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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 appointment of Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

While SEAGO has not had the opportunity to work directly with Ms. Irwin, we are encouraged by her experience and optimistic about the fresh perspective she brings to the Board. Her appointment represents an infusion of young, energetic leadership at a time when Alaska's fisheries face increasingly complex and evolving challenges.

Ms. Irwin's strong commitment to sustainable fisheries management—especially her focus on King salmon conservation—resonates with stakeholders who are working to protect Alaska's fisheries for future generations. Her current role as Policy Coordinator for the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association and her service as Chair of the Minto-Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee reflect her active engagement with community-based management and public process.

Her academic background in Indigenous Studies and her work with Alaska Native organizations further highlight a thoughtful, culturally grounded approach to fisheries management. Her efforts to integrate traditional knowledge into regulatory policy demonstrate the kind of holistic and inclusive thinking that can benefit the Board and the broader fisheries community.

We believe Ms. Irwin's experience, values, and perspective will be a valuable addition to the Board. Her focus on collaboration, public engagement, and long-term sustainability aligns with the kind of leadership Alaska's fisheries need.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration of her appointment.

Respectfully,

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