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

Via email: Rep.Paul.Seaton@akleg.gov

RE: Support for Sue Jeffrey to the Board of Fisheries

Representative Seaton and members of the House Fisheries Committee,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 36 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters. Our member organizations and members span the entire state of Alaska and represent fishing interests that are greatly impacted by decisions made in the Board of Fisheries process. **UFA supports Sue Jeffrey for appointment to the Board of Fisheries.**

Mrs. Jeffrey is a highly dedicated member of the Board of Fisheries. She is well known for being extremely accessible by the public and is often found discussing important issues with the public before, during and after Board of Fisheries meetings. In addition to her accessibility, Mrs. Jeffrey is also known for her pursuit of information that helps provide transparency in the Board of Fisheries process. She is also unfailingly respectful and courteous of the public, fellow Board members, and ADF&G.

Mrs. Jeffrey brings a range of public service and fisheries-related experience to the Board of Fisheries. Having completed a full cycle of Board of Fisheries meetings, Mrs. Jeffrey has been well-exposed to fisheries issues across the state. Throughout her time on the Board, she has worked hard to find consensus on challenging issues. Mrs. Jeffrey also possesses the unique ability to maintain a positive attitude throughout the Board process. We appreciate Mrs. Jeffrey's commitment to Alaska's fishing resources and her constant support of sustainability.

Thank you for your time and attention to Board of Fisheries appointments. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune President

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