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House Fisheries Committee  
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**Subject: Support For the Reappointment of Mike Wood and Appointment of Paul Cyr to The Alaska Board of Fisheries**

To whom it may concern,

The Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) would like to offer its support for the reappointment of Mike Wood and appointment of Paul Cyr to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

BBEDC was created under the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program in 1992 and our purpose is to promote economic growth and opportunities for residents of our 17 member communities.

Since Mr. Wood's appointment and confirmation by the legislature in 2023, he has shown an ability to understand complex, often contentious regulatory issues and an aptitude for working with stakeholders from all user groups. He has also demonstrated a thoughtful and measured approach to decision-making, consistently considering both the biological and socioeconomic impacts of Board actions. We believe Mr. Wood's experience, background, and knowledge of the regulatory process will be an asset to the Alaska Board of Fisheries should he be confirmed by the legislature.

Paul Cyr brings decades of hands-on experience in Southeast Alaska's fisheries, with a career spanning seafood processing, aquaculture, and industry leadership. His work places him at the intersection of harvest, enhancement, and market realities, giving him a practical understanding of how fisheries policies impact both resource sustainability and coastal economies. That perspective, grounded in real-world operations, would make him a strong contributor to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

We again express our support for Mr. Wood and Mr. Cyr and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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