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February 23, 2021

The Honorable Joshua Revak
Senate Natural Resources
State Capitol Room 125
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Revak,

I write in support of Mr. Melvin Smith to the position of Commissioner for the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

With Mr. Smith broad experiences, Coastal Villages Region Fund is confident he will make an excellent Commissioner of CFEC. Mr. Smith has over 20 years of commercial fishing experience in Alaska, participating in a wide range of fisheries and areas across the state.

As a shareholder of the Aleut Corporation, Koniag Corporation, and Village Corporation of False Pass, Mr. Smith's has experienced the importance of the CFEC from the lens of a Native Alaskan that lived in rural Alaska. With thousands of Alaska native permit holders across the state Mr. Smith's perspective and background give us the confidence this demographic and all Alaskans will be well represented.

In addition to his fisheries background, Mr. Smith has had decades of experience as the General Manager for Aleut Real Estate which handles not only the native land claims but also was responsible for commercial real estate investments.

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Sincerely,

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Special Committee on Fisheries
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