

January 25th, 2019

Senator Chris Birch, Chair <u>Senator.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov</u> Senate Resources Committee ATTN: Senate Resources aide

RE: JASON BRUNE, COMMISSIONER OF DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Chairman Birch and members of the Senate Resources Committee

Icicle Seafoods is one of the largest and most diversified seafood companies in North America. Our operations are located throughout the State of Alaska including Southeast, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Dutch Harbor, and Bristol Bay. Our processing facilities and our fishermen depend on regulatory stability and sustainable management of fisheries resources. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on Governor Dunleavy's appointment for the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Jason Brune.

The seafood processing and fishing industries in Alaska are dependent on DEC for a wide variety of issues that are vital to our operations including, but not limited to, food safety permitting and inspections, shellfish testing, and effluents. We have worked with Mr. Brune in the past and have found him to be knowledgeable and interested in finding solutions to problems facing Alaska. His hard-working nature and ability to cut directly into issues will help make him an asset in DEC.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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