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The Honorable Gary Locke  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington DC 20230

Seafood Producers Cooperative is the oldest and largest fishermen owned cooperative in the United States. We have 525 owner/members, each with a capital investment in the business. Our business model is the same as the large agricultural coops. Many of our owner/members are second and third generation fishermen. Seafood Producers Cooperative endorses Governor Parnell's nomination for the appointment of Duncan Fields and James Hubbard to the North Pacific Fishing Management Council (NPFMC). SPC would respectfully urge your support for these candidates.

Both Messrs. Fields and Hubbard are knowledgeable in the vast diverse Alaska fisheries, committed to resource sustainability, active fishermen and, most importantly, have a clear understanding of fisheries management and the council process.

Mr. Fields is completing a term on the council and proven to be a careful, detailed decision maker. He listens to public concerns and contributes to developing policy protecting the resource, so valuable to Alaska's coastal communities.

Mr. Hubbard has been involved in all aspects of the industry. This provides an understanding of all perspectives to make an informed council decision. In addition he has engaged in fisheries stock assessment and research.

Both nominees are committed to resource conservation and have a high degree of respect for all stakeholders.

Given the scope, diversity, and complexity of the fisheries, it is important to have NPFMC council members who can understand and represent all fisheries.

SPC commends Governor Parnell for his selection. The Governor understands the current composition of the NPFMC and has wisely selected nominees who can positively contribute to the Council process.

Thank you for your time and attention. SPC again supports the appointment of Mr. Fields and Mr. Hubbard to serve on the NPFMC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom McLaughlin  
President/CEO  
Seafood Producers Cooperative

Cc: Governor Sean Parnell Attn Ms. Cora Campbell  
Senator Lisa Murkowski  
Senator Mark Begich  
Congressman Don Young  
Richie Davis