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RE: Letter of Support for Tracy Welch for CFEC Commissioner

To whom it may concern,

Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) writes to express our strong support for the confirmation of Tracy Welch as Commissioner for the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

Through her leadership as Executive Director of United Fishermen of Alaska, Tracy consistently demonstrates her ability to navigate complex policy landscapes while maintaining the trust of a broad and diverse fishing community. She brings a deep understanding of Alaska's commercial fisheries, grounded both in professional experience and in her lived connection to the state and its coastal communities.

Tracy's strengths in administration, stakeholder engagement, and consensus-building are well suited to guide CFEC's important work. She is knowledgeable about the systems managed by the commission, and its role in providing fisheries access and supporting economic stability. Just as importantly, she approaches her work with integrity, transparency, and a commitment to listening.

CDFU is confident that Tracy Welch will provide thoughtful, steady leadership at CFEC and maintain a strong connection between the Commission and the fishermen and communities it serves. We respectfully urge your support for her appointment.

Sincerely,

Michael Hand, *President*

Cordova District Fishermen United