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Senate Resources Committee  
Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair  
State Capitol Building, Room 427  
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: Board of Fisheries (BOF) Confirmation, Fredrick (Fritz) Johnson

The Kenai Peninsula fishermen's Association has been a voice for the Cook Inlet setnet commercial fishermen since 1954. Representing some 736 limited entry permit holders, our goal is to be, "*Ensuring the Sustainability of Our Fishery Resources*".

Having just completed attendance of a two week session of the Alaska Board of Fisheries process, many of our fishing families are in shock and are baring the scars of the highly allocative process.

Nevertheless, we have been very pleased with the honest, straightforward efforts of the interim appointed Bristol Bay region Board Member Fredrick (Fritz) Johnson. Mr. Johnson attempted to improve the process by being approachable to all users. Clearly, his work experience as an; editor, publisher, public relations and regional fisheries program coordinator was pivotal in developing communications.

We commend his efforts to correct inequities and deletions in the current BOF process. We look forward to working with Fritz Johnson to further educate Board Members on the intricate science, historical management and extensive regulatory process necessary to fairly structure prudent fisheries management and equitable policy for all Alaskans.

Thank you for your attention,

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