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April 3, 2023

Alaska State Senate Resource Committee  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support Stanley Zuray to Board of Fisheries

Dear Co-Chairs Bishop and Giessel and members of the Senate Resources Committee:

The Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) would like to express our support for the confirmation of Stanley Zuray to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

KRSA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to ensuring the sustainability of the world's premier sportfishing river -- the Kenai. KRSA's area of responsibility encompasses the Kenai River watershed, greater Cook Inlet Basin, and Alaska. Since 1984, the Association has been a leading advocate for fisheries conservation in Alaska, working diligently to ensure Alaska's recreational and personal use fishery rights are protected and the fisheries are healthy for generations to come.

KRSA strongly endorses Mr. Zuray's appointment to the Board of Fisheries. We have had the opportunity to observe and work with Mr. Zuray recently and during this time he has demonstrated a thorough understanding of Alaska's diverse fisheries. He has made fair and balanced judgments while carefully considering input from all stakeholders and fisheries managers.

Please confirm Stanley Zuray to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Respectfully,

Shannon Martin  
Executive Director