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Governor Mike Dunleavy:

The Chitina Dipnetters Association is in full support of the appointment of Olivia Irwin to a seat on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Recently, CDA had the opportunity to meet with Board of Fisheries candidate, Olivia Henaayee Irwin. We were impressed by her background knowledge in Alaska fisheries issues, particularly those involving Interior Alaska. Olivia has expressed her strong support for the thousands of Alaska residents who depend on the Chitina dipnet fishery to supplement their annual food supply with salmon from the Copper River. Olivia showed good knowledge and understanding of Alaska statutes and regulations governing the harvest of Alaska wild resources coupled with the responsibility of conservation and sustainability which align with CDA principles.. She is very aware of the dire situation concerning statewide dwindling chinook salmon stocks and the plight of subsistence fisheries due to dangerously low chinook, chum and coho salmon stocks on the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers. She would be an excellent candidate to fill the seat which will be vacated by Stan Zuray.

Again, CDA as well as the Fairbanks F&G Advisory Committee will be supporting the appointment of Olivia to a seat on the BOF.

Chuck Derrick. CDA President