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Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: UFA Support for Duncan Fields for Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Stutes and 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 confirmation of the appointment of Duncan Fields to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF).

Mr. Fields has worked as a commercial fisherman for nearly 58 years participating in salmon, herring, crab, halibut and codfish, which has given him a vast knowledge of commercial fisheries. Mr. Fields also has an extensive track record in fisheries public policy with experience on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition, Alaska Ocean Observing Systems, Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board, as well as the United Fishermen of Alaska Board of Directors.

Mr. Fields is exceptionally qualified to serve the Alaska public on the Board of Fisheries, and we urge your support in the Legislative confirmation process.

Thank you for your consideration.



Jerry McCune
President



Frances H. Leach
Executive Director