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To: tonya Woods <Tonya.Woods@noaa.gov>

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Subject:[Fwd: Letter]
Date:Wed, 27 Sep 2006 14:17:28 -0800
From:Sheela V. McLean <Sheela.McLean@noaa.gov>
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Just now sent to Anchorage Daily News.
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Subject: Letter
From: Sheela Mclean <sheela.mclean@noaa.gov>
Date: Wed, 27 Sep 2006 14:13:53 -0800
To: Anchorage Daily News <rmauer@adn.com>

Rich Mauer,
Attached is an electronic copy of Ben Stevens' letter of resignation from the Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board. I don't know about documentation on Bill Hines' appointment, etc., will see what I can find out. No promise of speed.
Sheela McLean

Ben Stevens

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April 19, 2006

U.S. Department of Commerce
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board

Dear Secretary Gutierrez:

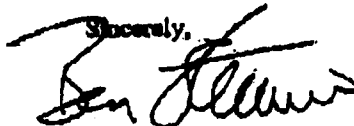
It has been my distinguished pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board since its inception by Congress in 2003. To date, the Board has assisted the Alaska fishing industry by distributing funds to individuals and companies that have utilized new and creative methods to development, produce and market a variety of Alaska seafood products. Most significantly, the Board has provided much needed support to the challenged Alaska salmon industry.

The programs funded by the Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board have been a success. The competition in both domestic and foreign markets continues to challenge every aspect of Alaska wild seafood production as the increase in foreign farmed products becomes more advanced. The ocean resource base of Alaska's coast is unique in many ways; its sustainability is unparalleled and the production capacity and variety of commercially available species are vital to the coastal economy of our state.

At this time, due to several commitments in my professional and personal life, I submit to you my resignation of my position as both Chairman and Board Member of the Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board effective immediately. Continuation of the programs initiated by the Board remains important to the success of the Alaska seafood industry and I strongly encourage and support for the Alaska Fisheries Marketing Board.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to contribute to the success of this innovative and effective program that supports the Alaska Seafood industry.

Sincerely,



Ben Stevens