

April 09, 2009

Re: Support of Brent Johnson, Board of Fisheries

Chair Edgmon and Committee Members,

My name is Christine Brandt and I support the appointment of Brent Johnson as a Board of Fisheries Member.

Balance to the current Board of Fisheries is; more than what someone does for a living, more than where someone lives, more than what someone's political affiliations are. It should be someone who is; open-minded, approachable to the public, who is willing to learn and understand different cultures and values, to be considerate, respectful, and have regard for the principles of being fair and equitable.

It also should be someone that understands the public process.

Please note Brent's experience with issues on; land development, South Central fisheries enhancement and rehabilitation projects, conservation and the personal use of fish and game, and melding the desires of several independent commercial fishermen are monumental accomplishments.

Let us not confuse the issue. Our Governor, Sarah Palin is not appointing any fishing group or specific type of fishery to the Board of Fish. FACT, she is appointing an active member in the community, a person involved in raising a family, that has historical roots within the Anchorage, Seldovia, and the greater Kenai Peninsula.

Brent Johnson will be an excellent Board of Fisheries member with his longtime board experience with diverse memberships.

I believe that he will be an asset to all Alaskans.

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