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Alaska Senate Resources Committee  
Senator Chris Birch, Chair  
Senator John Coghill, Vice-Chair  
Senator Cathy Giessel  
Senator Lore Reinbold  
Senator Click Bishop  
Senator Scott Kawasaki  
Senator Jesse Kiehl

Re: Support for Gerad Godfrey to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chairman Birch, Vice-Chair Coghill and members of the Senate Resources Committee:

On behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), I write to express our support for the confirmation of Gerad Godfrey to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

AFN believes that Mr. Godfrey would be an excellent addition to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. He is a former commercial fisherman, enjoys sport fishing, and understands the cultural and traditional importance of subsistence fishing.

Mr. Godfrey also has a strong business background, including board decision making, and strategic planning experience, having served on the AFN Media and Elections Committee, chaired the Violent Crimes Compensation Board, and as present Vice-Chairman of the board of directors for Afognak Native Corporations. We have found him prepared, professional, and committed to understanding every perspective of an issue, and expect he will bring each of these attributes to the Board of Fisheries.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. If you have any questions or require further clarification about the content of this letter, please feel contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Julie Kitka  
President