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House Fisheries and Resources Committees

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Subject: HOUSE JOINT RESOURCES/FISHERIES CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

Dear Members of the House Fisheries and Resources Committees:

This letter comes at a time while our tribes are experiencing the shock of losing our income and security of knowing we can feed our families. Since 2017, our people have experienced repeated fishing disasters. Unless you have lived through this, its difficult to describe the depth and breadth of this loss.

The Chignik Intertribal Coalition represents the tribes of Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Ivanof Bay and Perryville. We write to ask you to reappoint Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

We believe she brings a highly effective balance in weighing decisions on the Board of Fisheries during this critical time for the future of the small sockeye and Chinook salmon returns to Area L.

Contrary to recent accusations, the Alaska Department of Law reviewed Marit Carlson-Van Dort's ethics disclosures and determined that she is fully compliant with the Executive Branch Ethics Act.

Marit has, in fact, listened to all interests and impacts of proposals upon all interests, including subsistence, sport, and commercial fish stakeholders. She has in fact, demonstrated weighing scientific evidence provided by the Department of Fish & Game and oral/written testimony provided by the public.

Our communities have few resources to protect the future sockeye and Chinook runs to Area L and we believe that the Legislature should consider all community concerns. Marit Carlson-Van Dort comes from our people and we are proud of her background in commercial fishing. We are proud of her background in conservation biology and fisheries science and how she applies this science as a Board Member. This is something we encourage the Legislature to weigh in her favor as you consider her reappointment.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Respectfully yours,

George Anderson

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