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Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor of the State of Alaska

Office of the Governor

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Dear Governor Dunleavy,

Copper River Seafoods strongly supports the reappointment of Thomas M. Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

As a seafood processing company operating across Southcentral, Western, and Far North Alaska, we recognize the Board of Fish's vital role in sustaining fisheries and ensuring fair stakeholder representation. Board members are selected for their public interest, judgment, and fisheries expertise (AKS 16.05.221), and Mr. Carpenter exemplifies these qualities.

Over the past three years, he has demonstrated fairness, leadership, and dedication to balanced resource management, considering the interests of subsistence, commercial, and sport harvesters. His service as Board Vice-Chair for two consecutive years reflects the 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 diverse background provides a well-rounded approach to fisheries policy.

Effective management of Alaska's fisheries requires experienced, principled leadership. Mr. Carpenter's commitment to the Board's work and his respect for Alaska's fisheries and the public process make him an outstanding candidate for reappointment. We urge his continued service and offer our full endorsement.

Regards,

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CC: Members of the House Special Committee on Fisheries

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