

## **Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association (BBFA)**

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Date: February 26, 2025

To: Governor Mike Dunleavy

From: Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association

Subject: BBFA Endorsement of Tom Carpenter for Board of Fisheries Reappointment

BBFA strongly endorses Tom Carpenter for reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). Tom's extensive record on Alaska fisheries is broad and was demonstrated during his term on the BOF. He is willing to spend the time to educate himself on issues and is willing to ask the hard questions. BBFA appreciates his personal commitment and expertise. We cannot afford to lose him!

The multitude of fisheries issues facing Alaska is daunting. However, we think that Tom will continue to be a valuable asset for the BOF to help fairly resolve those issues in a competent manner.

The Board of Fish is integral to the success of our fisheries and the fish resources.

The Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association has been an ardent supporter of fishers and the Bristol Bay Fisheries for nearly 60 years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luke Peterson", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Luke Peterson, President

**Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association**

BBFA Board Members:

Matt Hakala, Vice President

Bob Bonanno, Secretary/Treasurer

Fred Marinkovich

Mikal Mathisen

Harry Moore

Mike Schille

I support Tom Carpenter for the BOF. I am a 50 plus commercial fisherman.

Norman Campbell Cordova AK..

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Dear Governor Dunleavy,

I am writing to express my support for Thomas M. Carpenter as a member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I am an Alaskan since childhood, over 40 years. I grew up in anchorage sport fishing the Kenai peninsula and around the state. As an adult I became involved in the commercial fishing sector, and now operate my own operation out of Cordova where I have raised my family.

I believe that Mr. Carpenter is a great member of the board. He has extensive knowledge and experience in sport, subsistence, and commercial sides off the fisheries. I think he brings this knowledge and experience to the table when it comes to making decisions that benefit all of Alaskans, not just one user group.

Thank you,

Nathan Doll

Area E subsistence/commercial/sport user.

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House Fisheries Committee

Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

April 12, 2025

I'm a life long Bristol Bay Alaskan resident, a Commercial fisherman and owner operator of a Bristol Bay drift gillnet vessel.

I support Tom Carpenter to be confirmed to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Mr. Carpenter has shown the ability to be familiarize with the issues that come before the Board, work with groups to establish common solutions, and has demonstrated leadership. Mr. Carpenter's understanding of the commercial fishery from his past experience being involved in the Commercial fishery is important to the Board of Fish process.

Please vote to support Mr. Tom Carpenter.

Robert Heyano

Dillingham, Alaska 99576

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Dear Governor Dunleavy,

I strongly support the reappointment of Tom Carpenter as a member of the Alaska Board of Fish. I am a commercial fisherman in the State of Alaska in multiple areas. I have been participating in the Board of Fish process for the past couple of decades. Mr. Carpenter is very well respected throughout the industry. He's not afraid to ask the hard questions, and be very well informed on all proposals put in front of the Board. Please reappoint him. Thank you,

Fred Marinkovich  
F/V Katya Dawn (Bristol Bay)  
F/V KERRY (CR/PWS)

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Subject: Boards and Commissions: Alaska BOF

Date: April 13, 2025

On behalf of the Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA), I am writing to support two appointments to the Alaska Board of Fisheries: Tom Carpenter and Olivia Henaayee Irwin.

**Mr. Carpenter** is currently the longest serving and most knowledgeable member of the Board of Fisheries. He understands the process, has extensive knowledge of Alaska's fisheries, and commits the necessary time to understand issues before the Board. He is approachable, makes time both before and during Board meetings to discuss proposals with stakeholders, and listens to learn. While our members were dismayed by the poor process followed by some Board members when they met earlier this year in Southeast, Tom adhered to protocols and criteria for Board actions and impressed our members with his straightforward, fact-based decision making. Tom is an asset to the Board of Fisheries process, and we deeply appreciate his willingness to serve. **ALFA strongly supports his reappointment.**

ALFA members are disappointed that the governor did not appoint a Southeast representative to serve on the Board of Fisheries and believe this lack of regional expertise comes at a cost to Southeast fisheries. That said, at this point in the process we are in support of Ms. Irwin's appointment to the Board. **Ms. Irwin** is new to the management process but has demonstrated a commitment to safeguarding Alaska's fisheries resources and identifying collaborative solutions. She has intergenerational ties to the Yukon River area and is strongly supported by the people of her region. Given the deep challenges faced by people of the Yukon, we recognize the value of including this perspective in BOF management decisions and believe Ms. Irwin will be an asset to the management process.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,  
Linda Behnken, Executive Director

*ALFA is a non-profit association of independent commercial vessel owners and crewmembers who sustainably harvest of sablefish, halibut, groundfish, and salmon while supporting healthy marine ecosystems and strong coastal communities.*



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**April 14, 2025**

Representative Louise Stutes  
Chair, House Fisheries Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, AK 99801

**RE: Support for the Reappointment of Thomas Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries**

Dear Representative Stutes and Members of the House Fisheries Committee,

The Alaska Salmon Alliance is a nonprofit organization comprised of commercial seafood processors, allied businesses, and fishermen. We focus on public education and promoting the value of scientifically based salmon management to preserve habitats and create predictable harvests for all salmon. Our goal is to create long-term economic opportunities and benefits for Alaska's coastal communities for future generations.

We are writing in strong support of the reappointment of Tom Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.


Tom's background, which includes serving on a wide array of advisory councils and boards over the past two decades, reflects his dedication to Alaska's fisheries and his ability to work collaboratively with diverse groups. He is thoughtful in his deliberations and respectful in his dialogue. His efforts to build trust and understanding among users have made him an effective and respected voice on the Board.

Tom brings to the table a deep and practical understanding of Alaska's fisheries, shaped by decades of involvement. As one of the only current members of the board from a coastal community that is highly dependent on Alaska's fisheries resources, he offers a valuable perspective on how Board of Fisheries decisions directly impact the daily lives of Alaskan residents. More importantly, Tom has demonstrated a genuine willingness to listen to all stakeholders, regardless of background or fishery. He has shown a strong commitment to ensuring that decisions are made based on the best available information and science. His

approach to public service is grounded in transparency, fairness, and a strong belief in an open and fair public process.

We believe Tom Carpenter's continued service on the Alaska Board of Fisheries will benefit all Alaskans. His steady, respectful approach and broad experience make him an asset to the Board and to the state. We respectfully urge you to support his reappointment.

Sincerely,



Mike Simpson  
President  
Alaska Salmon Alliance



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Executive Director  
Alaska Salmon alliance

Governor Mike Dunleavy and Mr. Jordan Shilling  
c/o Board and Commissions  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-001

February 18, 2025

Dear Honorable Governor Dunleavy and Mr. Jordan Shilling,

I am writing to you in support of the reappointment of Tom Carpenter as an Alaska Board of Fisheries member. I have participated in Board of Fisheries meetings for 35 years and Mr. Carpenter is engaged in the issues, knowledgeable and willing to learn, and he is a fact-based decision maker. He has represented the subsistence, commercial, sport, and personal use fisheries stakeholders well in his capacity as a board member. He is willing to listen to differing opinions and make decisions based on his extensive knowledge of the issues.

Thank you for your service and considering Tom Carpenter for reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Regards,



Bob Murphy  
408 Lilly Drive  
Kodiak, AK 99615

cc: Rep Louise Stutes  
Sen. Gary Stevens



## Chenega IRA Council

3000 C Street, Suite 301  
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March 4, 2025

**Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy**

Governor of the State of Alaska  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

Chenega Corporation strongly supports the reappointment of Thomas M. Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. His leadership and expertise are essential to the continued success of fisheries management, and his reappointment aligns with our values as an organization.

The Board of Fisheries plays a critical role in sustaining Alaska's fisheries and ensuring fair stakeholder representation, and Mr. Carpenter exemplifies the public interest, sound judgment, and fisheries expertise that board members are selected for (AKS 16.05.221). Over the past three years, he has shown fairness, leadership, and a dedication to balanced resource management, considering the diverse needs of subsistence, commercial, and sport harvesters. His service as Board Vice-Chair for two consecutive years reflects the deep respect he has earned from his peers.

With 15 years on the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council, four as Vice Chairman, and over two decades on the Copper River/Prince William Sound Advisory Committee, Mr. Carpenter has extensive experience in fisheries management. His contributions were recognized with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Excellence in Service Award in 2020. Beyond his board service, Mr. Carpenter brings valuable business and fisheries experience as a former commercial fisherman, fleet manager, and owner of Whiskey Ridge Trading Co., serving subsistence, commercial, and sportfishing communities. His well-rounded background offers a comprehensive approach to fisheries policy.

Effective management of Alaska's fisheries requires experienced, principled leadership. Mr. Carpenter's proven commitment to the Board's work, his respect for Alaska's fisheries, and his adherence to the public process make him an outstanding candidate for reappointment.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Totemoff,  
Chairman

CC: Members of the House Special Committee on Fisheries





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March 3, 2025

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Regards,

Scott Blake

President & CEO

Copper River Seafoods

CC: Members of the House Special Committee on Fisheries

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April 14, 2025

Chair Louise Stutes  
House Fisheries Committee  
State Capitol Room 216  
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Supporting Thomas Carpenter's Reappointment to Alaska's Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Stutes and Members of the House Fisheries Committee,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) strongly supports Thomas (Tom) Carpenter for reappointment to the Board of Fish. SEAFA is a multi-gear/multi species small boat commercial fisheries non-profit association representing our 300+ members involved in salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries primarily in Southeast Alaska.

Tom has the experience and passion for Alaska's fisheries as well as understanding the need to protect the sustainability of our fishery resources that makes a good board member. He is very approachable and connected well with our members at the Board of Fish meeting, being knowledgeable of commercial fishing where he was able to understand the nuances of a proposal and experience of having lived in a rural coastal area matched up well with the residents of Southeast Alaska.

Tom's background of owning a sporting goods business, being in the Coast Guard, commercial fishing and service on both local and regional fishery boards helps provide an ability to understand the sport side of fishing as well as commercial fishing.

Tom served on the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence Board for 15 years, five of which as Vice Chair. He also served on the Copper River/ Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee for over 22 years and was awarded the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Excellence in Service Award in 2020 for his ability to connect with diverse user groups and his approachability.

SEAFA particularly appreciated Tom's record building on each and every proposal. So, even if you didn't agree with him, you could understand why he made the decision he

made as well as helping educate other board members on proposals/fisheries they were less familiar with. He is respected amongst fishery professionals around the State and follows the science but also relies on his experience and background to ground truth this information. By his leadership in putting his thoughts on the record, other board members would follow suit.

Tom's diversity of experience bringing an understanding of rural coastal community dynamics, commercial, sport and subsistence knowledge make Tom an excellent choice for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries and we strongly support his appointment to a second term on the Board.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Hansen  
Executive Director



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**Southeast Alaska Guides Organization (SEAGO)**

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April 15, 2025

**To Chair Stutes and Members of the House Fisheries Committee,**

On behalf of the Southeast Alaska Guides Organization (SEAGO), we are writing to express our support for the reappointment of Board Member Tom Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

While SEAGO and Mr. Carpenter rarely find ourselves aligned on management priorities, we have consistently found him to be approachable, responsive, and genuinely committed to understanding the complexities of Alaska's fisheries. His openness to dialogue, even in disagreement, has fostered constructive conversations and a broader understanding of the diverse perspectives that shape fisheries policy across the state.

Mr. Carpenter brings a wealth of experience to the Board. With multiple terms of service, he has circled the state enough times to gain both a broad and increasingly nuanced understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing Alaska's fisheries. He demonstrates a strong command of the Board's procedures and processes. His background in owning a sporting goods business and spending decades in the commercial fishing industry grounds his perspective in practical experience. While he often sides with commercial interests over sport, in our experience, he is willing to listen and remains aware of the differing needs and opinions among Alaska's user groups.

In an era of rapid environmental change and evolving fishery dynamics, experienced and thoughtful leadership on the Board is more important than ever. Mr. Carpenter's consistency, institutional knowledge, and willingness to engage across sectors make him a valuable asset to the Board of Fisheries.

We respectfully urge your favorable consideration of his reappointment.

Respectfully,

Forrest Braden and Kim Landeen

Co-Directors

Southeast Alaska Guides Organization (SEAGO)

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

I am writing this letter to express my support for the reappointment of Thomas Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Tom is a well-rounded member of the community of Cordova whose background as an Area E gillnetter, owner of a sporting goods store, cannery manager, Federal subsistence advisory council board member, ADFG Advisory Committee Chair, fisherman, trapper, and hunter all add to his understanding of the rich diversity of Alaska's wildlife resources and the various user groups who harvest them.

As the newly appointed Fisheries Chair of the Copper River-PWS Fish and Game Advisory Committee it is Tom that I look to as an example of leadership and commitment to science based management in what is often the contentious subject of regulating Alaska's fisheries. Tom makes himself available to discuss fisheries issues but is not afraid to voice disagreement if he feels that stakeholders opinions are not in the best interest of our fisheries resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Trae Lohse



# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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April 7, 2025

Chair Louise Stutes  
House Fisheries Committee  
State Capitol Room 216  
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Supporting Thomas Carpenter's Reappointment to Alaska's Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Stutes and Members of the House Fisheries Committee,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 35 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and the federal fisheries off Alaska's coast. Many of our members live in Alaskan coastal communities that rely on all types of fishing and have a vested interest in making sure the best candidates are chosen to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board).

UFA strongly supports the reappointment of Thomas "Tom" Carpenter to the Board. Tom first arrived in Cordova with the U.S. Coast Guard in the early 1990s and has made his home there for over 30 years. In Cordova Tom gained direct experience working in the commercial seafood industry as crew on commercial fishing vessels, then with seafood processing, and also supported recreational hunters and fishers with a sporting goods store in Cordova for over 20 years. Tom possesses a wealth of fisheries knowledge and experience earned on both local and regional levels. Tom served on the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence Board for 15 years, five of which as Vice Chair. He also served on the Copper River/ Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee for over 22 years and was awarded the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Excellence in Service Award in 2020 for his ability to connect with diverse user groups and his approachability.

Tom's history of effectively working with a variety of user groups, along with his reputation amongst fishery professionals around the State, speaks to his qualifications to serve as a member on the Board of Fisheries. During his two and half years on the Board, Tom has proven to be transparent in his interactions with all stakeholders and deft at helping the public understand and navigate the Board process more effectively. This is an important trait and skill that makes a confusing and contentious process better and more accessible for everyone involved. Tom bases his decisions on science and does a great job of building the record to explain and demonstrate



how and why he made the decisions that he did on a given proposal. Tom is a well-rounded board member who puts in significant time helping other board members understand issues they may not be familiar with and he strives to educate himself on each issue that comes before him.

Tom is also a resident of a remote coastal community, meaning a community that is not connected to the road system, and represents an important perspective on behalf of many of our fishing communities that are impacted by Board decisions. As the only board member who lives in a small coastal community, Tom is the voice for coastal Alaska communities on the board, something that has been lacking in recent years. Like Cordova, many of our coastal communities rely on a mix of commercial, subsistence, and recreational fishing, and Tom brings an intimate understanding of that mix to the table. Tom is an exceptional and experienced board member and we strongly support his reappointment to the Board for another term.

Thank you for your consideration.



Matt Alward  
President



Tracy Welch  
Executive Director

#### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association  
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Area M Seiners Association • At-sea Processors Association  
Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association • Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas, Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen  
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Freezer Longline Coalition  
Fishing Vessel Owners Assn • Groundfish Forum • Kodiak Crab Alliance Cooperative • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association  
Kodiak Seiners Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association  
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# **UNITED SOUTHEAST ALASKA GILLNETTERS**

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USAG'S MAIN PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT, SERVE AND ENHANCE SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY

April 12, 2025

Representative Louise Stutes  
Chair, House Fisheries Committee  
Juneau Capitol Building Rm 120  
Juneau, AK  
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Dear Representative Stutes and committee members,

United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters would like to offer our strongest support for the confirmation of Tom Carpenter to the Board of Fisheries.

We had the opportunity to observe and interact with Mr. Carpenter at the SEAK Finfish and Shellfish Board of Fisheries meeting this past winter in Ketchikan. We were impressed with his preparedness regarding all proposals. He asked relevant, pointed questions of the department and stakeholders during testimony and committee of the whole. He made himself available to stakeholders during breaks and evenings. In deliberations his reasonings for support or opposition were sound and logical.

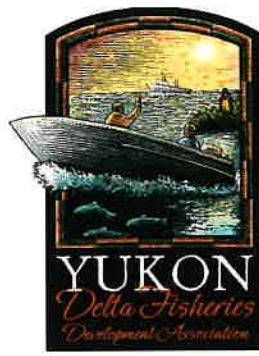
We are pleased Mr. Carpenter has offered himself to serve again, pleased the Governor chose to appoint him, and pleased to offer our support for his confirmation. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Max Worhatch, Executive Director, USAG





4/17/2025

Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association  
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Anchorage, AK 99503  
April 17, 2025

The Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor of Alaska  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Dunleavy,

Subject: Letter of Support for Tom Carpenter's Reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

On behalf of Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association, a committed stakeholder in Alaska's pollock fishery, I am writing to strongly support the reappointment of Tom Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Since his appointment in 2022, Mr. Carpenter has proven to be an exceptional Board member, demonstrating an ability to navigate complex and often contentious regulatory issues while fostering collaboration among diverse stakeholders.

Alaska's marine environments are undergoing rapid and unprecedented changes, impacting resource populations statewide. Experienced Board members like Mr. Carpenter are essential to understanding these changes and devising management strategies that ensure sustainable yields over time. Since joining the Board, Mr. Carpenter has shown an aptitude for working with stakeholders from all user groups—harvesters, processors,

Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association

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sport and subsistence fishers. His thorough knowledge of the regulatory process has been critical in addressing challenges such as bycatch reduction and interspecies interactions, which directly affect the pollock sector.

YDFDA supports hundreds of jobs in Alaska and contributes to coastal communities through the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program. We rely on science-based, balanced management to sustain the pollock fishery, which accounts for over 35% of U.S. commercial fish landings. We would be thrilled to have someone with a similar, science-based approach such as Tom, as part of the Board of Fish.

We wholeheartedly endorse Tom Carpenter's reappointment to Alaska Board of Fisheries. His reappointment aligns with the Board's mandate under Alaska Statute 16.05.221 to represent diverse perspectives while advancing the interests of Alaskans who rely on our fisheries. Thank you for considering our strong support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ragnar Alstrom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ragnar" and last name "Alstrom" clearly distinguishable.

Ragnar Alstrom  
Executive Director  
Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association



April 18, 2025

Representative Stutes, Chair  
House Fisheries Committee  
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RE: Support for Tom Carpenter for Alaska Board of Fisheries appointment

Dear Chair Stutes and Committee members:

The Pacific Seafood Processors Association (PSPA) supports Tom Carpenter for reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board). For over a century PSPA has represented seafood processors and their investment in coastal Alaska. The seafood processing community covers all regions of Alaska, all vessel sizes and gear types. The seafood sector directly employs more workers than any other private sector industry in Alaska and is the largest private sector investor in coastal communities across Alaska. The health of Alaska's coastal communities, transportation and support sectors, fishermen, and the processing sector are inextricably aligned - we are socially and economically dependent on each other and the same sustainable public resource.

Appointments to the Board are critical in that their decisions affect a broad cross-section of Alaskans, businesses, and communities, all of which are reliant on Alaska's fish resources being well-managed for the long-term. Seven members are tasked with representing four distinct management regions, sport, personal use, subsistence, and commercial harvesters and processors, and hundreds of State fisheries. We thus appreciate the careful consideration given to these appointments by the legislature.

Tom Carpenter is a long-time Cordova resident and had many years of experience with advisory committees across southcentral including Copper River and Prince William Sound, prior to serving on the Board. He has proven a very valuable Board member, given his experience and understanding of process, as well as his ability to work with a diverse group of stakeholders with diverse perspectives. He works productively with other Board members and is well respected and well qualified. He has shown logical and practical decision-making, with appropriate deference to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game when it comes to science and management expertise.

Tom is also the only member on the current Board living in a commercial fishing community off the road system. Given the hundreds of commercial fisheries under the authority of the Board, we think it is imperative to retain someone who lives in a commercial fishing community in coastal Alaska, has proven they are prepared and productive at each meeting, and is willing to do the demanding and difficult job the Board requires. He has extensive experience around the State and in the state fisheries and regions for which the Board is responsible for regulating. Tom has also continued to engage in open and

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transparent dialog with the public and a genuine interest in finding common ground and resolving conflicts and issues in a manner consistent with the best available science.

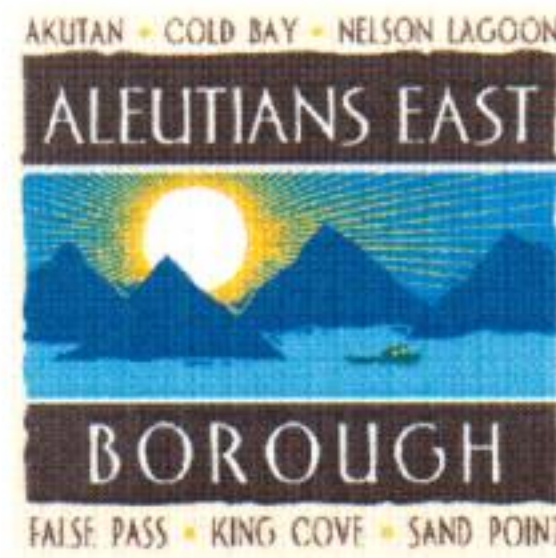
Overall, we strongly support Tom Carpenter and ask you to reappoint him to the Board.

Sincerely,

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Julie Decker  
President, PSPA  
Wrangell AK





## RESOLUTION 25-50

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SUPPORTING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TOM CARPENTER TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES.**

**WHEREAS**, Tom Carpenter has just completed a full Board of Fisheries meeting cycle and has shown a full understanding of all the issues to come before the Board, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Carpenter's leadership and experience on the Board, as well as his knowledge and experience of sport and commercial fisheries make him extremely well-qualified for re-appointment to the Board, and

**WHEREAS**, Tom's experience before joining the Board, including his US Coast Guard service, fleet manager for Copper River Seafoods, member of the local Fish & Game Advisory Committee and his commercial, sport and hatchery fishery experience have been a solid foundation for the excellent work he has accomplished on the Board, and

**WHEREAS**, Tom Carpenter has the trust and respect of his fellow Board members as evidenced by his service as Board Vice-Chair for two straight years, and his reappointment will ensure the continuity of a well-functioning Board of Fisheries, and

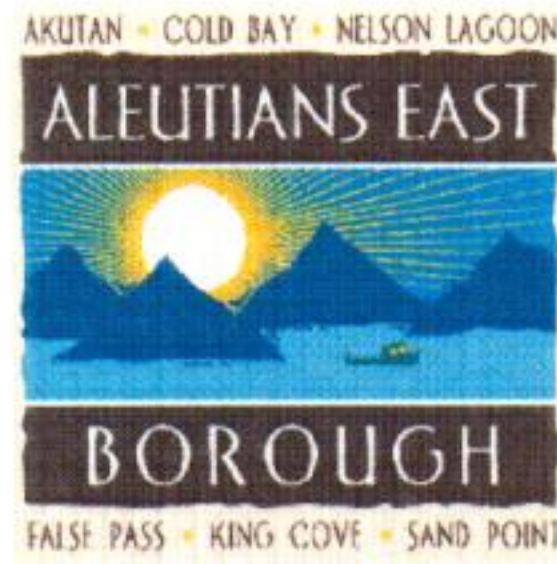
**WHEREAS**, Tom Carpenter has demonstrated a willingness to reach out to experts and advocates on all sides of every issue, and

**WHEREAS**, Tom Carpenter has the full support of fishermen and communities of the Aleutians East Borough to continue service on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly supports the reappointment of Tom Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries at this critical period for Alaska's fisheries and communities, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Aleutians East Borough Assembly urges the Alaska Legislature to confirm the reappointment of Tom Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries for the benefit of Alaska's fisheries and all Alaskans.



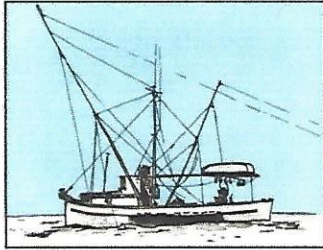


**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Aleutians East Borough Assembly on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

  
Alvin D. Osterback, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Beverly Rosete, Clerk



## **Alaska Trollers Association**

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April 21, 2025

Chairman Representative Louis Stutes  
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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,

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Amy Daugherty  
Executive Director