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# Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance

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House Resources and Special Committee on Fisheries

Alaska State Legislature

State Capitol

Juneau, AK 99811

RE: Board of Fish and CFEC Commissioner Appointments

Dear House Resources and Special Committee on Fisheries Committee Members,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) is a non-profit membership-based organization that represents our 330 members involved in the salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries of Southeast Alaska.

SEAFA supports the appointment of Glenn Haight as a Commissioner to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

SEAFA supports the appointment of Mike Heimbuch and Tom Carpenter for the Board of Fisheries.

We believe all three of these candidates will bring the integrity necessary to the Board of Fish and CFEC.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen

Executive Director



April 21, 2022

State of Alaska House of Representatives  
House Resources Committee  
House Fisheries Committee

Re: Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Board of Fisheries, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Chair Patkotak, Chair Tarr, and Committee members:

The Pacific Seafood Processors Association (PSPA) supports Tom Carpenter and Mike Heimbuch for appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board) and supports Glenn Haight for appointment as CFEC Commissioner.

PSPA is a non-profit trade organization of seafood processors operating in communities across coastal Alaska. Appointments to the Board are critical in that their decisions affect a broad cross-section of Alaskans, businesses, and communities, all of which are reliant on Alaska's fish resources being well-managed for the long-term. Seven members are tasked with representing four large and distinct management regions, sport, personal use, subsistence, and commercial harvesters and processors, and hundreds of State fisheries. We thus appreciate the careful consideration given to these appointments by the legislature.

We think both Board candidates would make good Board members, primarily due to their extensive experience around the state and in the state fisheries for which the Board is responsible for regulating. Tom Carpenter is a long-time Cordova resident and has many years of experience with advisory committees across southcentral including Copper River and Prince William Sound. Both his experience and understanding of process, as well as his ability to work with a diverse group of stakeholders with diverse perspectives, will be of great value to the Board.

Mike Heimbuch has a long history of fishing in Alaska, in salmon, halibut, herring, crab, and cod, across multiple regions. Having expertise in a wide range of commercial fisheries and gear types is extremely beneficial to the decision-making process and the hard job of working through hundreds of proposals at a time. We think this type of experience will help the board have a greater understanding of both the operations of the fisheries and the impacts of their decisions.

Overall, we support both Board appointments, and believe they will provide important representation of and expertise in some of the primary fisheries for which the Board is responsible. We also believe both nominees have noted a willingness to engage in open and transparent dialog with the public and a genuine interest in finding common ground and resolving conflicts and issues in a manner consistent with the best available science.

Finally, PSPA supports Glenn Haight for appointment as CFEC commissioner. Glenn has worked in public service in the State for decades and most recently as Executive Director for the Alaska Board of Fisheries

since 2013. He understands commercial fisheries and the importance of the CFEC to the thousands of fishing businesses it supports. Glenn's years of experience at ADFG and his effective and efficient manner in working with the Board will carry over well to CFEC and make him well-qualified for the position.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole S. Kimball". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Nicole Kimball  
PSPA, Anchorage