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Representative Louise Stutes
Chair, House Fisheries Committee
State Capitol Room 406
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: UFA Support for HB 231

Dear Representative Stutes,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 35 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state, and the federal fisheries off Alaska's coast. UFA's mission is to promote and protect the common interest of Alaska's commercial fishing industry.

UFA respectfully submits the following letter in support of HB 231 – "An Act relating to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission; and providing for an effective date."

UFA worked closely with our members, CFEC Commissioners, and the Governor and his staff to ensure strengthening and improvement of the CFEC. We are committed to making the CFEC the best and most efficient agency possible, which we feel this bill accomplishes as written.

The CFEC is an integral part to Alaska's fishing industry and UFA believes the changes and updates this bill reflects will strengthen the success of CFEC, thus strengthening the success of our fisheries.

We ask that this bill be moved forward as it is within the best interest of the commercial fisheries of Alaska.

Jerry McCune
President

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Executive Director

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association
Alaska Trollers Association • Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association
Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas, Inc. • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • Kodiak Seiners Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association