION

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Senator Cathy Giessel
State Capitol, Room #427
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Board of Fisheries Appointments – KRSA Supports Three Nominees for BOF

Dear Senator Giessel,

The Governor has nominated John Jensen, Reed Morisky, and Fritz Johnson for reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF).

Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) fully supports these reappointments to the BOF. Each has experience as a member of the BOF, and they are all solid choices for public service in terms of understanding the conservation, allocation, management, and policy issues that are addressed by the BOF across the many fisheries in Alaska. Each has demonstrated a willingness to listen to the various user groups and fishery sectors, make themselves available to all members of the public, and engage in the serious, thoughtful debates when deliberating proposals under consideration.

There is a learning curve for understanding all the fisheries across Alaska, and it usually takes a full term or more for a BOF member to have a good understanding of the dynamics of each individual fishery under the jurisdiction of the BOF. By nominating these three members for the BOF, if approved there will be a good sense of continuity and understanding of such dynamics on the BOF.

KRSA supports these nominations and we ask for your support in confirming them to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Respectfully,

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