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Cathy Giessel, Chairman
Senate Resources
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Chairman Giessel and Committee Members:

The Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) supports the re-appointment of John Jensen to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF).

Mr. Jensen has an impressive fishing resume that spans the state in terms of regions and species harvested. He is well-versed in all aspects of the industry and has been involved for many years in the issues related to the production seafood. John recognizes the value of all Alaska's fisheries and has done a fine job providing pertinent information to his fellow Board members with regard to the operation of commercial fishing gear and the business of fishing. This in turn adds strength to Alaska's lay board process and assists the Board in crafting practical management programs that serve the state's long-term interest. John's record of service on the BOF shows that he puts sustainability of the resource at the top of the list and from there works hard to balance competing uses. We can ask no more from a BOF member.

John is precisely the type of person ATA looks for when endorsing BOF candidates and we believe he is worthy of another term. He has proven himself to be knowledgeable, reasonable, and exhibits an excellent rapport with the fishing public. The fact that he is seasoned in the board process makes him extremely valuable to the state's program of sustainable management.

We urge you to support the re-appointment of John Jensen.

Best Regards,

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

Executive Director