



March 31, 2015

Ms. Karen Gillis, Director
Office of Boards and Commissions
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700
Anchorage, AK 99501

Via E-mail to boards@alaska.gov and First Class Mail

Re: Board of Fish Appointee Orville Huntington

Dear Ms. Gillis:

Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Orville Huntington to the Alaska Board of Fish. YDFDA is one of the six Western Alaska Community Development Quota groups, which are economic development non-profit organizations. We represent the Western Alaska communities of Emmonak, Alakanuk, Mountain Village, Nunam Iqua, Kotlik and Grayling, with a population of over 3,400.

YDFDA is involved with the commercial harvest of Yukon River salmon, eels and whitefish, and also, as a CDQ group, involved with the commercial fisheries of the Bering Sea.

Mr. Huntington has been a pleasure to work with during his recent term on the Board of Fish. He is extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of Alaska fisheries, from fresh to saltwater, and can also bring a rural perspective to the issues, which is very valuable to our organization. We think he will continue to be a successful member of the Board of Fish and will excel at making the Board of Fish work for the people of the State of Alaska.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association

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Very truly yours,

**YUKON DELTA FISHERIES
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ragnar O. Alstrom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a distinct 'O'.

Ragnar Alstrom, Executive Director