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Senate Resources

Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair

State Capitol, Room 427

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Support for Dale Kelley appointment as Commissioner of Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Dear Senator Giessel and Senate Resource Committee Members,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) supports Dale Kelley's appointment as Commissioner for the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). We have worked with Dale over many years in many different arenas and believe that she will bring her wealth of knowledge of the commercial fishing industry and its history from her work for the industry over the past 30+ years to this position. With the retirement of the current Commissioner this past knowledge of commercial fishing history while it is from a different perspective will be important moving forward.

Her representation of the Alaska statewide troll fleet required her to understand state, federal and international regulatory policies and relevant associated law. She will bring to this position an understanding of the current challenges facing the seafood industry and the harvesting sector in particular as well as the importance of protecting CFEC statutes and regulations so that the program isn't unintentionally undermined.

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance is a membership-based association representing our 330+ members involved in the salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries primarily in Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathy Hansen", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kathy Hansen
Executive Director