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March 5, 2021

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

Dear Representative Stutes:

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

With Mr. Smith broad experiences, the False Pass Tribal Council is confident he 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 who lived in rural Alaska. With thousands of Alaska Native permit holders across the state, Mr. Smith's perspective and background give us the confidence this demographic and all Alaskans will be well represented.

In addition to his fisheries background, Mr. Smith has had decades of experience as the General Manager for Aleut Real Estate, which handles not only the Alaska Native Land Claims, but also was responsible for commercial real estate investments.

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,

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