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Senator Cathy Giessel
Chair, Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau AK 99801

RE: UFA SUPPORT FOR BOARD OF FISHERIES CANDIDATE FRITZ JOHNSON

Dear Chairman Giessel and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 36 commercial fishing organizations and fishermen participating in fisheries throughout the entire state and its offshore federal waters. UFA supports the confirmation of Frederick (Fritz) Johnson to the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Johnson is a well-respected Dillingham commercial drift net fisherman. Fritz has broad-based commercial fishing experience and has established himself as a strong advocate for Alaska's fishing resources. Fritz's work with BBEDC and multiple associations and boards has affirmed his commitment to the sustainability of Alaska's fishing resources. His board and commission experience has provided him with the skills to be an effective Board of Fisheries member, which he has demonstrated since his appointment last July.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune
President

Julianne Curry
Executive Director

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association
Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association
Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Catcher Boats • United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association