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To Chair Stutes and Members of the House Fisheries Committee,

On behalf of the Southeast Alaska Guides Organization (SEAGO), we are writing to express our support for the reappointment of Board Member Tom Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

While SEAGO and Mr. Carpenter rarely find ourselves aligned on management priorities, we have consistently found him to be approachable, responsive, and genuinely committed to understanding the complexities of Alaska's fisheries. His openness to dialogue, even in disagreement, has fostered constructive conversations and a broader understanding of the diverse perspectives that shape fisheries policy across the state.

Mr. Carpenter brings a wealth of experience to the Board. With multiple terms of service, he has circled the state enough times to gain both a broad and increasingly nuanced understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing Alaska's fisheries. He demonstrates a strong command of the Board's procedures and processes. His background in owning a sporting goods business and spending decades in the commercial fishing industry grounds his perspective in practical experience. While he often sides with commercial interests over sport, in our experience, he is willing to listen and remains aware of the differing needs and opinions among Alaska's user groups.

In an era of rapid environmental change and evolving fishery dynamics, experienced and thoughtful leadership on the Board is more important than ever. Mr. Carpenter's consistency, institutional knowledge, and willingness to engage across sectors make him a valuable asset to the Board of Fisheries.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration of his reappointment.

Respectfully,
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Co-Directors
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