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Re: Support for Olivia Henaayee Irwin for the Board of Fisheries

Dear Governor Dunleavy and Director Shilling:

On behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), I write in support of Olivia Henaayee Irwin's candidacy for the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Olivia Irwin has significant experience in state and federal fisheries regulations, having participated in advocacy for fisheries issues before the Board of Fisheries and North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, as well as federal and state advisory and legislative groups. Olivia Irwin also has lived experience with subsistence ways of life and a cultural understanding of the importance of fisheries to rural Alaskans, especially Alaska Natives. AFN supports the inclusion of more young stakeholders in regulatory bodies, and we are confident Olivia Irwin would bring valuable experience to the Board. Given these considerations, AFN strongly supports her as a candidate.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ben Mallott President