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Representative Steve Thompson, Chairman House Special Committee on Fisheries Alaska State Legislature State Capitol, 120 Fourth Street Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Support for Confirmation of John Jensen for Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chairman Thompson and Committee members:

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) represents 38 Alaska commercial fishing organizations from fisheries throughout Alaska and the federal waters off our shores. UFA supports the confirmation of John Jensen for Alaska Board of Fisheries. The Board of Fisheries is a very demanding volunteer service to the public, and a fair process is essential to the livelihoods of thousands of Alaska commercial fishing families and other users, and the economy of the State.

We feel Mr. Jensen's experience in the Board of Fisheries since his appointment in 2003 well-qualify him for continued service. We ask that the committee approve confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Made D. Vinn

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