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To Whom It May Concern: I write 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 ADF&G Advisory committee 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 that 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.

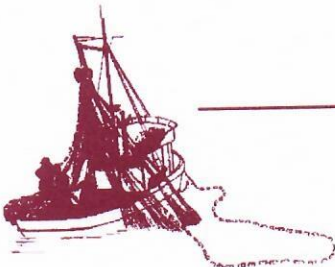
In addition to his fisheries background, Mr. Smith has had decades of experience as the General Manager for Aleut Real Estate which handles not only the native land claims but also was responsible for commercial real estate investments.

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,



Travis Hoblet  
False Pass AC Chairman



# City of False Pass

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March 3, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of False Pass fully supports the appointment of Mr. Melvin Smith to the position of Commissioner for the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). With Mr. Smith's broad experiences, we are confident he will bring a wealth of knowledge and positive light to the Commissioner position. Mr. Smith has over 20 years of commercial fishing experience in Alaska, participating in a wide range of fisheries and in several areas across the state.

Mr. Smith lived in Rural Alaska many years and as a shareholder of the Aleut Corporation, Koniag Corporation and Isanotski Corporation of False Pass, he has first-hand knowledge of the vital importance of the CFEC. With thousands of Alaska Native permit holders across the state, we believe and are confident that Mr. Smith's perspective and background will ensure 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 native land claims and commercial real estate investments.

Mr. Smith is clearly qualified for the position of Commissioner for the State of Alaska's Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. We urge you to support his confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikki Hoblet". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "N" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Nikki Hoblet  
Mayor