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Board Support Section, ADF&G

Glenn Haight

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Juneau, Alaska, 99811-5526

Re: Recommendation for Sam Cotton as Commission for ADF&G

Dear Glenn Haight,

I am writing in strong support of Sam Cotten as Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. I have known Sam for 15 years through our mutual work and interest in the health and wellbeing of communities of the Aleutians East Borough. I am an anthropologist working in the Aleutians who has appreciated his guidance and expertise throughout my career and has come to know Sam as a valued friend and colleague. He asked me to put in for the Scientific and Statistical Committee for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional life. Sam is a strong advocate for rural Alaskan communities—he understands their struggles and successes and wants them to flourish. He knows the State of Alaska so well from Adak to Barrow and all points in between. He has fished commercially in the state, knows the laws inside and out, raised his family in Alaska with the same core values, has an incredibly balanced approach to resources and people, and is a genuinely sincere man. Sam listens first, thinks about the consequences of his decisions, and acts with the best interests of Alaska at heart. He will be a strong commissioner and I look forward to our continued work and friendship.

Yours Sincerely,



Dr. Katherine Reedy