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Representative Patkotak, Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for Appointment of Clay Bezenek to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Dear Chairman Patkotak and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 37 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters. The UFA board met recently and discussed nominees to fishery-related boards and commissions.

UFA supports the confirmation of the Governor's re-appointment of Clay Bezenek to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council. Mr. Bezenek has served as a fisherman representative for District 1 on the Council since 2007. His long-term experience is important to the function of the Council in assessing appeals and maintaining the stability of the fund.

Regards,

Matt Alward
President

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Executive Director