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Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Juneau AK 99801

RE: Support for John Jensen and Fritz Johnson for Board of Fisheries

Dear Chairman Giessel and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 34 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state, and the federal fisheries off Alaska's coast.

UFA supports the confirmation of John Jensen and Frederick "Fritz" Johnson for appointment to the Board of Fisheries.

John Jensen is an experienced Board of Fisheries member who is currently completing his fifth three-year term. Mr. Jensen brings experience in both commercial and recreational fisheries in Alaska. As the longest-serving member of the Board of Fisheries, Mr. Jensen can help provide valuable institutional knowledge to the process.

Frederick "Fritz" Johnson is a well-respected Dillingham commercial drift net fisherman with broad-based commercial fishing experience and has established himself as a strong advocate for Alaska's fishing resources. Fritz's work with BBEDC and multiple associations and boards has affirmed his commitment to the sustainability of Alaska's fishing resources. His previous Board of Fisheries experience and service on other boards provide him with the skills and knowledge to serve Alaskans fairly and effectively.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune
President

Mark Vinsel
Executive Administrator