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To whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to support Mr. Melvin Smith for the position of Commissioner of the Limited Entry Commission. (CFEC) Mr. Smith has broad experiences, and I am confident that he would make an excellent candidate for the commissioner of the CFEC. Melvin Smith has over 20 years of commercial fishing experience in Alaska, participating in a wide range of fisheries and areas across the state of Alaska.

As a shareholder of the Aleut Corporation, Koniag Corporation, and the Village Corporation of False Pass, Mr. Smith 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 gives us the confidence this demographic and all Alaskans will be represented.

In addition to his fisheries background, Mr. Smith has had decades of experience as the General Manager for Aleut Real Estate. This company handles not only the Native Land Claims but also was responsible for commercial real estate investments. We believe that a Commissioner with Mr. Smith's fisheries and professional background makes him eminently qualified for the position of Commissioner for the State of Alaska's Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. Thus, we hope you will support Mr. Smith in his new endeavor.

Sincerely Yours,

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