

# **UNITED SOUTHEAST ALASKA GILLNETTERS**

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USAG'S MAIN PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT, SERVE AND ENHANCE SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY

April 12, 2025

Representative Robyn Niayuq Burke and Representative Maxine Dibert  
Co-chairs House Resources Committee  
Juneau Capitol Building Rm 124  
Juneau, AK  
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Dear Representative Stutes and committee members,

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters are dedicated to the economic viability of the SEAK drift gillnet fishery, and the SE region in general, as 80% of the participants in our fishery live here.

Today, we are writing to voice our support for the confirmation of Tom Carpenter to the Board of Fisheries. We had the experience of working with Mr. Carpenter at the SEAK Finfish and Shellfish Board of Fisheries meeting in Ketchikan in January and February. We found him to be accessible for conversations with stake holders regarding particular proposals off the record, a key component for any good Board member. He does his homework, being well versed and familiar with every proposal. He asked pertinent questions during testimonies and Committee of the Whole to better understand the issues. In deliberating, he gave thoughtful logical reasoning for his position and how he arrived there. Board members have many resources to guide them. Stake holders, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Advisory Committees to the Boards of Fisheries and Game. Mr. Carpenter seeks and considers the views and input from all these and works for a practical solution.

We appreciate your consideration of our support for Mr. Carpenter.

Sincerely,



Max Worhatch, Executive Director

