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From: Lynn Whitmore <lkwhitmore@acsalaska.net>  
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To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Board of Fisheries

Hi Sarah,

This is Lynn Whitmore and I was at your meeting today here in Anchor Point. I appreciate your views on nearly everything you expressed today and I thank you for making all the trips out to the meetings at the senior center here. I never have really spoken to you very much because it seems like someone is always wanting to bend your ear.

Anyway I have been deeply involved with fish and game resource issues up here for around 34 years or so and I normally comment on Board members when they come before the legislature. I understand the reality of putting Board members from diverse user groups on the Boards. However I've been disappointed with John Jensen. Unfortunately it feels like he always votes for commercial fishing interests no matter how well thought through a particular proposal was presented. I have many friends who commercial fish and the same with sport fishermen.

That Alaska constitution you spoke of today reflects my feeling about our resources: "Common Use — Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use."

It might be good if you could pointedly remind him of that in the upcoming reconfirmation process. If he would look out after the health of the fishery resource first and foremost, then make his decisions based on that concept it would be a good thing.

Sorry this is so long winded text but I figure your family might appreciate you not being on another phone call.

Thanks again

...Lynn

Sent from my iPad