CITY_OF_CORDOVA

April 9, 2021

To Whom It May Concern

RE: City of Cordova Opposition to Ms. Marit Carlson Van-Dort to Alaska Board of Fisheries

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The City Council of the City of Cordova opposes the appointment of Ms. Van-Dort to Alaska Board of Fisheries. The City feels that balanced representation across user groups and regions is critical for fair allocations of resources. Even more importantly, policies that balance the roles that various user groups play in supporting the continued health and sustainability of Alaska fisheries resources relies on diverse perspectives for quality decision-making and policy setting.

The City feels that the Board of Fisheries balance would tip toward an urban/railbelt community bias with and under representation of commercial, coastal, and rural stakeholders. We encourage you to consider an alternative appointment that addresses these concerns.

Respectfully,

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