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To: **Governor Mike Dunleavy**
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Jordan Shilling
Director Alaska Boards and Commissions
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Dunleavy and Mr. Shilling,

I am writing on behalf of Native Peoples Action, a state-wide non-patrician Tribal organization that supports Tribal hunting and fishing rights, that we fully endorse and support Olivia Henaayee Irwin's nomination to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Board of Fisheries. I have known Olivia in her roles as a fantastic advocate and fierce participant in the regulatory process with a deep understanding and aptitude for this line of work.

Olivia's extensive fisheries governance background and active participation as chair of the Minto—Nenana AC, Eastern Interior RAC FSB, Yukon River Panel while working for the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association give her a unique perspective that is much needed as outgoing members are leaving the Board of Fisheries process.

Throughout her career, Olivia has shown a fantastic ability to unify, build consensus, and collaboratively work with multiple stakeholder groups, associations, and users of our state's excellent and abundant natural resources.

I am confident that Olivia Henaayee Irwin will bring a wealth of knowledge, integrity, and a forward-thinking perspective to the Board. Her appointment would be a significant asset to the state Board of Fish process with their commitment to work with all user groups to ensure fair representation and participation from all stakeholders. I wholeheartedly endorse her nomination and urge you to consider her for this important role.

Sincerely,

Craig Chythlook | Kaviak
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