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State of Alaska
Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol, Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: April 01, 2013 Testimony Senate Resources

Good afternoon Chairman Giessel, Vice-Chair Dyson, Senate members of the Resource Committee.

My name is Paul A. Shadura II; I am a resident of the Kenai Peninsula, today I am representing the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association. Our organization has been representing commercial fishermen within the waters of Cook Inlet since 1954.

At present, our members represent primarily commercial setnet fisher families, although we also have members who represent the processing industry, drift fisheries, supplies and the general public.

The KPFA Board of Directors voted unanimously on March 29, 2013 to support Governor Parnell's nominees for vacancies on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

We have worked with Vince Webster, Tom Kluberton and Reed Morisky and find that all three are approachable, respectful and concerned about the sustainability of our State's fisheries resources, this objective happens to be KPFA's mission statement, "*Ensuring the Sustainability of Our Fishery Resources*".

Individually they expend the extra effort; to listen to stakeholders; to understand complex science; to strive for a "balance" of opportunities for traditional harvesters. A feat that requires not only a concern for conservation, but also to maintain an abundant yield of fisheries stocks so that all citizens can appreciate our State's resources.

Thank you,

Paul A. Shadura II, Board Director
For the Board of Directors, KPFA