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Governor Bill Walker
Shirley Marquardt, Director
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RE: Appointment of Duncan Fields to Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Governor Walker and Director Marquardt,

The Kodiak Seiners Association (KSA) represents commercial salmon seine fishermen in the Kodiak Management Area. Our members are Kodiak salmon permit holders many of who engage in several other Alaska salmon fisheries. We are very interested in your appointments to the Alaska Board of Fisheries and believe that the Board needs more representation by active fishermen that have a broad background and understanding of Alaska's fisheries. With this in mind, we strongly urge you to appoint Duncan Fields to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Duncan has been a leader in representing Kodiak salmon interests before the Alaska Board of Fisheries for more than 25 years. He is a respected advocate who is knowledgeable about the issues and balanced in his dealings with the Board. Moreover, Duncan has long been involved with State-wide salmon issues arguing, along with the State of Alaska, against extra-territorial jurisdiction by the Federal Government on subsistence and, more recently, opposing managing Alaska's salmon under a Fisheries Management Plan imposed by the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC).

Duncan's past experience, breadth of knowledge and level-headed approach to fisheries management make him the ideal candidate. His actions and experience as a member of the NPFMC demonstrate profound understanding of the issues facing Alaska's fishing communities and the diversity of interests at stake. As a council member Duncan was an effective Alaskan advocate, working to ensure that our state received the best management practices for our fishing communities. Additionally, through his work as a fisheries advocate for remote native villages he has gained intimate knowledge of some the greatest struggles facing our state's fading coastal communities. Duncan thoroughly understands one of the most critical and nuanced fisheries rules – the Mixed Stock Salmon Policy, and as a fisherman he relies on both mixed stock (Kodiak West Side) and Terminal (Karluk River) management.

Kodiak Seiners Association believes that the Alaska Board of Fisheries is at a critical juncture in protecting Alaska's historical salmon management practices. The state management of Alaska's fisheries has become increasingly divisive in recent years and Duncan will serve the perfect role of a unifying voice on the board who can find the elusive compromise between stakeholders and who will properly articulate the boards decisions to the public. He is the embodiment of ideal board member and the Kodiak Seiners Association wholeheartedly endorses him.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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President-Kodiak Seiners Association

cc: Lt. Governor Byron Malott
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