

January 9, 2015

Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Board Support Section ATTN: Glenn Haight PO Box 115526 Juneau, AK 99811

Re: Support of Sam Cotton for ADF&G Commissioner

To Whom it May Concern:

I am sending this letter to recommend and strongly support Sam Cotten as the next Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

I have personally known Sam for over 25 years. Sam has proven himself a good steward of our State's fish and game resources, and an ally of the communities, like King Cove, that depend on those resources for our socioeconomic and cultural livelihoods. As a commercial fisherman, Sam has first-hand knowledge of these never-ending fisheries' issues facing our community and region.

Furthermore, Sam's past leadership positons in the Alaska Legislature reinforces his successful decision-making abilities when balancing a wide array of private and public sector opinions and perspectives. Sam's recent, two terms representing the State of Alaska on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council further attests to his informed and hands-on experience with a wide range of fisheries issues.

Sam is a man of intelligence and has the right experience, ability and passion for the job. This is why I, and the City of King Cove, strongly support Sam Cotten be selected as the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

Henry Mack Henry Mack Mayor