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Re: Support for Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Chairperson Patkotak and Chairperson Tarr,

On behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN), I write to express our support for the confirmation of Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is a born and raised Alaskan, spent over a decade salmon seining and forging a strong appreciation of Alaska's fisheries and Native communities. She is a shareholder of both Bristol Bay Native Corporation and Far West, Inc., the Village Corporation for the Native Village of Chignik, and received her BS in Conservation Biology and graduate degree in Fisheries Science and Secondary Education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has an impressive background in both the private and public sectors, with experience in government affairs, environmental policy, permitting, development, and community outreach. Ms. Carlson-Van Dort currently serves as the Director of External Affairs for NANA Regional Corporation and is also the president of Far West, Inc.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort has a strong understanding of the cultural and traditional importance of subsistence fishing. Her work experience, understanding of Alaska fisheries, and her ability to understand multiple perspectives on any issue will make her an excellent addition to the Alaska 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 free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Julie Kitka
President