

Letter of Opposition to Marit Carlson-Van Dort

1. Richard
and
Karen McGahan Oppose Carlson-Van Dort
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COMMITTEE: HFSH & HRES **DATE:** April 15, 2019

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House Resources & Fisheries Committee Members:

We oppose the nomination of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fish.

Judge Johnstone demonstrated in previous years on the board that he has a definite bias and uses heavy handed tactics.

We also oppose Ms. Marit Carlson-Von Dort and ask that the members of the committee vote against both of these nominees.

Robert Ruffner should be nominated for a second term. Mr. Ruffner is one of the few scientists on the Board of Fish and the first in many years from the Kenai area. Since, due to the regulations set forth by the Board of Fish, the Kenai River is the most used river in the state, why take off the only member who lives here and actual experiences the results of those actions.

Also, Mr. Ruffner is neither a sport fisherman nor a commercial fisherman. He is a dip netter on the Kenai River and sees the impact in this area.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

Karen & Richard McGahan

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I do not believe that Marit Carlson-Van Dort belongs on the Board of Fisheries.
She is not from the Kenai Peninsula Borough and has no knowledge of fisheries.
She was a previous lobbyist and her qualifications are strictly political.

Also, Judge Karl Johnstone has been on the Board previously and he did nothing for the dipnetters here.

Please reconsider the only resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Robert Ruffner, for a position on the Board.
He at least has some scientific knowledge of fisheries.

Sincerely,
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Date: April 11, 2019

Addressee: Representative Geran Tarr, Co-Chair
Representative John Lincoln, Co-Chair
House Resources
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Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: OPPOSE Karl Johnstone

Dear: Representatives Tarr and Lincoln,

The United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents 570 commercial fishing families in Upper Cook Inlet. UCIDA is writing to you today to strongly oppose Karl Johnstone for the Alaska Board of Fisheries. UCIDA disagrees with the way Mr. Johnstone treated the public, the process and anyone else who did not meet the sport fishing agenda in Cook Inlet, as well as the rest of the state. UCIDA is opposed to a Board of Fish member that spends most of his time in Arizona, completely removed from the very resources on which he was deliberating.

UCIDA is also opposed to Marit Carlson-Van Dort due to her intimate knowledge and association with the advancement of the Pebble Mine project.

Sincerely,

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David Martin, President
United Cook Inlet Drift Association