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House Fisheries Committee
Representative Seaton, Chair
State Capitol Building, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99811 - 1182

Re: Board of Fisheries (BOF) Confirmation, Sue Jeffrey

Representative Seaton,

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

Today we are pleased to come before your committee to support an up and coming voice for the commercial fishing industry. Ms. Jeffrey is also a State of Alaska salmon setnet permit holder, one of the approximately 4500 that compromise the majority of salmon gear types within the State. With the diverse nature of fishery resources around the State, her direct involvement in a fishery and her commitment to serve on the board for a second term these skills and experiences can only improve the regulatory board process.

Ms. Jeffrey's has an extensive background in communications and can assist the Board of Fisheries with developing management directives that will be based on intensive discussions with the Department, stakeholders and other board members. We find this board member to be very approachable and interested in gathering information to better understand the complex science necessary for fair and reasonable decision making.

We look forward in working with her in the future in establishing policies that are;

- ✦ Fair and equitable to all such fishermen.
- ✦ Reasonably calculated to promote conservation.
- ✦ Carried out in such manner that no particular individual, corporation, or other entity acquires an excessive share of such privileges.

We further urge this committee and the legislature to recommend and to confirm Sue Jeffrey for re-appointment to the Board of Fisheries.

With all respects,

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Board Director
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cc Michael Nizich, Chief of Staff, Elizabeth Giardina, Deputy Director, Board & Commissions, Stefanie Moreland, Special Staff Assistant