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Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Legislator:

The Alaska Trollers Association supports the re-appointment of John Jensen and Susan Jeffrey 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.

Ms. Jeffrey is a long-time commercial fisherman who has an obvious commitment to public service. Her years as a fisheries reporter have informed her on an array of issues that confront our very diverse seafood industry. Such experience is essential to provide perspective for Board of Fisheries members. ATA's board and staff have worked with Ms. Jeffrey at several meetings and always find her approachable and willing to learn about each fishery and its impact on fishermen and their communities. We appreciate that Ms. Jeffrey applies the knowledge she gleans in a thoughtful and practical way during deliberations.

Mr. Jensen and Ms. Jeffrey are worthy of another term and are precisely the type of people ATA looks for when endorsing Board of Fisheries candidates. Both have proven that they are knowledgeable, reasonable, and each exhibits an excellent rapport with the fishing public. The fact that they are seasoned in the board process makes them extremely valuable to the state's program of sustainable management.

We urge you to support the re-appointment of John Jensen and Susan Jeffrey.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dale Kelley", written in a cursive style.

Executive Director

Louie Flora

From: Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: FW: Petersburg Vessel Owners Association support for confirmation of John Jensen and Sue Jeffrey for appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

From: Brian Lynch -PVOA- [<mailto:pvoa@gci.net>]
Sent: Thursday, April 03, 2014 4:37 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Eric Feige; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Kurt Olson
Subject: Petersburg Vessel Owners Association support for confirmation of John Jensen and Sue Jeffrey for appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Chairman Seaton and Members of the House Fisheries Committee,

Petersburg Vessel Owners Association (PVOA) is a diverse group of over 100 commercial fishermen and businesses operating primarily in Southeast Alaska. Our members provide millions of meals to the public annually by participating in a variety of fisheries statewide including salmon, herring, halibut, cod, crab, blackcod, shrimp, and dive fisheries. Many PVOA members are also active sport, personal use, and subsistence fishermen who depend on sustainable and conservative management of Alaska's fishing resources to ensure healthy fisheries for the future. **PVOA encourages you to support the confirmation of John Jensen and Sue Jeffrey for re-appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.**

As active participants in the Board of Fisheries (BOF) process, PVOA members are well-versed in the State fisheries management process. The fisheries under the jurisdiction of the BOF are diverse, complex, and include commercial, sport, personal use, and subsistence harvesters. It is imperative to the BOF process and the health of Alaska's fisheries that BOF members have broad-based knowledge, act impartially, and are respectful of ADF&G staff, the public and fellow Board members. Both Mr. Jensen and Ms. Jeffrey have demonstrated the aforementioned qualities during their tenures on the BOF.

If you have any questions or we can provide more information please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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