



Chenega IRA Council

3000 C Street, Suite 301
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March 4, 2025

Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor of the State of Alaska
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

Chenega Corporation strongly supports the reappointment of Thomas M. Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. His leadership and expertise are essential to the continued success of fisheries management, and his reappointment aligns with our values as an organization.

The Board of Fisheries plays a critical role in sustaining Alaska's fisheries and ensuring fair stakeholder representation, and Mr. Carpenter exemplifies the public interest, sound judgment, and fisheries expertise that board members are selected for (AKS 16.05.221). Over the past three years, he has shown fairness, leadership, and a dedication to balanced resource management, considering the diverse needs of subsistence, commercial, and sport harvesters. His service as Board Vice-Chair for two consecutive years reflects the deep respect he has earned from his peers.

With 15 years on the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council, four as Vice Chairman, and over two decades on the Copper River/Prince William Sound Advisory Committee, Mr. Carpenter has extensive experience in fisheries management. His contributions were recognized with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Excellence in Service Award in 2020. Beyond his board service, Mr. Carpenter brings valuable business and fisheries experience as a former commercial fisherman, fleet manager, and owner of Whiskey Ridge Trading Co., serving subsistence, commercial, and sportfishing communities. His well-rounded background offers a comprehensive approach to fisheries policy.

Effective management of Alaska's fisheries requires experienced, principled leadership. Mr. Carpenter's proven commitment to the Board's work, his respect for Alaska's fisheries, and his adherence to the public process make him an outstanding candidate for reappointment.

Sincerely,

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Charles W. Totemoff,
Chairman

CC: Members of the House Special Committee on Fisheries



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