

## Timothy Clark

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**From:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 08, 2009 3:08 PM  
**To:** Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** FW: Confirmation of Brent Johnson

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From: Captain Chris Babb [mailto:luckypierrecharters@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 10:56 AM  
To: Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
Subject: Confirmation of Brent Johnson

Dear Representative Edgmon,

I am writing to ask you to oppose the appointment of Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF).

By nominating Mr. Johnson to replace Bonnie Williams on the BOF, Governor Palin would remove the only subsistence/personal use and Fairbanks representation from the BOF. If confirmed, Mr. Johnson will tip the balance on the BOF overwhelmingly towards commercial fishermen at the expense of native, subsistence, and sport fishing interests.

The BOF already has ample representation of commercial fisheries interests. Replacing an up-river user on the Board with a Cook Inlet salmon setnetter will erode public confidence in the BOF process. Mr.

Johnson is past president of Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association (KPFA), a set netter trade association of Cook Inlet commercial fishing interests. He has consistently claimed commercial priority rights to the public fisheries of the region. Mr. Johnson has shown in his past interactions with the Board that he has not taken a fair and balanced approach to fish allocation decisions.

Mr. Johnson's confirmation would leave the BOF without Alaska Native or female representation in the management of Alaska's subsistence, sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries. The nomination of Mr.

Johnson leaves the Interior of Alaska without representation on the Board and does not correct the current lack of Alaska Native representation on the BOF.

The Governor needs to reach out and find a Board of Fisheries appointee familiar with interior fisheries issues and who will provide a fair and balanced approach to governance. Sincerely,

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