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Senator Chris Birch, Chair
Senate Resources Committee

RE: Jason Brune for Commissioner of ADEC

Senator.chris.birch@akleg.gov

Dear Chairman Birch:

We write to support the confirmation of Jason Brune to be the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). We urge you and your colleagues to confirm Jason.

We operate seafood processing facilities in Unalaska / Dutch Harbor and are highly regulated by both ADEC and the US Environmental Protection Agency. We comply with a variety of environmental regulations and laws. We are proud of our environmental record and are able to provide many hundreds of high paying jobs in this Alaska coastal community. We purchase fish and crab harvested by commercial harvesters operating in the waters of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands. Our products are consumed world-wide.

ADEC needs effective leadership and a common sense approach to regulation. We have endured millions of dollars in expenses due to inefficient environmental regulation. We need ADEC to ensure consistency in protecting Alaska's air and water. We are dependent on clean water for our fishery resources and stand ready to assist the Alaska Legislature and ADEC to make sure those waters remain productive. Jason Brune understands our industry; has spent time on the Resources Development Council learning about our issues; and will work to make sure that our compliance with Alaska's environmental regulations continue in a manner that ensures Alaska's proud seafood product reputation in the world market place continues.

Thank you for considering our views and please contact me if you need any further information. I personally know Jason and believe he is an excellent choice for Commissioner.

Sincerely,

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