



February 23, 2021

Senator Josh Revak, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee  
State Capitol Room 125  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Speaker of the House  
Representative Louise Stutes, Chair  
House Fisheries Committee  
State Capitol Room 406  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Commissioner for the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Honorable Representative Stutes & Honorable Senator Revak,

I write in support of Mr. Melvin Smith to the position of Commissioner for the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

The Alutiiq Tribe of Old Harbor and Old Harbor Native Corporation are confident that Melvin will make an excellent Commissioner of CFEC. Mr. Smith has over 20 years of commercial fishing experience in Alaska, participating in a wide range of fisheries and areas across the state.

As a shareholder of the Aleut Corporation, Koniag Corporation, and Village Corporation of False Pass, Mr. Smith's has experienced the importance of the CFEC from the lens of a Native Alaskan that has lived in rural Alaska. With thousands of Alaska Native permit holders across the state, Mr. Smith's perspective and background give us the confidence native Alaskan demographic and all Alaskans will be well represented.

In addition to his fisheries background, Mr. Smith has experience as an administrator and has had supervision over a number of employees. He has been the General Manager for Aleut Real Estate, which handles not only the native land claims but also was responsible for commercial real estate investments. This experience will serve him well as a CFEC commissioner.

We believe that a Commissioner with Mr. Smith's fisheries and professional background makes him eminently qualified for the position of Commissioner for the State of Alaska's Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and we urge you to support his confirmation.

Sincerely

ALUTIIQ TRIBE OF OLD HARBOR

Alfred Cratty, Jr.  
President

OLD HARBOR NATIVE CORPORATION

Freddie Christiansen  
Chairman, Fisheries Committee