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Joint Fisheries and Resources  
State Capitol Room 128  
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Board of Fish Nominee John Wood

Dear CoChair Tarr and CoChair Patkotak:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the nomination of John Wood to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. **Kodiak Seiners Association (KSA) opposes the nomination for reappointment to the BOF of Mr. John Wood.**

Kodiak Seiners Association is comprised of over 100 active SO1K seine permit holders, local Kodiak and Homer businesses, and individual crewmembers. Our focus is advocacy for our membership through positive interactions with ADFG, the Board of Fisheries and our state legislature.

The Kodiak Seiners Association (KSA) is writing in opposition the nominations of John Wood to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). It is with great reluctance and hesitation that our organization would object to a BOF nominee unless an individual's nomination were an egregious violation of the statutory guidance provided to the governor who is instructed to select members on the basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge, and ability in the field of action of the board, and with a view to providing diversity of interest and points of view in the membership (AS 16.05.221a). Governor Dunleavy has blatantly disregarded this guidance and has instead nominated members who are ideologically consolidated around a limited viewpoint and whose conduct and intentions on the board are clearly to advance their personal interests over their civic duties.

Our opposition to the reappointment of Mr. John Wood is rooted in the belief that Mr. Wood was an interim appointee serving on behalf of the governor as a result of a non-confirmation of another nominee. As a result, Mr. Wood has never had to undergo the public process of confirmation hearings and has conducted himself in a manner consistent to the wishes of Governor Dunleavy and ultimately the governors largest campaign contributors. This attitude presents a grave concern for Gulf of Alaska communities that rely on Alaska's fish resource for food, subsistence and commercial enterprises.

It is KSA's opinion that Mr. Wood does not fully represent the duties of a member of the Board of Fish as it pertains to the State Constitution and the delegation of Alaska's fish resource to the people of Alaska.

Respectfully,

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KSA President