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REPLY TO

ATTN. OF: Dot Lake Village Council

SUBJECT: Letter of Support of Olivia Henaayee Irwin's Appointment to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries

TO: State of Alaska, Office of the Governor

The Village of Dot Lake is a federally recognized sovereign Tribal government dedicated to the protection, preservation, and stewardship of the lands, waters, and resources within our traditional territory.

The sustainability of Alaska's fisheries is vital to the cultural, economic, and subsistence practices of Alaska Native peoples, including the Village of Dot Lake, who have maintained a deep connection to fisheries ecosystems since time immemorial.

Olivia Henaayee Irwin is a dedicated advocate for sustainable fisheries management, traditional ecological knowledge, and Indigenous representation in state resource management policies. The Dot Lake Village Council recognizes Olivia Henaayee Irwin's expertise in fisheries conservation, subsistence rights, and the importance of maintaining a balanced ecosystem that ensures the continued availability of fish and marine resources for future generations.

Alaska Native voices and perspectives have historically been underrepresented in the decision-making processes that affect our traditional lands and waters, and the appointment of Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries would enhance the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge and values in fisheries management.

The Alaska Board of Fisheries plays a critical role in shaping policies that impact subsistence, commercial, and sport fisheries, and it is essential that Indigenous leadership and perspectives are represented in these discussions to promote fair and sustainable fisheries management.

The Dot Lake Village Council formally supports and endorses the appointment of Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries, and the Dot Lake Village Council urges the Governor of the State of Alaska and the Alaska State Legislature to confirm her appointment, recognizing her commitment to fisheries conservation, Indigenous subsistence rights, and responsible resource management.

Copies of this letter of support shall be sent to the Governor of Alaska, members of the Alaska State Legislature, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and other relevant agencies and organizations to advocate for the confirmation of Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

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