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April 12, 2023

Representative Sarah Vance & Representative Tom McKay
House Fisheries & House Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 106
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Board of Fisheries Appointments

Dear Chair Vance and Chair McKay and members of the House Fisheries and House Resources Committees:

The Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) would like to express our support of Gerad Godfrey, Greg Svendsen, Mike Wood, and Stanley Zuray for appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF).

Each candidate has demonstrated that they will bring their own expertise to the board process. Collectively, we feel that they will add a good mixture of experience in fishery conservation, management, and active listening to the board. The new board will also reflect a balanced combination of user experience in subsistence, personal use, sport and commercial fisheries.

In particular, Greg Svendsen, with his decades of knowledge from participating in fisheries throughout Alaska, is ideal for this role.

We also had the opportunity to observe and work with Stanley 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.

KRSA supports these four nominations, and we ask for your support in confirming them to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Respectfully,

Shannon Martin
Executive Director