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To: Sen. Cathy Giessel

Subject: Reed Morisky

Dear Senator Giessel: I have been advised that Board of fish Appointee Reed Morisky will before the Senate Resource committee for a confirmation hearing on Monday. I would like the Committee to know that i support his confirmation. I met Mr. Morisky three years ago at a Board of Fish meeting in Fairbanks and had the opportunity to get to know him in professional and personal environments. Since then I have had the pleasure of seeing him in his role as a member of the board and have had additional chances to discuss issues that were germane to our business as members of the Board of Fish. He has proven to be a very quick study of the issues that face the Board. As you are aware, new members of the board have a very steep learning curve because of the science and new language involved. After Mr. Morisky was appointed, he called me and asked for information on how to best prepare for Board meetings. That was a first for me. He understood that he was new at the job and wanted to get as much information to help him as was available. He did not come across as knowing what all the issues were, rather he was interested in learning the process. At the Area 'M' meeting, which was very challenging, he showed that he had read all of the material (a daunting task) and was conversant with the issues. I was quite surprised at his level of understanding. He asked appropriate questions and his comments during deliberations were relevant. I have never written in support of a Board of Fish appointee. But given, what I think to be an outstanding choice by the Governor, I thought that as a member of the Board and its current chairman, i would share my belief that Mr. Morisky will make an outstanding member who will always be prepared and will always follow our constitutional mandate of managing our fisheries resources on the basis of sustained yield. I will not be available to testify at his hearing on Monday and ask that you have my comments read into the record if that is possible. Thank you for all your efforts on behalf of Alaskans. Sincerely, Karl Johnstone. Chairman, Alaska Board of Fisheries