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Representative Louise Stutes Chair, House Fisheries Committee Juneau Capitol Building Rm 120 Juneau, AK House.fisheries@akleg.gov

Dear Representative Stutes and committee members,

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters would like to offer our strongest support for the confirmation of Tom Carpenter to the Board of Fisheries.

We had the opportunity to observe and interact with Mr. Carpenter at the SEAK Finfish and Shellfish Board of Fisheries meeting this past winter in Ketchikan. We were impressed with his preparedness regarding all proposals. He asked relevant, pointed questions of the department and stakeholders during testimony and committee of the whole. He made himself available to stakeholders during breaks and evenings. In deliberations his reasonings for support or opposition were sound and logical.

We are pleased Mr. Carpenter has offered himself to serve again, pleased the Governor chose to appoint him, and pleased to offer our support for his confirmation. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Max Worhatch, Executive Director, USAG