



City of Sand Point, Alaska

January 6, 2015

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

Re: Support of Sam Cotten for ADF&G Commissioner

To Whom It May Concern,

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

I have known Sam for many years and his knowledge of the fishery issues confronting this great state, along with his innate ability to build consensus among diverse groups, makes Sam an ideal candidate for Commissioner. As a commercial fisherman, Sam has first-hand knowledge of the serious issues facing our region including community protections and sustainability.

As you know, Sam was elected to the Alaska legislature in 1974 and served for sixteen years (one term as Speaker of the House). He also served on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for two terms, and has thus far been a quick study and an industrious leader as Acting Commissioner of Fish and Game. Sam has worked for the Aleutians East Borough on fishery management issues for a number of years and is well-respected by fishermen in our region.

Sam is a man of intelligence and integrity. His enthusiasm for the job, his willingness to engage others and his drive to learn the issues makes Sam a huge asset for ADF&G, the State, the Governor, and the fishermen and fishing communities that will work with him directly. That is why I, and the City of Sand Point, strongly support Sam Cotten to continue his effective work and his nomination as Commissioner of Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

Mayor Glen Gardner, Jr.

Cc: Sand Point City Council