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Dear Chair Stutes and Members of the House Fisheries Committee,

On behalf of Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. (TSI), I am writing to express our strong support for the appointment of Paul Cyr to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Founded in 1945 and based in Juneau, TSI is a longstanding conservation organization representing the resident voice of Southeast Alaska. Our membership is deeply rooted in the region and engaged in the stewardship, access, and sustainable management of fish and wildlife resources that are vital to our communities and way of life.

Mr. Cyr would bring a much-needed Southeast Alaska perspective to the Board. At present, the Board lacks balanced regional representation, particularly from Southeast Alaska, where fisheries are uniquely structured and closely tied to the economic and cultural fabric of small coastal communities. Ensuring geographic diversity on the Board is essential to maintaining fair and informed decision-making that reflects the full breadth of Alaska's fisheries.

Mr. Cyr's professional background demonstrates a deep, practical understanding of these communities. In his previous role as a plant manager for E.C. Phillips & Son, he worked directly within Southeast Alaska's seafood industry, supporting fishermen and contributing to the stability and success of local economies. His experience gives him firsthand knowledge of the operational realities, challenges, and opportunities facing the region's fisheries.

Mr. Cyr's combination of industry experience, community awareness, and regional perspective makes him exceptionally well-qualified to serve on the Board of Fisheries. His appointment would help ensure that Southeast Alaska's fisheries and residents are appropriately represented in statewide decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shawn Hooten, President
Territorial Sportsmen

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