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To Whom It May Concern:

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

Considering Mr. Smith's wide-ranging experiences, I am confident he will make an excellent Commissioner OF CFEC. Mr. Smith has over 20 years of commercial fishing experience in Alaska, participating in a broad range of fisheries and areas across the state.

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

Additionally, Mr. Smith has had decades of experience as the General Manager for Aleut Real Estate which directed commercial real estate investments as well as handled native land claims.

We believe that a Commissioner with his fisheries and professional background make him eminently qualified for the position of Commissioner for the State of Alaska's Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. With all due respect, we urge you to support his confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack Schultheis', is written over a horizontal line.

Jack Schultheis
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