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## **April 14, 2025**

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

## RE: Support for the Reappointment of Thomas Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Stutes and Members of the House Fisheries Committee,

The Alaska Salmon Alliance is a nonprofit organization comprised of commercial seafood processors, allied businesses, and fishermen. We focus on public education and promoting the value of scientifically based salmon management to preserve habitats and create predictable harvests for all salmon. Our goal is to create long-term economic opportunities and benefits for Alaska's coastal communities for future generations.

We are writing in strong support of the reappointment of Tom Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Tom's background, which includes serving on a wide array of advisory councils and boards over the past two decades, reflects his dedication to Alaska's fisheries and his ability to work collaboratively with diverse groups. He is thoughtful in his deliberations and respectful in his dialogue. His efforts to build trust and understanding among users have made him an effective and respected voice on the Board.

Tom brings to the table a deep and practical understanding of Alaska's fisheries, shaped by decades of involvement. As one of the only current members of the board from a coastal community that is highly dependent on Alaska's fisheries resources, he offers a valuable perspective on how Board of Fisheries decisions directly impact the daily lives of Alaskan residents. More importantly, Tom has demonstrated a genuine willingness to listen to all stakeholders, regardless of background or fishery. He has shown a strong commitment to ensuring that decisions are made based on the best available information and science. His

approach to public service is grounded in transparency, fairness, and a strong belief in an open and fair public process.

We believe Tom Carpenter's continued service on the Alaska Board of Fisheries will benefit all Alaskans. His steady, respectful approach and broad experience make him an asset to the Board and to the state. We respectfully urge you to support his reappointment.

Sincerely,

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