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Senator Bill Stolze, Chair
Senate State Affairs
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Dear Senator Bill Stolze and Committee Members:

The Alaska Trollers Association supports the confirmation of Orville Huntington's re-appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board).

Mr. Huntington brings to the Board process a wealth of personal and professional knowledge. As a resident of the rural community of Huslia, he knows well the importance of every type of harvest, from subsistence to commercial. His biological background has noticeably guided his decision process.

In his first term on the Board, Orville had an opportunity to learn and make decisions about diverse fisheries from across the state - no easy task! During the Southeast meeting we found him to be attentive to the needs of both the resource and the public and a thoughtful decision-maker. He is obviously a quiet man, but he carefully adhered to his duties as a board member and worked to build the record of decision. When he had something to say, it was meaningful. We look forward to working with him in future years.

ATA believes that Mr. Huntington is doing a fine job on the Board of Fisheries and is the type of individual that the state should encourage to serve in this important forum. We urge you to vote to confirm Orville Huntington.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Kelley".

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Protecting and Preserving the Kasilof River Aquarian System

Chairman, Senator Bill Stoltze
Senate State Affairs Committee
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Chairman Stoltze, Senate members to the State Affairs Committee,

My name is Paul A. Shadura II; I am a long time Alaskan resident and I reside within the Kenai Peninsula. Today I am representing the South K-Beach Independent Fishermen's Association or SOKI. Our mission; *Protecting and preserving the Kasilof River Aquarian System*.

We respectfully agree with the Governor's re-appointment of current member Orville Huntington to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF).

When our group considers Board of Fisheries qualifications we review AS 16.05.221 (a) *Board of Fisheries and Game* for guidance.


For purposes of the conservation and development of the fishery resources of the state, there is created the Board of Fisheries composed of seven members appointed by the governor...

The governor shall appoint each member on the basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge, and ability in the field of action of the board, and with a view to providing diversity of interest and points of view in the membership. The appointed members shall be residents of the state and shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation or geographical location or residence.

In State case law, conservation is defined as: "*conserving*" implies controlled utilization of a resource to prevent exploitation, destruction, or neglect.

Mr. Huntington has served a full term with the BOF. He has remained approachable and is courteous and willing to listen to all individuals. Orville has a unique set of experiences and family history; and an academic knowledge base that lends to a diversity of view to the decisions the BOF must frequently make. Orville has the only technical resource background currently on the board.

We believe Mr. Huntington displays the necessary commitment to conduct the peoples business in a fair and impartial manner.

Thank you,

Paul A. Shadura II
Spokesperson for SOKI