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Chairman Representative Louis Stutes
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Board of Fisheries Confirmation Hearing

Dear Fish Committee Members:

Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) represents the power trollers and hand trollers who fish throughout the waters of Southeast Alaska up to and including Yakutat. Since we have a very high percentage of Alaska resident fishermen, we are a significant proportion of the SE Alaska community economies. Our fishery has been in operation for well over a century, although we now harvest less than a quarter of our historical Chinook catch, mostly due to ongoing brutal Treaty reductions, but also reductions from the Board of Fish process.

ATA is writing in support of Tom Carpenter remaining on the Board of Fisheries. Tom is an honorable man who is serving the State of Alaska well. Tom is an honorable man who is serving the State of Alaska well. He is one of the very few board members who has demonstrated that he cares about our rural Alaska families and their dependence on our small local economies.

ATA believes the our State's Board of Fisheries process is a valuable process but is only as good as the individuals seated on the Board and their willingness to stand up for our State. Tom Carpenter has proven himself a knowledgeable, intelligent and thoughtful part of the Board.

Sincerely,

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature in black ink.

Amy Daugherty
Executive Director