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**From:** Martin L. Meigs <giantcoak@yahoo.com>  
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**To:** House Fisheries; Senate Resources; House Finance  
**Subject:** Board of Fisheries Support Letter

Honorable Legislators and Committee Members,

We have been involved in the Alaska Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet meetings since the 1980s and have offered constructive fishery proposals over time, many of which have been adopted by the Board.

We are voicing our vehement support for the confirmation of Judge Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Johnstone has demonstrated top rate professionalism and truly balanced and fair consideration of the proposals that have come before him. You could not find, nor do I know anyone that could better fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

The Alaska Legislature presented Karl Johnstone with a well deserved Legislative Citation recognizing his outstanding service on the Alaska Board of Fisheries and fifty-nine legislators signed on as co-sponsors to that citation!

We much appreciate that Chairman Johnstone prioritized managing for the sustainability of our fisheries resource first and foremost as well as his efforts to provide reasonable harvest opportunities for all user groups, particularly Alaska residents, most of whom do not own commercial fishing permits.

People as experienced if fisheries and as dedicated and competent as Karl Johnstone are few and far between!

We therefore urge you to confirm Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries.

Furthermore,

We have been greatly impressed with the dedicated service of Israel Payton on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. He puts in countless hours of personal time studying Board of Fisheries issues, and has a thorough knowledge of our fisheries.

He has made difficult decisions to manage for the sustainability of our fisheries and advocated for reasonable balanced harvest opportunities for all user groups. He has proven to be an invaluable asset of the Board.

We strongly urge you to support the reconfirmation of Israel Payton to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

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