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May 4, 2026

House Fisheries
Alaska State Capitol Room 216
Juneau, AK 99801-0001

RE: SUPPORT for Tracey Welch for CFEC Commissioner

Dear Representative Stutes and House Fisheries Committee Members,

North Pacific Fisheries Association (NPFA) represents more than 60 independent commercial fishermen, their families, and crewmembers who harvest halibut, salmon, black cod, pacific cod, crab and herring. Based in Homer, our members fish throughout the waters of Alaska -- from Dixon Entrance to St. Mathews Island. Many of our members participate in state water fisheries and have frequent interaction with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

NPFA is delighted to support Governor Dunleavy's appointment of Ms. Tracy Welch as CFEC Commissioner.

Ms. Welch's has proven herself an effective leader in her role as Executive Director of United Fishermen of Alaska since 2021. She dove into a variety of commercial fishing issues and became a subject-matter expert in a short amount of time. She also excelled in her ability to bring diverse stakeholders together – harvesters, processors, and policy makers – to find common ground on complex issues. Her work at UFA also provided ample opportunity to work directly with state agencies, including the CFEC itself, on issues ranging from permit management to regulatory efficiencies.

Ms. Welch's approachability and ability to foster constructive dialogue on contentious topics will serve the CFEC and the state well. Ms. Welch not only led UFA but previously served as Tribal Administrator for the Petersburg Indian Association where she successfully oversaw programs, staff and intergovernmental relations.

Whether testifying before legislative committees or participating in one-on-one conversations with stakeholders, navigating many different state and governmental processes, she is clear, direct, and respectful. Her experience, administrative expertise and proven ability to work effectively through Alaska's legislative and regulatory processes make her well qualified to serve in the important role of CFEC Commissioner.

NPFA respectfully urge you to confirm Ms. Welch's appointment so that she can begin serving the State of Alaska in this vital role.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully

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RE: SUPPORT for appointment of Paul Cyr to State Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Stutes and House Fisheries Committee Members,

North Pacific Fisheries Association (NPFA) represents more than 60 independent commercial fishermen, their families, and crewmembers who harvest halibut, salmon, black cod, pacific cod, crab and herring. Based in Homer, our members fish throughout the waters of Alaska -- from Dixon Entrance to St. Mathews Island. Most of our membership participates in state-managed fisheries and are directly impacted by decisions of the Board of Fisheries.

NPFA supports the appointment of Paul Cyr to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Cyr's background in sport fishing, seafood processing, and mariculture would make him a well-rounded Board of Fisheries (BOF) member. His leadership experience at a lodge in Southeast Alaska and as a director of operations at a large processor has given him opportunity to familiarize himself with a number of Alaska fisheries and user groups.

Mr. Cyr lives and works in a coastal community amongst stakeholders in Southeast Alaska which would provide unique contribution and insight as a BOF member. Having a member of the Board of Fisheries from Southeast Alaska provides insight into the region, its user groups, fisheries, and mariculture that has been underrepresented on the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Cyr. We support and encourage his appointment as a BOF member.

Respectfully,

Malcolm Milne



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RE: Support for reappointment of Mike Wood to State Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Stutes and House Fisheries Committee Members,

North Pacific Fisheries Association (NPFA) represents more than 60 independent commercial fishermen, their families, and crewmembers who harvest halibut, salmon, black cod, pacific cod, crab and herring. Based in Homer, our members fish throughout the waters of Alaska -- from Dixon Entrance to St. Mathews Island. Most of our membership participates in state-managed fisheries and are directly impacted by decisions of the Board of Fisheries.

NPFA supports the reappointment of Mr. Mike Wood to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Wood has clearly demonstrated a commitment to his service on the Board of Fisheries by educating himself on fisheries and management across the state. Mr. Wood is always prepared for meetings and is open to listening to Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff, data and science presented as well as public testimony and makes himself approachable for all stakeholders. The Board of Fisheries has a steep learning curve due to the processes and myriad fisheries and stakeholders involved at each meeting and Mr. Wood is now well positioned to make educated and meaningful contributions to the process.

NPFA supports the reappointment of Mike Wood to the Board of Fisheries for an additional term and we hope that you will agree.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully


Malcolm Milne



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May 4, 2026

Chair Louise Stutes
House Fisheries Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Confirmation of Tracy Welch to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Dear Chair Stutes and Members of the House Fisheries Committee,

On behalf of the Alaska Salmon Alliance (ASA), I am writing in support of the confirmation of Tracy Welch to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

Tracy brings a strong understanding of Alaska's commercial fishing industry, both from hands-on experience and her work in leadership and policy roles. She has a practical perspective on how decisions impact fishermen and the broader industry, along with the ability to work through complex issues with a wide range of stakeholders.

The CFEC plays an important role in maintaining a fair and functioning limited entry system. We believe Tracy has the experience, judgment, and approach needed to serve effectively in this role.

ASA supports her confirmation and respectfully encourages your support as well.

Sincerely,

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Norm Darch
Executive Director



March 25, 2026

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Office of the Governor
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

RE: KRSA letter of support of Blair Hickson to Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

The Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) would like to express our support for Blair Hickson to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

KRSA is the leading sportfishing and personal use advocacy group in Alaska. As a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit, our mission is to ensure the sustainability of the greatest sportfishing river in the world – the Kenai. KRSA favors a balanced approach to fishery conservation that optimizes Alaskan fisheries in a sustainable and equitable manner.

Blair Hickson brings a unique and valuable perspective shaped by a lifetime of experience across Alaska's fisheries. Raised along the Kuskokwim River in Bethel, he grew up participating in subsistence fishing and fish camp life, developing a deep respect for Alaska's resources and rural communities. He has since spent nearly 20 years as a licensed sport fishing guide and currently operates a remote lodge on the Anvik River, giving him a direct stake in sustainable fisheries management.

In addition to his professional experience, Blair has participated in subsistence, personal-use, and sport fisheries, and has witnessed firsthand the economic importance of commercial fisheries in communities like Bristol Bay. This broad exposure provides him with a well-rounded understanding of Alaska's diverse user groups and the need for balanced decision-making.

Blair represents a hardworking, next-generation Alaskan whose livelihood and way of life depend on healthy fisheries. His practical experience, strong work ethic, and respect for all users make him well suited to serve on the Board of Fisheries.

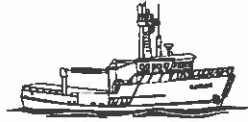
Please reach out to me at (907)262-8588 should you have any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Shannon Martin, Executive Director
Kenai River Sportfishing Association



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May 2, 2026

Chair Louise Stutes
House Fisheries Committee
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Re: Support for Paul Cyr-Alaska Board of Fisheries appointment

Dear Chair Stutes and Committee Members:

I entered the commercial fisheries in 1982 and purchased my own vessel in 1990. I have worked for E.C. Phillips (ECP) an Alaska incorporated family-owned seafood processor, since 1994. I have worked with Paul Cyr at ECP since 2009. Paul Cyr has experience across a broad scope of knowledge of Alaska's fisheries and tourism. Mr. Cyr has also raised his family in SE Alaska and is dedicated to community, working waterfronts, and generational opportunities.

My fishing business relies on a healthy fishing industry and sustainable management of the resource. The Board of Fisheries (Board) plays a significant role in both of those, and it is critical that Board members have the experience and temperament to fairly and predictably manage state resources. For that reason, I am writing to express support for Paul Cyr's appointment to the Board.

Mr. Cyr has deep experience in the maritime industries and has dedicated his career to the sustainable development and conservation of Alaska's marine resources. He has worked across multiple sectors – sport, commercial, and aquaculture – and offers a balanced perspective that is essential for the many contentious issues facing the Board. Mr. Cyr is a firm believer in the State's constitutional mandate to manage our resources for the maximum benefit of Alaskans.

The Board has a significant workload and is responsible for fisheries management decisions that affect thousands of Alaskans and Alaska businesses. We respectfully ask that you appoint Mr. Cyr to the Board, as he has the necessary skills and experience to continue to serve Alaska well. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tomi Marsh".

Tomi Marsh

May 5, 2026

Chair Louise Stutes
House Fisheries Committee
Alaska Legislature

Re: Support for Alaska Board of Fisheries appointment

Dear Representative Stutes,

I am Chris Guggenbickler a lifelong Alaskan resident. I am the chair of the Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee to the Boards of Fish and Game. I also serve as the president of United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters, the president of Southern Southeast Alaska Regional Aquaculture Association and a member of the Southern Southeast Regional Planning Team making recommendations to the Commissioner of Fish and Game on enhancement issues.

As A Southeast Gillnetter I have worked with Mr. Cyr since his first employment with EC Phillips and Son processor. Mr. Cyr worked with Fish and Game management, fishermen and other stakeholders and has a broad understanding of fisheries, not only commercial but sport and aquaculture as well.

Mr. Cyr is mild mannered and offers a balanced perspective that is essential for the many contentious issues facing the Board. Mr. Cyr is a firm believer in the State's constitutional mandate to manage our resources for the maximum benefit of it's people. I believe Mr. Cyr would add a much needed Southeast perspective to the board which is pertinent to the complex issues we have.

I respectfully ask that you confirm Mr. Cyr to the Board, as he has the necessary skills and experience to continue to serve Alaska well. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

Sincerely,

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