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Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau 99801

Re: Support for Al Cain Appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Giessel and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is pleased with the re-appointment of Al Cain by Governor Walker to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). Mr. Cain has proven himself to be an unbiased member of the BOF who listens to all user groups and weighs all facts prior to making decisions.

Commercial fishermen find Mr. Cain approachable and we believe he represents all sides fairly. Although Cain currently lives in Anchorage, Mr. Cain spent a majority of his career in Southeast Alaska as an Alaska State Trooper with the Division of Wildlife Troopers. Mr. Cain also worked for 10 years as the Criminal Justice Planner for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, providing him a vast knowledge and understanding of other regions in Alaska making him a valuable resource and advocate for users statewide.

Mr. Cain's re-appointment is a victory not only for commercial fishermen around the state, but for all user groups. He has the full support of UFA.

The Board of Fisheries is well known to be among the most demanding of all volunteer public service appointments in the state. We feel Mr. Cain is highly-qualified and we appreciate his willingness to continue to serve. Thank you for your time and attention to this important appointment.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune
President

Frances H. Leach
Executive Director