



North Pacific Fisheries Association
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Alaska State Legislature Fisheries Committee
Alaska State Capital
Juneau, Alaska

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Re: Endorsement of Duncan Fields for Appointment to State of Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Stutes and Members of the Committee,

The North Pacific Fisheries Association (NPFA) would like to express our support for Duncan Fields as a candidate for the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries. NPFA is a multi gear, multi species commercial fishing organization based in Homer, Alaska. We represent over sixty family fishing operations, mostly home ported in Homer. Our members participate in many fisheries throughout the State from Southeast to the Bering Sea. Founded in 1955, NPFA has participated in the Board of Fisheries process since its inception.

Mr. Fields is well known to NPFA. We have experience with him through his long tenure on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. As a fishery policy maker Mr. Fields demonstrated a deep understanding of the issues and a command of the information. It was obvious that he was prepared and knew the details of every agenda item. Mr. Fields made himself available to the public and in our experience he would articulate his position and allow for a counterpoint. He would reason with opposing points of views and seek compromise when appropriate. Most importantly Mr. Fields seems to understand that first and foremost he represents the fish.

NPFA has additional familiarity with Mr. Fields due to a working relationship as fellow board members for the United Fishermen of Alaska. Working with Mr. Fields has reinforced our opinion of his deep understanding of the complex issues and dedicated preparation. He is skilled in parliamentary procedure and is known to us as a respectful and professional board member. Mr. Fields has shown a passion for the fisheries of the State of Alaska and we believe he will serve the State well.

The North Pacific Fisheries Association Board of Directors supports Governor Walker's appointment of Duncan Fields to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries and ask the House Fisheries Committee support him.

Thank you for the consideration,

Malcolm Milne
President, North Pacific Fisheries Association