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From: frost family <frostletters@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:35 AM
To: House Fisheries
Subject: Coastal Representation Needed

Dear Committee Members –

Please do not confirm Gov. Dunleavy's nominees to the fisheries board. It's ridiculous that our waters, our fisheries, our livelihood and subsistence, and overall environment are being used by Gov. Dunleavy as a way to repay favors. The fisheries board needs more representation from coastal areas, not less. It's ridiculous how corrupt our governments (local, state, and federal) have become in my lifetime. I know that corruption has always been a part of government, but now it's just blatant. The nominees have limited connection and concrete knowledge of what Alaska needs to do to ensure Alaska continues to thrive – as an economy and an environment.

Do the right thing, do not confirm these nominees.

Thank you,
Heidi Frost

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From: Rep. Louise Stutes
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 10:01 AM
To: House Fisheries
Subject: FW: Public Testimony Re: Board of Fisheries

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From: Katie Botz <katie_bug8787@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Senate Resources <SenateResources@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Jesse Kiehl <Sen.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov>; Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>
Subject: Public Testimony Re: Board of Fisheries

To Whom it May Concerns:

Greetings,

For the record, my name is Katie Botz, and I reside in Juneau, Alaska. I understand that this isn't my area of testifying, but as a daughter and sister of commercial fishermen, I cannot ignore forever.

My family are commercial fishermen outside of Kodiak and a brother working for Fish & Games in the Copper River (Cordova). As a child, I recall being out on the waters every summer learning our fishery trade and why is so vital important to our beautiful state, Alaska.

In regarding to the Governor's nominees, I don't trust nor approve Dunleavy's choice of nominees.

McKenzie Mitchell, I cannot find much of anything to a resume online about her. Therefore, can't have good conscious of having her onboard.

Abe Williams, he has good history standing BEFORE working for Pebble Mine, but because of his connection to destroying our fisheries due to the mine, I cannot have good conscious of having him onboard.

John Wood, I don't know him. Don't know his history in fishing industry therefore, I cannot have good conscious having him onboard.

John Jensen, is the ONLY coastal nominee. Although, I don't know much of him to have a good conscious having him onboard.

To Whom it May Concern, it gives me great grievances to say that I don't trust Dunleavy's nominees. Alaska's fishery should be our pride and joy and nominees should be held to a great high standards.

Our coastal communities and small boat owners need to know without a shadow of doubt that there will be someone to properly represent them during this difficult time. May I Strongly urge the committee to look for strong coastal fisherman who have the passion and desire to see our fishing industry to excell during difficult times.

Perhaps, a fisherman from Kodiak, Alaska and/or Kenai, Cordova.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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From: richardmcgahan <boulderpoint@alaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 7:22 PM
To: House Fisheries
Subject: Board of Fish Appointments

Dear Alaska State House Joint Fisheries Committee Members:

With these appointments, the board will be dominated with members from Gov. Dunleavy's home districts.

Of these nominations, I ask you to ONLY confirm John Jensen. He is a previous board member and the only candidate from a coastal community.

I also ask for you to appoint Robert Ruffner. Mr. Ruffner is a scientist and previous director of the Kenai Watershed Forum. He DID NOT get appointed for campaigning or donating to a governor's campaign, and although he requested to continue to serve, (and is not a sports fisherman, guide or commercial fisherman) he was not re-appointed by Gov. Dunleavy. Nor, did Gov. Dunleavy even reply to him. Our B.O.F. sends all of Alaska to fish on the Kenai Peninsula, and we have no representation on the board. We need a representative from the Kenai and also one who votes for the FISH. It is a slap in the face to the people of the upper Cook Inlet to have John Woods writing proposals and voting on those proposals, and regulations for the upper Cook Inlet commercial fishermen WITHOUT ever being confirmed by the legislature. This should not happen. And it looks like it could happen again.

Thank you for your consideration,
Karen McGahan
Nikiski, Alaska

From: [Norman Odekirk](#)
Cc: [House Fisheries](#)
Subject: Unacceptable Appointment of Abe Williams
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2020 9:37:19 PM

This is an unacceptable appointment! A great A great Conflict of Interest. From biased employee to representative!? No way will governor Dunleavy get away with this.
This is too large my disapproval and witness to this travesty.

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