

Fisheries, Board of		Claude Vincent Webster
<b>General Information</b>		
<b>Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:</b> Fisheries, Board of, Public Seat		
<b>Additional Boards/Commissions of Interest:</b> 1) Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, Alaska 2) Game, Board of 3) North Pacific Fishery Management Council		
<b>State Boards/Commissions on which you have served</b> Board of Fisheries		
<b>First</b> Claude	<b>Middlename</b> Vincent	<b>Last Name</b> Webster
<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>City</b> King Salmon	<b>State &amp; ZIP</b> AK 99613
<b>Home/Message Phone</b>	<b>Business Phone</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>
<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Are you a registered voter?</b> Yes	
<b>Date of Birth</b> <b>Gender</b> <b>Military Service</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>	
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>		
<b>Certain boards and commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010. If required for the board or commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so?</b> Yes		
<b>Could you or any member of your family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying?</b> Yes		
<b>Please explain the potential financial benefit</b> I own a Bristol Bay drift net salmon permit and a Bristol Bay set net salmon permit. My wife Sheryl owns a Bristol Bay set net salmon permit. My oldest son Nathan owns a Bristol Bay set net salmon permit. My youngest son Derek owns a Bristol Bay set net salmon permit.		
<b>Employment History</b>		
<b>Employment work history including paid, unpaid or voluntary.</b> See resume below		

## Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:  
See resume below

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates  
obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:  
See resume below

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held,  
and any awards received.  
See resume below

## Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten  
years?  
No

Conviction Circumstances

## Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

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"I certify"

Resumé Addendum  
Claude Vincent Webster (Vince)

King Salmon, AK 99613

### Background:

I was raised on a farm in Indiana. My life dream was to go to Alaska. I joined the Air Force to support my family and was rewarded by a transfer to King Salmon, Alaska in 1978. There I was introduced to the commercial fishing in Bristol Bay and the greatest Rainbow Trout fishing in the world. I was transferred to Elmendorf Air Force Base from 1979 to 1982 where I continued to enjoy the great outdoors. I was offered a job in the maritime ship yards, on the west coast from 1982-1988. I purchased my first Bristol Bay Setnet permit in 1984. My wife (Sheryl) and I moved our family (Troy and Derek) back to King Salmon in 1989 for a more intimate education. Our sons went on to graduate from Eastern Connecticut State and Yale University with honors. We continue to reside in King Salmon and enjoy sharing our fishing operation with our sons and grandchildren every summer.

Work Experience:

**1984-Present..Set gillnet operator in the Naknek/Kvichak District of Bristol Bay.**  
**2004-Present..Drift gillnet operator in the Naknek/Kvichak District of Bristol Bay.**  
**2008-Present..Engineering Heavy Equipment & Barge Operator at Katmai National Park.**  
**2000-2008..Facilities & Maintenance Director for Lake & Peninsula School District.**  
**1997-2000..Maintenance & Construction for Katmai National Park.**  
**1989-1990..Cannery Construction for BKR & Associates at Cordova, Kodiak, Petersburg and Naknek, Alaska.**  
**1982-1988..Ship Repair Coordinator & Branch Manager for Donco Inc. in California and Washington.**  
**1975-1982..US Air Force.**  
**1978..Managed Air Force boat dock & operated an Air Force charter boat at King Salmon.**

**Other Fisheries Experience:**

**Togiak Herring, Clnder River Salmon, Chignik Salmon, Bristol Bay Halibut and numerous sport fisheries throughout the state.**

**Community Service & State Positions Held:**

**Presently serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.**  
**Served on the Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee for over 15 years.**  
**Set on numerous fish committees & task forces.**

**Education & Training:**

**Graduated Jennings County High School, Indiana 1974.**  
**Versailles Vocational School, Indiana 1973.**  
**Air Force Aircraft Weapons Release Systems Tech School 1976.**  
**USCG Merchant Mariner Credential, 100 Ton Master**

**Press Release Wording**

**Claude Vincent Webster, of King Salmon, is a Commercial Fisherman in Bristol Bay. He served on the Naknek/Kvichak advisory committee for 15 years prior to serving on the Board of Fisheries.**

*Submitted: 01/22/13 at 5:50 pm from 10.48.236.45*

# **Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation**

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Governor Sean Parnell  
Alaska State Capital  
Juneau, AK 99801

18 March 2013

Dear Governor Parnell,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation and the 17 communities of Southwest Alaska communities we represent, we urge your continued support of Vince Webster to a seat on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Thank you, sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Van Vactor', written over a white background.

Norman Van Vactor  
President & CEO

# Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation

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April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

Dear Legislative Staff:

It has been brought to our attention that a significant effort is being made to discredit the Governor's nomination of Vince Webster to retain his position on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. It would appear that this effort is being led by one general interest group.

We would like to again reaffirm our support of Mr. Vince Webster in behalf of the all the interest groups in our communities be It Sport, Commercial or Subsistence. Attached is our original letter that we sent to the Governor. If we can be of any additional assistance or provide the committee's with any additional information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Norman Van Vactor  
President / CEO

## Trevor Fulton

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**From:** Ken Federico <kenfederico@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 12:13 PM  
**To:** Trevor Fulton  
**Subject:** re-appointment of standing BOF memebers  
**Attachments:** rc088\_webster\_substitute\_language249.pdf; rc075\_board\_member\_webster\_proposal249 (1).pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**TO:** Resource Chair and members

**From:** Ken Federico, Chair of the South Central Alaska Dipnetters association.

Dear Mr. Chairman and members,

I am writing to you to voice my concern on one of the two standing members looking to get re-appointed to the BOF.

Tom Klubertson has been pretty impartial on his first term on the BOF. Thank you Tom.

My concern is with Vince Webster. Vince has served 2,3 year terms on the board and I believe it is time for some fresh blood. My reasoning behind this is concerning RC 75 and RC88 from the most recent BOF meetings held here in Anchorage last month. Those RC's were in relation to the Kenai River return of King Salmon.

RC 75 went through the public hearing process concerning all parties sharing in either the pain or abundance of the returning King salmon to the Kenai. Only after public testimony ended did Mr Webster submit RC 88. I believe it was submitted on March 21 if I am not mistaken. What Mr. Webster submitted was cut out retention of King Salmon for dipnetters only, when the Fish and Game department estimated escapement at 30,000 kings. That is not retention, mind you but escapement. Historically, that is a pretty good escapement number for the second run of kings.

No other use group had to give up anything. I believe Mr. Webster abused his position by waiting until after public testimony to submit RC 88.

FYI, dipnetters on the Kenai take an average of 875 kings a year. Not much of a take if you ask me. I am the first to urge Fish and Game, in season, when the king run is low, like last year, to stop retention of Kings by dippers. All members of the public should do their part for the resource in times of need.

That is why myself and 98 percent of my membership,225 at last count, would like another member of the public to serve, instead of Mr. Webster.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ken Federico, SCADA, 715-8363

Submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at the request of board member Webster

March 20, 2013

**Substitute regulatory language for Proposal 249**

5 AAC 21.359 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

**5 AAC 21.359. Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan.** (a) The purposes of this management plan are to ensure an adequate escapement of late-run king salmon into the Kenai River system and to provide management guidelines to the department. The department shall manage the late-run Kenai River king salmon stocks primarily for sport and guided sport uses in order to provide the sport and guided sport fishermen with a reasonable opportunity to harvest these salmon resources over the entire run, as measured by the frequency or inriver restrictions.

(b) The department shall manage the late run of Kenai River king salmon to achieve a sustainable [BIOLOGICAL] escapement goal of 15,000-30,000 [17,800 - 35,700] king salmon, as follows:

(1) in the sport fishery,

(A) if the biological escapement goal is projected to be exceeded, the commissioner may, by emergency order, extend the sport fishing season up to seven days during the first week of August;

(B) from July 1 through July 31, a person may not use more than one single hook in the Kenai River downstream from Skilak Lake;

(2) in the sport fishery, that portion of the Kenai River downstream from Skilak Lake is open to unguided sport fishing from a non-motorized vessel on Mondays in July; for purposes of this section a non-motorized vessel is one that does not have a motor on board;

[(3) IF THE PROJECTED INRIVER RETURN IS LESS THAN 17,800 KING SALMON, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL]

[(A) CLOSE THE SPORT FISHERIES IN THE KENAI RIVER AND IN THE SALT WATERS OF COOK INLET NORTH OF THE LATITUDE OF BLUFF POINT TO THE TAKING OF KING SALMON; ]

[(B) CLOSE THE COMMERCIAL DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE KENAI PENINSULA SHORELINE NORTH OF THE KENAI RIVER AND WITHIN ONE AND ONE-HALF

MILES OF THE KENAI PENINSULA SHORELINE SOUTH OF THE KENAI RIVER;  
AND ]

[(C) CLOSE THE COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET FISHERY IN THE  
UPPER SUBDISTRICT OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT.]

[(c) FROM JULY 20 THROUGH JULY 31, ]

(1) repealed 6/22/2002;

[(2) IF THE PROJECTED INRIVER RETURN OF LATE-RUN KING  
SALMON IS LESS THAN 40,000 FISH AND THE INRIVER SPORT FISHERY HARVEST  
IS PROJECTED TO RESULT IN AN ESCAPEMENT BELOW 17,800 KING SALMON, THE  
DEPARTMENT MAY RESTRICT THE INRIVER SPORT FISHERY; ]

(i) In 2013, notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the department shall manage the late run of Kenai River king salmon during July under management targets based on the average historical run timing variability of king salmon, as follows:

(1) from July 10 through July 20,

(A) if the projected escapement of king salmon is less than a management target of 13,500 fish, the department shall

(i) close the sport fisheries in the Kenai River drainage and in the salt waters of Cook Inlet north of the latitude of Bluff Point to the taking of king salmon;

(ii) prohibit the retention of king salmon in the personal use salmon fishery in the Kenai River drainage;

(iii) close the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District;

(iv) close the commercial drift gillnet fishery in the Central District within one mile of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline north of the Kenai



River and within one and one-half miles of the Kenai Peninsula shoreline south of the Kenai River;

(B) if the projected escapement of king salmon is more than a management target of 13,500 fish, but less than 16,500 fish, the department shall

(i) either prohibit the use of bait for sport fishing in the Kenai River drainage and in the salt waters of Cook Inlet north of the latitude of Bluff Point, or prohibit the retention of king salmon; any king salmon caught must be immediately released and returned to the water unharmed;

(ii) prohibit the retention of king salmon in the personal use salmon fishery in the Kenai River drainage; any king salmon caught must be immediately released and returned to the water unharmed;

(iii) restrict fishing periods for the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict to no more than 36 hours of aggregate fishing time per week, with one 36-hour continuous closure as described in 5 AAC 21.360(c)(2)(C);

(2) from July 21 through July 31,

(A) if the projected escapement of king salmon is a management target of 15,000 fish or less, the department shall

(i) close the sport fisheries in the Kenai River drainage and in the salt waters of Cook Inlet north of the latitude of Bluff Point to the taking of king salmon;

(ii) close the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict;

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(B) if the projected escapement of king salmon is more than a management target of 15,000 fish, the department shall manage the fishery under the provisions of 5 AAC 21.360 and 5 AAC 57; the department may also restrict set gillnets to 29 meshes in depth, or restrict the limit of set gillnet gear to either two set gillnets that are not more than 70 fathoms in aggregate length or one set gillnet that is not more than 35 fathoms in length as deemed necessary by the department;

(4) if the inriver sport fishery is closed under (2) of this subsection, the commercial set gillnet fishery in the Upper Subdistrict shall be closed;

(5) repealed 6/11/2005.

(d) Repealed 6/22/2002.

(e) Consistent with the purposes of this management plan and 5 AAC 21.360, if the projected inriver return of king salmon is less than 40,000 fish, the department may not reduce the closed waters at the mouth of the Kenai River described in 5 AAC 21.350(b) .

(f) The provisions of the Kasilof River Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 21.365) are exempt from the provisions of this section.

(g) The department will, to the extent practicable, conduct habitat assessments on a schedule that conforms to the Board of Fisheries (board) triennial meeting cycle. If the assessments demonstrate a net loss of riparian habitat caused by noncommercial fishermen, the department is requested to report those findings to the board and submit proposals to the board for appropriate modification of this plan.

## RC 75

(h) The commissioner may depart from the provisions of the management plan under this section as provided in 5 AAC 21.363(e).

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(3) notwithstanding any provision in this subsection, if the forecast for the escapement of Kenai River king salmon is less than 30,000 fish, the department shall prohibit the retention of king salmon in the personal use salmon fishery in the Kenai River drainage; any king salmon caught must be immediately released and returned to the water unharmed;

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## Trevor Fulton

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**From:** Larry Kaniut <kaniut@alaska.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 10:34 PM  
**To:** Trevor Fulton  
**Subject:** Vincent Webster

Sir,

from what i'm hearing, Mr. Webster is doing a disservice to the office he holds in that he is discriminating against the dipnetting portion of "sports" fishing. perhaps it is time for Mr. Webster to be reprimanded and/or not retained. thank you. larry kaniut, anchorage

## **Trevor Fulton**

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**From:** Peter Aftreth <paftreth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 10:45 PM  
**To:** Trevor Fulton  
**Subject:** VINCE WEBSTER....ABUSE of BOF Position.....I MUST URGE you to NOT Re Appoint VINCE WEBSTER to the BOF ....He ABUSED his BOF Position by trying to INSERT his OWN/PERSONAL Decision to CUT Dip NETTERS out of King Salmon retention....while NO OTHER user ...

Vice waited until the last min to try and FORCE in RC 88 to HARM South Central Dip Netters and NO OTHER user Group if the King Run is not up to proper limits..... PLEASE DO NOT RE APPOINT VINCE WEBSTER ...he has ABUSED his position on the BOF....Thank You Peter Aftreth Anchorage

April 3, 2013

RE: Support for Vince Webster, Tom Kluberton, and ADFG Scientific Data

Dear Honorable Representatives,

We would like to express our support for Alaska Board of Fisheries members Tom Kluberton and Vince Webster, and we encourage you to support their confirmation for another term on the board.

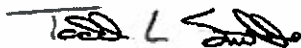
As families of the Kenai Peninsula and users of our salmon resource, we are thankful that Mr. Kluberton and Mr. Webster took the time last winter to do what few members of the BOF have – to come to the Kenai Peninsula and spend time meeting with both the scientists and the users, learning about our very diverse and healthy fishery. Thanks to all of the new scientific data produced by the hard working folks at ADFG, the UCI King Salmon Task Force was a truly educational experience for all. We felt that Mr. Kluberton and Mr. Webster were devoted to the public process, and did not allow pressure from special interest groups to outweigh the facts or the best interests of our resource.

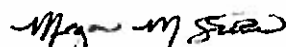
We would also like to express our support for the BOF's unanimous decision to codify ADFG's newly established Sustainable Escapement Goal for Kenai River Late Run King Salmon of 15,000-30,000, while leaving the allocative issues regarding our fishery for the regularly scheduled 2014 Cook Inlet meeting.

ADFG data shows that this new goal takes into account both past errors in counting and newer and more dependable technology and methods of enumeration. The new goal also correlates with ADFG data that shows past escapements above 30,000 have contributed to diminished future yields. We agree with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the entirety of the members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries that this goal gives the best chance possible for high future yields and adequate fishing opportunity for all users.

The dedication and commitment of these two individuals to the Board of Fish and the public process it supports is exemplary. We encourage you to not only confirm their reappointment, but to thank them for a job well done.


Respectfully,

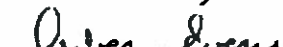
  
Todd L. Smith


  
Megan M. Smith

  
Sarah A. Hudkins



  
Travis Every

  
Amber Every

  
Amanda E. Johnston



## **Trevor Fulton**

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**From:** Ricky Gease <ricky@krasa.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 1:37 PM  
**To:** Trevor Fulton  
**Subject:** KRSA opposes confirmation of Vince Webster to Alaska Board of Fisheries

April 4, 2013

Dear Members of the House Resources Committee;

Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) opposes the reappointment of Mr. Vince Webster to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). When actions by a member of the board undermine public confidence in the board process, it is incumbent upon the Alaska Legislature to act to restore confidence in that board through its oversight responsibility in the confirmation of board members.

Mr. Webster has a pattern of behavior that is problematic and contrary to a healthy public process. He imposes his own personal agenda on specific proposals at the last minute through substitute language that is not open for proper public review, comment and debate.

The most recent example of this behavior was at the BOF Statewide Finfish meeting, where discussion centered on Cook Inlet king salmon issues. Mr. Webster authored the substitute language in RC 88. That proposal considered paired step down measures for all user groups that harvest Kenai kings in order to share the burden of conservation, as outlined in the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries (5 AAC 39.222).

In RC 88 Mr. Webster, without consultation with other board members, stakeholders on the Cook Inlet King Salmon task force or members of the public, inserted harvest prohibitions on the personal use fishery (30,000 families in South-central Alaska) with no other step down measures for any of the other user groups. His idea to exclude dip netters from the harvest of kings while no other user group took harvest restrictions runs against board policy.

Mr. Webster co-chaired the Cook Inlet King Salmon task force and the subject never came as an option in more than six months of public testimony. Yet he injected this substitute language into the board process after the start of board deliberations when the public no longer had opportunity to review or comment, and

provided other board members with little time for careful consideration of an idea that had yet to be properly vetted. His use of last minute substitute language is problematic at best and runs counter to a healthy public process.

In recent testimony to the Legislature, Mr. Webster stated that he did not think it was proper to consider allocation issues outside of the board's normal three year cycle. However, in this board meeting, out of cycle for Cook Inlet, he was perfectly content to take fish exclusively from one specific user group, the personal use fishery, and allocate them to the other user groups. His unilateral action was a significant reallocation of fish – and he did so without no public input or support. Mr. Webster readily took action that intentionally short-circuited the public process.

Another such example occurred last year for the personal use shrimp fishery in Prince William Sound. Mr. Webster inserted last minute substitute language on a proposal that sought to disperse commercial harvests to spread out effort. Only after board deliberations began, Mr. Webster used substitute language that had large allocative implications that had not been debated during the public process. He unilaterally took away the Department's ability to change gear to increase the harvest ability of the public, and set a fixed allocation for the personal use fishery – none of which had any public vetting prior to board deliberation. His personal agenda once again stuck a highly allocative tone, with no opportunity for public review or comment. That type of action reflects poorly on the integrity of the public process.

A final example is perhaps the most troubling of all: in order to expand and promote his own interests in the Bristol Bay commercial set net fishery, he has pushed for set net permit stacking across the state. Such an agenda runs contrary to the original intent of a House Bill sponsored by Rep. Samuels (HB 250) that provides relief to the Bristol Bay drift fleet, allowing two permit holders to fish from the same vessel with a reduced amount of gear. At no time was there discussion in the Legislature to authorize a different gear group, set netters, to hold two permits with full compliments of gear.

Since joining the board Mr. Webster has actively worked throughout the state to push for set net permit stacking. At a Southeast BOF meeting, a proposal based on the safety of fishermen sought to allow two set net permit holders to fish from the same vessel. Once again Mr. Webster struck at the last moment with substitute language. During board deliberation, he changed the very nature of a proposal and submitted language that authorized set net permit stacking in a Southeast fishery; the issue was never given public notice, was not on the agenda, and was never talked about before or during the meeting prior to board deliberations. Through last minute substitute language, he turned the original intent for user safety on its head and pushed his own agenda for set net permit stacking.

Mr. Webster's habit to use last minute substitute language as a means to intentionally circumvent the public process in order to promote his own agenda is corrosive. This pattern of behavior provides the public with no opportunity for review or comment. It undermines public confidence in the integrity of the Board of Fisheries.

**KRSA respects the need to have a diversity of user groups and geographical areas represented on the BOF. We are not seeking to disrupt what many see as a balanced board. However, to restore good governance and respect for the public process, we ask that Mr. Webster not be confirmed to another term on the board. If he is not confirmed, we have the expectation that the Governor would select a qualified person to maintain the existing “balance” on the board.**

**KRSA respectfully asks that you vote No on the confirmation of Mr. Vince Webster to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Thank you for your time and consideration on this important matter.**

**Sincerely,**

**Ricky Gease, Executive Director**

**Kenai River Sportfishing Association**

## Trevor Fulton

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**From:** Charles <mcmurrough@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 2:34 PM  
**To:** Trevor Fulton  
**Subject:** Get Rid of Vince Webster

Vince Webster is an enemy of the sport fishermen of Alaska.  
Need I say more.  
Charles and Anne McMurrough  
Anchorage

## Trevor Fulton

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**From:** richard bucy <rtbucy@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 3:24 PM  
**To:** Trevor Fulton  
**Cc:** ken federico  
**Subject:** RE:

I am sure you have gotten this from many dip netters. I am very disgusted to see a BOF member try to cut back on my fishing ability in the only residents only fishery in order to benefit set netters, some of whom are not even residents or are less than part time - lawyers, contractors, teachers and oil company workers to mention a few. We need someone who is interested in maintaining the resource and access by Alaskan residents.

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**From:** kenfederico@mtaonline.net  
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**Subject:**  
**Date:** Wed, 3 Apr 2013 15:01:26 -0800

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**Ladies and Gentlemen,** I have a matter of great importance that needs your attention.

We have coming up three appointments to the Board of Fisheries. Reed Morisky is filling out the remaining term to the board and is from Fairbanks, Tom Kluberton is a reappointment (for a 2nd term) from Talkeetna, and Vince Webster is a reappointment (for a third term) from Bristol Bay. All are standing members but there are issues concerning the existing board member, Vince Webster.

Reed Morisky was appointed to fill in the remainder of the term that existed when Bill Brown stepped off the board. He is from Fairbanks, works for Univ. of Alaska as an engineer and runs a guide business for 28 years, fishing mainly for grayling. He is new but so far good reports on how he works as a board member.

Tom Klubertson has no issues, he has been a friend of the Dipnetters/Valley sport fishers and has really stayed neutral on most issues. He is mostly for the resource and for every slice of the pie for everyone. Even if he lives in Talkeetna, LOL. Thank you Tom, for your service.

Now Vince Webster is another matter entirely. Vince has served two, 3 year terms on the BOF. After this last go around at the most recent BOF meeting, he single handedly attempted to screw Dipnetters for retention of King Salmon, before any other user group, in the personal use fishery on the Kenai. We had representation on