

# Knowles receives UFA endorsement

United Fishermen of Alaska has endorsed Democrat Tony Knowles in his bid for governor.

The endorsement was made Sept. 23 at the close of a UFA board meeting in Anchorage. UFA is comprised of 23 member groups, representing fishermen throughout Alaska.

"UFA endorsed Tony because of his past work on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and because he understands the need to proceed in development, but not at the expense of habitat protection," said Theo Matthews, UFA board president.

In its endorsement, UFA cited Knowles' strong opposition to Bristol Bay oil and gas leases and finfish farming. Matthews said Knowles' support for regulatory controls for oil spill prevention and his commitment to sustain commercial fishing in Glacier Bay National Park also were factors in the endorsement.