

To: The House Special Committee on Fisheries
Representative Bryce Edgmon, Chair

April 6, 2009

Dear Representative Edgmon,

First of all, I want to express my sincere appreciation for Governor Palin's appointment of Mr. Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

I have known Mr. Johnson for over twenty years and personally witnessed the dedication, knowledge, and fair-minded approach within Brent's character – positive attributes required for fair, complete, and reasoned decision-making by the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Johnson understands fishery resource management, numerous commercial and sport fisheries and the important function of the Board of Fisheries. Mr. Johnson has extensive experience with the Board of Fisheries public process as: past chairman of the Kenai-Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory, past president of Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association, and president of Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association.

Mr. Johnson has dedicated thousands of hours of time and expertise to numerous non-profit associations and boards for decades. I look forward to the legislature's confirmation on the appointment of Mr. Brent Johnson.

Sincerely,

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