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Representative Steve Thompson, Chairman
Representative Craig Johnson, Vice Chairman
House Fisheries Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representatives Thompson, Johnson, and Committee Members:

The Alaska Trollers Association supports the re-appointment of John Jensen to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Jensen has an impressive fishing resume that spans the state in terms of regions and species harvested. He is well versed in all aspects of the industry and has been involved for many years in the issues related to the production seafood. John recognizes the value of all Alaska's fisheries and has done a fine job providing essential information to his fellow Board members with regard to the operation of commercial fishing gear and the business of fishing. This in turn adds strength to Alaska's lay board process and assists the Board in crafting practical management programs that serve the state's long-term interest. John quite obviously puts sustainability of the resource at the top of the list and from there works hard to balance competing uses. We can ask no more from a member of the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Jensen is worthy of another term and is precisely the kind of person ATA looks for when searching out candidates for the Board of Fisheries. John is knowledgeable, reasonable, and has an excellent rapport with the fishing public. The fact that he is seasoned in the board process makes him extremely valuable to the state's interests. We urge you to support his re-appointment.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director