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House Fisheries Committee
Chairman: Representative Louise Stutes
120 4th Street
State Capitol Room #3
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Support for Board of Fisheries appointees John Jensen, Fritz Johnson and Reed Morisky.

Representative Stutes,

The Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association supports Governor Walker's reappointment of these three well-qualified men to serve on the Board of Fisheries. Each of these candidates has established the commitment necessary to understand the complex processes and issues surrounding Alaska's varied fishery resources and to establish regulations to manage them in the best interest of the people of state of Alaska. They've also proved their willingness to work with the many users who depend on these commonly held resources for commercial, subsistence and recreational uses.

John Jensen in particular has proven to be an adept chairman of the BOF. At the 2017 Upper Cook Inlet meeting, one that is notoriously contentious, Jensen established a cooperative environment for the stakeholders who participated in the meeting. When deliberating on two controversial issues, the early and late Kenai Rive King Salmon Plans, user groups that in the past have been at odds with each other collaborated on solutions that were ultimately passed into regulation by the BOF.

During Fritz Johnson's earlier experience on the BOF he proved to be knowledgeable, even-handed and well prepared. We believe he'll return to board service able to hit the ground running and apply those good qualities and that work ethic to the tasks that the BOF is charged with tackling.

Reed Morisky brings a perspective from Alaska's Interior and has been an advocate for sport fishing concerns. We expect him to continue to bring that perspective and balance to the board in the future.

KPFA supports these candidates and asks that you also lend your support by confirming their appointments.

Sincerely

Andy Hall

President, Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association