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Senator Natasha von Imhof
Co-Chair Senate Finance
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Senator Bert Stedman
Co-Chair Senate Finance
Alaska State Capitol Rm #518
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senators von Imhof and Stedman,

During a March 27 finance committee hearing on Senate Bill 61, there was a question posed by Senator Wielechowski on the Alaska Commercial Fishermen's Fund. This communication provides the information requested.

Question: How many claims have been made against the Fund, and how many were approved for benefits?

Answer: In FY 2016, there were 437 claims filed, and 310 approved. In FY 2017, there were 402 claims filed, and 291 approved. In FY 2018, 323 claims were filed and 221 approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this legislation. Please don't hesitate to contact the Department if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grey Mitchell".

Grey Mitchell
Director, Workers' Compensation Division

cc: Cathy Muñoz, Deputy Commissioner DOLWD