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Honorable Mike Dunleavy
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 11001
Juneau, AK 99801-1001

Jordan Shilling
Director Alaska Boards and Commissions
550 W 7th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Re: Support for the Appointment of Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

On behalf of the Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Tlingit & Haida) and the 38,000 Tribal Citizens we represent, I write to support the appointment of Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. As an Iñupiaq and Koyukon Tribal member from Nenana, Ms. Irwin brings a critical perspective rooted in the customary and traditional heritage of Alaska's Indigenous and rural communities.

Grounded in traditional ways of life, Ms. Irwin's leadership, education, and applied experience have prepared her to navigate the complexities related to the sustainable management of Alaska's fisheries. Tlingit & Haida stands in support for the appointment of Ms. Irwin to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Peterson,
President