

April 5, 2025

Alaska State Legislature 120 4th Street Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for Ms. Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Members of the Alaska State Legislature:

Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to ensuring the sustainability of the Kenai River and Alaska's fish resources. Established in 1984, KRSA is the leading sportfishing advocacy group in Alaska, supporting sportfishing opportunities and access.

KRSA would like to express our support for Ms. Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Ms. Irwin is well-spoken and familiar with our organization through her time serving on the Minto-Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee. In that role, she gained valuable experience working closely with members of the Board of Fisheries, stakeholders from all user groups, and staff from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. We consider firsthand knowledge and familiarity with the Board of Fisheries process essential for anyone seeking a position on the Board.

Through several interviews with KRSA, we found Ms. Irwin to be deeply committed to the sustainable management of Alaska's fisheries and aligned with KRSA's core priority: more fish in our rivers.

We respectfully urge you to confirm the appointment of Ms. Olivia Henaayee Irwin to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Shannon Martin Executive Director