

## Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance

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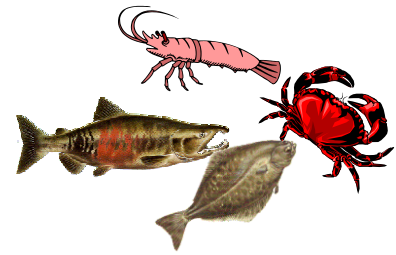
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Senator Cathy Giessel

Chair, Senate Resources

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**RE: Support Sam Cotton for Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.**

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) supports the legislative confirmation of Sam Cotton as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. SEAFA is a multi-species, multi-gear group of 300+ members involved in salmon, crab, and shrimp in Southeast Alaska and longline fisheries in Southeast and the Gulf of Alaska.

Our members have worked with Sam Cotton as a legislator, from when he was on the NPFMC and recently as Commissioner of ADF&G. We believe he is fully qualified, approachable, engaged and knowledgeable. Sam's background makes him very aware of the reliance of Alaskans on our wildlife and fishery resources and the importance to the small communities of the state.

SEAFA believes that Sam Cotton can provide the leadership and direction, and coordinate strategy for the protection, management, conservation, and restoration of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Hansen". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Kathryn Hansen, Executive Director