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Chair Giessel and Members of the Senate Resources Committee
Chair Stutes and Members of the House Fisheries Committee

Re: Letter of Support for Paul Cyr's Confirmation to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Giessel, Chair Stutes, and Committee Members:

Global Seas writes in strong support of Paul Cyr's confirmation to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Global Seas is committed to Alaska's blue economy, including sustainable seafood, coastal community development, and the continued growth of Alaska's mariculture sector. We are also invested in Alaska's emerging sector through our interest in a kelp and oyster farm. As a result, we understand how important it is that Alaska's fisheries are managed sustainably, transparently, and with a practical understanding of the many users and communities affected by Board of Fisheries decisions.

The Board of Fisheries performs one of the most important public functions in Alaska's resource management system. Its decisions directly affect commercial, sport, subsistence, personal use, processing, mariculture, and coastal community interests across the state. For that reason, Board members must be able to understand technical fisheries information, engage constructively with Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff, listen carefully to the public, and make balanced decisions grounded in conservation, sustained yield, and practical knowledge of Alaska's fisheries.

Mr. Cyr is well suited for that responsibility. He has lived and worked in Ketchikan for more than two decades and has built his career across several sectors of Alaska's fisheries economy. His experience includes managing a sportfishing lodge, serving as general manager of a Ketchikan-based seafood processing company, and currently working as general manager of a mariculture company. That combination of sportfishing, seafood processing, and mariculture experience gives him a broad and practical understanding of how fisheries regulations affect different users, businesses, employees, and communities.

His Southeast Alaska background is especially valuable. Southeast Alaska has a uniquely complex fisheries landscape, with commercial, sport, subsistence, guided, processing, and emerging mariculture interests often operating in close proximity. A Board member with direct local knowledge of that region can help ensure that Board deliberations are informed by real operational experience, not merely abstract policy preferences.

Mr. Cyr's professional background also demonstrates the kind of leadership, communication, and collaborative judgment that the Board requires. A manager in Alaska's seafood and mariculture sectors must work with employees, fishermen, regulators, customers, local communities, and other stakeholders. Those are the same kinds of skills needed to serve effectively on the Board of Fisheries: listening carefully, asking informed questions, understanding competing interests, and making decisions that support sustainable fisheries and regulatory stability.



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Regulatory stability is particularly important for businesses, coastal communities, and local partners that depend on sustainable and well-managed fisheries. Alaska's fisheries are not only public natural resources; they are also the economic foundation for many communities, families, tribal and community partners, and local businesses. Board members must understand that regulatory decisions can have immediate and long-term consequences for investment, employment, access, conservation, and community viability. Mr. Cyr's experience in fisheries-dependent businesses gives him a practical appreciation for those consequences.

For these reasons, Global Seas respectfully urges the Legislature to confirm Paul Cyr to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. He would bring relevant experience, Southeast Alaska perspective, and a balanced understanding of the different users, sectors, and communities that depend on Alaska's fisheries.

Respectfully submitted,
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