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May 7, 2026

Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol Room 216
Juneau, AK 99801-0001

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

Dear Senator Giessel and Senate Resources 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 under represented on the Board.

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

Respectfully,

Malcolm Milne



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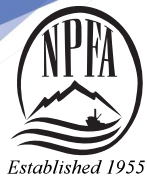
Mr. Wood has clearly demonstrated a commitment to his service on the Board of Fisheries by educating himself on fisheries and management across the state. Mr. Wood is always prepared for meetings and is open to listening to Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff, data and science presented as well 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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RE: SUPPORT for Tracey Welch for CFEC Commissioner

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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

Malcolm Milne

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May 1, 2026

Re: Appointments to the Alaska Board of Fisheries & Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Dear Chair Giessel and Members of the Senate Resources Committee,
and Chair Stutes and Members of the House Special Committee on Fisheries:

Area M Seiners Association is composed of commercial seiners and setnetters based mainly in the Aleutians East Borough. Our members are not only commercial fishermen; they are also sport fishermen and subsistence users. We care about balance and integrity on the Alaska Board of Fisheries, which is why we **support the appointments of Mike Wood and Paul Cyr** and **oppose the appointment of Blair Hickson**.

Mr. Hickson would join five other in-river voices on the seven person Board. We have deep concerns about his ability to remain impartial when making decisions that affect commercial fisheries, especially those in Area M.

On April 21, 2023, Mr. Hickson testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of SB 128, legislation aimed at closing the Area M salmon fishery.¹ Mr. Hickson owns a lodge on the Anvik River and stated in his testimony that the river is a key spawning ground for Yukon River chum salmon, which have experienced declining returns. He attributed these declines not to environmental factors such as rising water temperatures, but instead to the Area M commercial fishery, using that position to justify his support for closure.

This testimony reflects a clear bias against the commercial fishery. Given that Mr. Hickson's business directly benefits from increased salmon returns, he has a direct financial interest in the outcome of these policy decisions. He would be entering this board position with predetermined views. If confirmed, he should be required to recuse himself from any Alaska Board of Fisheries deliberations or decisions related to Area M salmon proposals.

We support the reappointment of Mike Wood, who has proven himself to be a fair and impartial member of the Board of Fisheries. Mr. Wood consistently engages with all sides of an issue, developing a thorough understanding that allows him to base his decisions on science and facts rather than pressure from any one group. He asks thoughtful, clarifying questions on the record and stands out for his

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professionalism and respect for board decorum. While Mr. Wood does not always vote in our favor, we trust that he carefully considers all perspectives before making his decisions.

We also support the appointment of Paul Cyr. He would restore a much-needed Southeast Alaska perspective to the Board of Fisheries, which has been missing since 2023. If confirmed, Mr. Cyr would be one of only two coastal representatives on the seven-member board, an important balance given that most of the Board's work focuses on coastal, saltwater issues.

Appointments to the Alaska Board of Fisheries are a delicate balance and one that we take very seriously. We want all user groups to feel represented, and we believe the appointments of Mr. Wood and Mr. Cyr are steps in the right direction toward a more balanced board. We also believe the appointment of Mr. Hickson would add another member whose views are already formed prior to deliberation. This is not conducive to a fair and impartial Board of Fisheries.

Lastly, we **support the confirmation of Tracy Welch for the Commissioner of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC)**. Ms. Welch's knowledge of Alaska's commercial fisheries will greatly benefit CFEC. Over the past three years, she has built a strong relationship with CFEC while serving as Executive Director for United Fishermen of Alaska, giving her valuable insight into its process and responsibilities. In addition, Ms. Welch also holds a law degree which will serve her well in navigating the complex regulatory and statutory framework that governs limited entry and permitting. Ms. Welch is the ideal candidate for this position and will prove to be a thoughtful and informed leader at CFEC.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing us to weigh in on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Kiley Thompson
President Area M Seiners Association

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Thank you for your consideration and for allowing us to weigh in on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Kiley Thompson
President Area M Seiners Association

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation

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May 5, 2026

Chair Giessel
Senate Resources Committee
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Chair Stutes
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,

Michael Link

Michael Link
President/CEO



CORDOVA DISTRICT
FISHERMEN
— UNITED —

Board of Directors

April 30, 2026

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Andrew Scudder

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Makena O'Toole

F/V Freyja Dawn

Phyllis Shirron

F/V Cape Fear

John Kraning

F/V Mongrel

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Policy Director

Senate Resources Committee & House Special Committee on Fisheries

Alaska State Legislature

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Juneau, AK 99801

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

UNITED SOUTHEAST ALASKA GILLNETTERS

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USAG'S MAIN PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT, SERVE AND ENHANCE SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY

May 2, 2026

Chair Senator Cathy Giessel
Senate Resource Committee
Senate.resources@akleg.gov

Dear Senator Geissel and committee members,

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters is a fishery advocacy organization dedicated to the economic viability of the SEAK drift gillnet fishery. We are regular participants at the Board of Fisheries, and several of our members have a history or are active participants on our communities Advisory Committees to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Boards of Fisheries and Game.

Today we would offer our support for the confirmation of Mr. Paul Cyr to the Board of Fisheries. We feel that Mr. Cyr's varied past work experiences in both sport fishing and seafood processing will serve him well in this venue. We are confident Mr. Cyr will be cognizant of all users, and will advocate for the best use of the resource in question, for all Alaskans.

It would also be beneficial to have a resident of Southeast Alaska on the Board of Fish again. Southeast representation is an important aspect that should be part of the Boards make up at all times. It is unique, has many commercial fisheries not found elsewhere in the state, and also leads the state in king salmon catches for both commercial and sport.

Serving on the Board of Fisheries is an arduous task, seemingly thank less. Mr. Cyr is willing to serve the state in this capacity; and we will give him our enthusiastic support.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Max Worhatch, Executive Director

May 7, 2026

Chair Cathy Giessel
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska Legislature
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Re: Support for Paul Cyr for Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Giessel and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my support for Mr. Paul Cyr for appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board).

I have been a commercial fisherman in Alaska for 51 years; I have lived and fished out of Wrangell for 43 years. In that time, I have served on at least five boards working on issues on behalf of the industry. Through those experiences, I know how important the Board of Fisheries is.

I have known and worked with Mr. Cyr for over a decade of my fishing career, and he has always been honest, patient, hard-working and fair. These qualities suit him well to serve on the Board.

Mr. Cyr is one of the most well-rounded applicants to the Board in a long time. His professional experience in sport/guiding business, commercial seafood processing, mariculture, service on the SSRAA Board, and marine safety give him a broad and balanced perspective of so many of the sectors and issues facing the Board. This is very valuable for a person who serves on the Board. Additionally, I know he puts the sustainability of the resource as the first priority in its management.

Mr. Cyr would provide representation from Southeast Alaska, which currently has no representation, even though it is a critical and key fishing region of Alaska. Given the hundreds of fisheries and distinctly different regions under the authority of the Board, it is extremely beneficial to appoint someone who lives in a coastal fishing community like Ketchikan.

I believe Mr. Cyr will take the responsibility of serving on the Board seriously and will listen to all stakeholders, as well as, fellow Board members and the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. Please support Mr. Paul Cyr for appointment to the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Gig Decker, Wrangell, AK
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UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA



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May 1, 2026

Senator Giessel
Chair- Senate Resources
Alaska State Capitol Room 121
Juneau, AK 99801-0001

RE: Support for Reappointment of Mike Wood and Appointment of Paul Cyr to Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Senator Giessel and Senate Resources Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 35 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and the federal fisheries off Alaska's coast. UFA supports the reappointment of Mike Wood and the appointment of Paul Cyr to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

During his first term, Mike Wood demonstrated a commitment to serving on the Board of Fisheries and to educating himself on the wide variety of fisheries and management practices throughout the state. Mike has consistently shown up for meetings prepared, been open to listening to the science presented as well as public testimony, and willing to work with all stakeholders. The Board of Fisheries has a steep learning curve, and now that Mike has completed a full cycle of regional meetings, he is well positioned to continue to make educated and meaningful contributions to the process. UFA supports the reappointment of Mike Wood to the Board of Fisheries for an additional term.

UFA also supports the appointment of Paul Cyr to the Board of Fisheries. Paul's diverse background, having worked in sport, commercial, and mariculture, provides him with a wide range of experiences to draw upon as a board of fisheries member. From serving as the director of operations at a lodge to directing operations at a large seafood processor in Southeast Alaska, Paul has become familiar with a wide variety of fisheries. Paul currently lives and works in a coastal community in Southeast Alaska, qualities that have been missing from representation on the Board for many years.

UFA encourages the reappointment of Mike Wood and supports the appointment of Paul Cyr to the Board of Fisheries.

Thank you for your consideration of UFA's comments.

Sincerely,



Matt Alward
President

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association
Area M Seiners Association • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association • Bristol Bay Reserve
Cape Barnabas, Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Ekuk Beach Fishermen's Association • Freezer Longline Coalition • Fishing Vessel Owners Assn • Groundfish Forum
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • Kodiak Seiners Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
• Northwest Setnetters Association • Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation
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May 4, 2026

Chair Giessel
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Appointment of Tracy Welch as Commissioner to the CFEC

Dear Chair Giessel and Members of the Senate Resources Committee,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association representing 35 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and federal fisheries off Alaska's coast. UFA supports the confirmation of Tracy Welch as commissioner to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Comision (CFEC).

Tracy is uniquely qualified to serve as one of the two commissioners of the CFEC. Tracy grew up in a commercial fishing family in Petersburg, AK, and has decades of on-deck experience with Southeast salmon and herring gillnet, and halibut longline fisheries. She has worked as Executive Director of UFA since 2021, gaining experience in the management and legislative sides of the industry. Tracy's background gives her a deep understanding of the importance of CFEC to the state's fishery management structure, and direct personal knowledge about how those regulatory frameworks impact our fishermen and their operations. Tracy's background provides a holistic view of the limited entry system and how it fits into the broader commercial fishing management system within our state.

The CFEC is essential to the smooth functioning of Alaska's limited entry system, including timely completion of commercial fisheries permit transfers and issuance, both of which are essential to allow fishermen to do their jobs and for the state to effectively regulate fishery entrants. In addition to her background in fisheries, Tracy earned her law degree and has the necessary skills and experience to adroitly navigate the legal frameworks of the limited entry program, as well as any potential challenges that might arise.

UFA strongly supports Tracy Welch as commissioner to the CFEC.

Sincerely,

Matt Alward
President



May 5, 2026

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

Dear Chair Giessel and Committee Members:

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 the opportunity to provide input.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shannon Martin".

Shannon Martin, Executive Director
Kenai River Sportfishing Association



5/1/2026

Chair Giessel

Senate Resources Committee

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RE: Support For the Reappointment of Mike Wood to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Giessel and Senate Resources Committee Members,

Petersburg Vessel Owners Association (PVOA) represents a fleet of mixed gear vessels that operate in State and Federal fisheries in Alaska and the West Coast. PVOA's members participate in fisheries of all gear types and rely on the sound management of fisheries resources to ensure the viability of their businesses and Petersburg as a community. Having strong, well-informed membership on the Board of Fisheries is one of the pillars that makes our fisheries management the global gold standard. PVOA supports the reappointment of Mike Wood for the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Through his first term on the Alaska Board of Fisheries, Mike Wood has shown his knowledge in regulatory process and his willingness and ability to connect and work with all user groups when deliberating issues before the Board. He has the understanding of the many regions in our State and the diverse needs of the fisheries and communities that connect them all. Not only does Mike bring institutional and regulatory knowledge to the table, but also has a history and continued participation in commercial fisheries and lives in designated rural subsistence area along one of Alaska's major salmon rivers. This provides him the real-world knowledge and experience on the interaction between the commercial, sport and subsistence users of our shared fisheries resources.

PVOA appreciates the ability to comment on the reappointment of Mike Wood to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We believe that he brings with him a wealth of knowledge from both regulatory and real-world experiences, making him a well-rounded Board member. As a commercial fisheries trade group from a small, fishery dependent community with fisheries participation throughout the State, we recognize the need for Board members to be well versed in the full diversity of our state's fisheries and the implication of management decisions.

PVOA strongly supports the reappointment of Mike Wood to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Thank you,

Nels Evens,
Executive Director
Petersburg vessel Owners Association



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May 3, 2026

To Chair Giessel and Senate Resource Committee Members:

The Northwest Setnetters Association, which represents set-gillnet fishermen from Kodiak's Northwest district, appreciates the opportunity to offer comments in support of the nomination of Paul Cyr to the Board of Fisheries.

Our board strongly supports a Board of Fisheries that reflects the full breadth of Alaska's fisheries through balanced, diverse perspectives and practical experience. In a state as large and complex as Alaska, where fisheries vary widely by region, gear type, and management framework, it is essential that the Board includes members who bring firsthand knowledge from across sectors.

Paul Cyr has a broad understanding of many aspects of the intricacies that make coastal communities run – from sport fishing to commercial processing to mariculture. Having a knowledgeable representative from Southeast Alaska who understands the uniqueness of that complex region makes a great deal of sense and would support the Board of Fish in grappling with detailed issues in an informed manner.

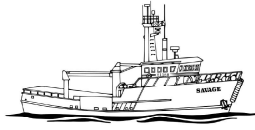
Maintaining knowledgeable representation from this sector is critical to preserving confidence in the Board of Fisheries as a fair, balanced, and effective decision-making body. Confirming Paul Cyr would help ensure that the Board continues to benefit from experienced, thoughtful participation across user groups.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work on behalf of Alaska's fisheries and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Adelia B. Myrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end.

Adelia Myrick
President, Northwest Setnetters Association



Savage Inc.

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May 6, 2026

Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska Legislature
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Re: Support for Paul Cyr-Alaska Board of Fisheries appointment

Dear Chair Giessel 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



5/1/2026
Chair Giessel
Senate Resources Committee
Senate.resources@akleg.gov

RE: Support For the Appointment of Paul Cyr to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Giessel and Senate Resources Committee Members,

Petersburg Vessel Owners Association (PVOA) represents a fleet of mixed gear vessels that operate in State and Federal fisheries in Alaska and the West Coast. PVOA's members participate in fisheries of all gear types and rely on the sound management of fisheries resources to ensure the viability of their businesses and Petersburg as a community. Having strong, well-informed membership on the Board of Fisheries is one of the pillars that makes our fisheries management the global gold standard. PVOA supports the appointment of Paul Cyr to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Paul Cyr has worked in a variety of different areas and capacities in the fishing industry in Southeast Alaska. He has managed a sport fishing lodge, managed a seafood processing plant and most recently, manages a mariculture site. Through his work experience, Mr. Cyr has been able to engage with fisheries participants from all sides of the industry and will be able to bring a more wholistic understanding of the nuanced fisheries issues that he would see as a Board Member. There are many regions in the Alaska beyond Southeast, but we believe that through his career in Southeast, Mr. Cyr will be well equipped to make informed decisions and weigh the priority and necessity between all user groups of different fisheries and fishing techniques.

PVOA appreciates the ability to comment on the appointment of Paul Cyr to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We believe that he brings with him a well-rounded view on our state's fisheries resource through his broad career path. As a commercial fisheries trade group from a small, fishery dependent community with fisheries participation throughout the State, we recognize the need for Board members that understand the needs of coastal fishing communities and the interplay of our shared fisheries resources.

PVOA strongly supports the appointment of Paul Cyr to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Thank you,

Nels Evens

Nels Evens,
Executive Director
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May 3, 2026

Senate Resources Committee
Senator Giessel, Chair

Sent via email: Senate.resources@akleg.gov

RE: Letter of Support for CFEC Commissioner Tracy Welch

Senator Giessel, chair and Senate Resources Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to write in support of the confirmation of Tracy Welch as Commissioner of Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) is a multi-gear, multi-species, small vessel, non-profit organization representing our 300+ members involved in the SE salmon, crab and shrimp fisheries and longline fisheries in SE and the Gulf of Alaska.

SEAFA has worked closely with Tracy Welch in her position as Executive Director of United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) and believe she is well suited to the responsibilities as a Commissioner of CFEC. Tracy has practical experience with boots on the back deck of a fishing vessel her whole life, her law degree, and her understanding through working as Executive Director of UFA of the many diverse fisheries in the State of Alaska. This provides Tracy with a comprehensive understanding of the value of CFEC and how it fits within the commercial fishing framework of regulations.

We support the confirmation of Tracy Welch as Commissioner of CFEC.

Sincerely,

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May 3, 2026

Senate Resources Committee
Senator Giessel, Chair

Sent via email: Senate.resources@akleg.gov

Senator Giessel, chair and Senate Resources Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to write in support of the reappointment of Mike Wood and the appointment of Paul Cyr to the Board of Fisheries. Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) is a multi-gear, multi-species, small vessel, non-profit organization representing our 300+ members involved in the SE salmon, crab and shrimp fisheries and longline fisheries in SE and the Gulf of Alaska. We have approximately 80% Alaskan residency in our membership. Our members also participate in sport/recreational, personal use and subsistence fisheries in addition to their commercial fisheries.

Mike Wood has come to Board meetings prepared, listens to both the public and scientific information on a proposal. He is very approachable and will meet with members of the public both before and during a meeting. Having now gone a full-board cycle, he will be even better prepared for the issues brought up in each region. **We support the confirmation of Mike Wood to the Board of Fisheries.**

Paul Cyr has a very diverse background including being a general manager of a seafood processing plant in SE Alaska, working in the charter industry and most recently at a mariculture site. All of these positions had Paul interacting with a wide variety of individuals, having to collaborate on projects, and provided a working knowledge of State and Federal regulations. His background should provide a strong base for bringing diverse individuals to work together towards a compromise. Having lived in a smaller coastal community, he understands the need for all sectors to thrive and the importance of a healthy and sustainable resource to all concerned. **We support the confirmation of Paul Cyr to the Board of Fisheries.**

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director



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May 3, 2026

To Chair Giessel and Senate Resource Committee Members:

The Northwest Setnetters Association, which represents set-gillnet fishermen from Kodiak's Northwest district, appreciates the opportunity to offer comments in support of the nomination of Mike Wood to another term on the Board of Fisheries.

Our board strongly supports a Board of Fisheries that reflects the full breadth of Alaska's fisheries through balanced, diverse perspectives and practical experience. In a state as large and complex as Alaska, where fisheries vary widely by region, gear type, and management framework, it is essential that the Board includes members who bring firsthand knowledge from across sectors.

Mike Wood has demonstrated a clear commitment to thoughtful, informed decision-making. He has shown a willingness to listen, to engage with differing viewpoints, and to approach complex issues with humility and transparency. As a commercial fisherman, he brings an important and necessary perspective to Board deliberations—one that helps ensure that decisions are grounded in real-world understanding of how fisheries operate.

Commercial fisheries are a foundational part of Alaska's economy and coastal communities. Maintaining knowledgeable representation from this sector is critical to preserving confidence in the Board of Fisheries as a fair, balanced, and effective decision-making body.

Reappointing Mike Wood would help ensure that this balance is maintained and that the Board continues to benefit from experienced, thoughtful participation across user groups.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work on behalf of Alaska's fisheries and communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Adelia B. Myrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Adelia Myrick
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May 2, 2026

Chair Senator Cathy Giessel
Senate Resource Committee
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Dear Senator Geissel and committee members,

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters is a fishery advocacy organization dedicated to the economic viability of the SEAK drift gillnet fishery. We are regular participants at the Board of Fisheries, and several of our members have a history or are active participants on our communities Advisory Committees to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Boards of Fisheries and Game.

We would like to support Mike Wood for confirmation to the Board of Fisheries. Mr. Wood has shown himself to be a discerning Board member that makes himself accessible to the public, works with stakeholders to help resolve differences, and uses sound reasoning in deliberations. Confirming Mr. Wood would also allow for some continuity in the Board, which is important, as each board member only gets the opportunity to visit a region one time in a term. A second term allows for some familiarity with each area, and the stakeholders that live and fish there. We feel he has served the state well in his first term, and will continue to do so if confirmed.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Max Worhatch, Executive Director

