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Alaska Senate Resources Committee Senator Chris Birch, Chair Senator John Coghill, Vice-Chair Senator Cathy Giessel Senator Lora Reinbold Senator Click Bishop Senator Scott Kawasaki Senator Jesse Kiehl

Re: Support for Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chairman Birch, Vice-Chair Coghill and members of the Senate Resources Committee:

On behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), I write to express our support for the confirmation of Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is a former commercial fisherwoman and has a strong understanding of the cultural and traditional importance of subsistence fishing. Her work experience, understanding of Alaska fisheries, and her ability to understand multiple perspectives on an issue will make her an excellent addition to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions or require further clarification about the content of this letter, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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Julie Kitka

President