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RE: Letter of Support for Alaska DOT&PF's Application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants for the State of Alaska Energy Efficiency Upgrade Project

Please accept this letter of support from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Sport Fish for Alaska DOT&PF's Energy Efficiency Upgrade Project. This project will conduct energy audits and condition assessments and implement feasible energy efficiency upgrades at major State of Alaska-owned office facilities in the South Central, Interior and Southeast Alaska areas, including the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery and the Ruth Burnett Sport Fish Hatchery.

Energy audits will allow DOT&PF to understand the overall energy use in their public facilities and plan for energy efficiency improvements based on the needs identified in the audits. Efficiency upgrades are the first step to managing a facility's energy landscape because reducing the baseload and peak demands from buildings reduces the amount of energy needed. By reducing usage, energy systems can be sized appropriately to maximize benefit to the community.

The Hernandez and Burnett Hatcheries are major components in ADF&G's Sport Fish Enhancement program, releasing 4.8 million fish at over 240 sites across Alaska and generating over \$55 million in economic benefit and 330,000 angler days. Rising energy costs challenge operational and facility maintenance budgets. The long term fiscal and operational stability of the hatcheries' enhancement depends on the implementation of projects identified in the energy audit to reduce energy consumption and cost.

Thank you for your consideration of the State of Alaska's request for a Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Israel Payton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Israel Payton".

Director of the Division of Sport Fish