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ATTN: BOARD OF FISH COMMENTS FOR UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH

Dear Mr. Haight:

I am writing on behalf of our marine, truck and air cargo companies working in Alaska: Lynden Transport, Alaska Marine Lines, Northland Services and Lynden Air Cargo.

At this time we wish to note our economic dependence on the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery as an important part of our business in South Central Alaska. Lynden ships seafood from South Central, Southwestern and Western Alaska ports on barges, destined for Puget Sound ports, for distribution in the lower 48 and also to ports in Asia. Regulatory stability in commercial fisheries is an important part of our business planning. This translates to stability in fishery allocations. We support development of regulations that protect the fish resources and provide a balance between sports and commercial users. We understand that meeting a common objective of less King Salmon interception by set net fishermen, while maintaining the harvest of sockeye, is achievable. We urge regulations that enhance that objective.

It is also important that Alaskan policy makers be aware that southbound container shipments of seafood to the lower 48 are a substantial backhaul that reduces our overall transportation costs for northbound industrial and consumer products that come into Southeast, South Central and Southwest Alaskan ports. This translates into reduced costs for industrial and consumer products that are a part of the everyday lives of Alaskans.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important Alaskan commercial fishery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Jansen'.

Jim Jansen

Chairman

