

Support For All Board of Fish Appointees

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April 15, 2019

The Honorable Cathy Giessel, President of the Senate
The Honorable Bryce Edgmon, Speaker of the House
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senate President Giessel and House Speaker Edgmon,

SCI Alaska Chapter is in strong support of Governor Dunleavy's appointments to the Board of Game (BOG) and Board of Fish (BOF). We believe that the appointees represent the average Alaskan's point of view related to the harvest of fish and wildlife.

SCI Alaska Chapter is a leading advocacy group for the outdoor community in Alaska and has spent many years defending the rights of Alaskan's to access and utilize wild renewable resources. On several occasions in the past we have defended the State's right to manage its fish and game in alignment with our constitution. We have also been instrumental in supporting passage of important legislation for conservation and were the leading supporter of the wood bison restoration project.

Numerous surveys and research clearly show that the individual harvest of fish and wildlife for food is supported by an overwhelming majority here in Alaska and around the country. Governor Dunleavy's appointment of Al Barrette, Jerry Burnett and Orville Huntington to the BOG, and Karl Johnstone, Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Gerard Godfrey and Israel Payton to the BOF demonstrates his commitment to food security for individual Alaskans interested in filling their freezers through the time honored traditions of angling and hunting.

We encourage you and your fellow legislators to vote to confirm these well qualified Alaskans to the Board of Game and the Board of Fish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Garness', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jeff Garness
President

From: [Seth Bone](#)
To: [House Fisheries](#); [House Resources](#)
Subject: Board of Fisheries nominations
Date: Monday, April 15, 2019 12:15:48 PM

Chairs Stutes and Tarr, and committee members,

I'm a lifelong Sitka resident, and have participated in most of the commercial fisheries in Southeast, including troll, longline, and crab. I also own and operate a fishing charter business in Sitka that provides bookings for 14 local owner/operators.

I'm emailing in support of the four Board of Fisheries nominees you're considering. I've attended every Board of Fish Southeast finfish meeting since 2000, and interacted with a lot of Board members over the past 19 years.

I have personal experience observing and communicating with Israel Payton at two Board meetings. I have found Israel to be a very thoughtful Board member, who listens to all sides, is fair minded, and articulates his positions clearly.

I have also observed and interacted with Karl Johnstone at two separate BOF meetings in Southeast. Although he voted against the proposal I was championing at both of those meetings, I found him to be very fair and even handed. Karl was chair of the Board at the 2012 meeting, and I was impressed by how he ran the meetings. He is definitely the kind of Board member we Alaskans need on the BOF. I urge you to support the nominations of both Mr. Payton and Mr. Johnstone.

I don't have personal experience working with Ms. Carlson-Van Dort or Mr. Godfrey, but both of their resumes are impressive, and I've heard good things about them from other Alaskans who are familiar with them. I do support both of their nominations.

Thank you,

Seth Bone
Sitka, Alaska


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Matanuska-Susitna Borough



April 12, 2019

The Honorable Mark Neuman
State Capitol Room 434
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Governor's Board of Fisheries Nominees

Dear Representative Neuman,

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough would like to urge you to support Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries, particularly nominees Karl Johnstone and Israel Payton.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough is fortunate to have abundant natural resources in a beautiful area that is home to the fastest growing region in Alaska. Our citizens are very interested in fisheries management and we have a particular interest in having capable and fair commissioners on the State Board of Fisheries (BOF). We urge you to support Karl Johnstone and Israel Payton as two exemplary nominees to the board. Judge Johnstone and Mr. Payton have proven themselves excellent choices for the Board based on their past performance as board commissioners. They can be expected to "hit the ground running" with the upcoming board meeting cycle starting soon.

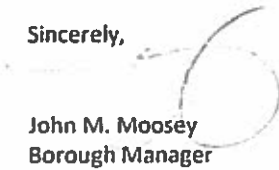
Karl Johnstone served on the board from 2008 to 2015. Experience has shown him to be prepared, approachable, and fair. Indeed, his experience as a judge has been evident in his ability to weigh all sides fairly and equitably. His experience as chair of the board from 2011 to 2015 has shown that he can effectively lead the board through consideration of often complex and controversial issues.

Israel Payton also has our strong support. His diverse background and life experience allows him to relate with many of the public who speak before the board. We take some pride in Mr. Payton's history in the Mat-Su as one of our own. Israel has attended many of the Mat-Su Borough Fish & Wildlife Commission meetings, and has worked hard to engage local groups and citizens on fishery issues. His recent experience on the Board shows that he always does his research, is engaged, and asks good questions. These are the qualities we look for in Board of Fisheries commissioners.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough respectfully asks you to support nominees Karl Johnstone and Israel Payton to the Board of Fisheries. These two nominees represent some of Alaska's best public servants and we encourage you to affirm them to the BOF.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


John M. Moosey
Borough Manager

cc: Senate Resources Committee
House Fisheries Committee
House Resources Committee
Borough Mayor and Assembly

