

Board of Fisheries
Public Testimony Packet
Received by the
House Resources Committee

House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear House Resources Committee,

I am writing this letter in support of Abe Williams for the Board of Fish appointment. I have grew up with Mr. Williams here in naknek and I believe he will be a strong asset to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

I know that Mr. Williams has the knowledge and historical capacity to be an extremely effective Board of Fish member. I know he will be fair open minded and have the willingness to work with all user groups that will come to the BOF,

Although our views on the Pebble Mine do not align, which I am sure you heard a lot about. I have witnessed first hand his compassion to those around him whether they have the same viewpoints and he does so without any thought about having favors or paybacks. Mr. Williams has my support from a local bay resident friend and fellow fisherman.

Respectfully,

George Wilson Jr

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of George Wilson Jr.

Naknek, AK. 99633

Dear Representative Patkotak,

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Thank you for your hard work and continued dedication to Alaska. I hope you'll join me in supporting the nominees to the Board of Fisheries and cast your vote to confirm Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams.

Reuben Hanke
Kenai
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Stephen Helms
South Anchorage
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As a lifelong Alaskan and Business owner I have seen what an unbalanced board does to hurt an ever so delicate sport fishing industry. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions.

Thank you

Derek Lechlitter

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Derek Leichliter
Soldotna
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I live on the Kenai, mile 17 and my favorite summer past time is fishing our famous river. NOT FOR KINGS, let them be!!!

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Fish for the people please not just for special interests.

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I live in Kenai just a block away from the lower Kenai river in which I love fishing every day during the season, I have been fishing the river for over 40 year's with my family and friends, no words can describe this river. Balanced management is a must let's get it right AK so all can enjoy for years to come...

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Kenai
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I live on the Kenai peninsula, and fish both the fresh and saltwater nearby. It is critically important that we properly manage and preserve our fisheries with an eye toward the future, and not just on today.

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Thomas Yukman
Soldotna
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I live in the KPB so I can access all its water fun. My son is a guide and his lively hood depends on fair decisions.

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John Smart
Moose Pass
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Big money, commercial fishing interests and weak government are ruining our natural fisheries in Alaska.

Too many permits, set nets and drift boats. Fish and game have done a horrible job managing the king salmon fishery in the Kenai River. It's destroyed. Time to make a difference.

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Donna Kessler
Anchorage
98516

Dear Representative Patkotak,

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries. Specifically McKenzie Mitchell. As a person who loves to fish in Alaska, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly. The Governor's nominees come from diverse backgrounds and have expertise in fisheries across the state. I believe these nominees will serve Alaskans well.

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Kenley Michaud
Anchorage
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I work in Alaska and live along the beautiful Strait of Juan de Fuca in Washington. The Kenai River is near and dear to my heart and continues to put food on my family's table every summer I fish there. Balanced management of Alaska's fisheries must happen so that there is equal voice among all and so that the sport fishery continues to be heard and not overpowered by the commercial sector.

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Nikki OConnor
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As a resident of Soldotna and Kenai angler, I want a voice in management of fisheries so not only me but future generations can enjoy catching all different kinds of Alaskan fish.

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I am a 65 year resident of Alaska and believe management of our fisheries resources is vitally important. Thank you for considering my position on the Board of Fish nominees.

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Bill Eckhardt
Sterling
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As a 50 year Alaskan who has fished all over the state I support the Governor's nominees. It is absolutely imperative that we have qualified leaders managing this valuable resource. Now retired I specifically fish the Kenai Peninsula the Susitna drainage and surrounding salt water. As legislators I expect you to vote for these candidates who will manage this resource for Alaskans and not for special interest that already receives 85%+.

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I am long time Alaskan, who stays here, in large part for the sport fishing opportunities. I believe that commercial fisherman should be allocated a fair share of our fish resources, as should sport fishermen. The only way to make fair and equitable decisions on the board of fisheries is to have equal representation by both commercial and sport fishing interests. It is way past time to end the domination by commercial fishing interests on this board.

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Robert Wallick
Eagle River
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If the Board is not balanced fisheries laws and regulations can adversely affect the sensitive nature of our fishery.

Tight lines, Dave Goggia
Kenai River guide

I have lived in Kenai for many years {30+}
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I am a born and raised Alaskan and sportfish every chance I get. Not only does Alaska's rich bounty of fish feed my 3 kids, our fishing adventures teach them the value of managing resources responsibly so all user groups may access the fisheries. I live in Soldotna AK and I support the nominees recommended by the Governor. We need a diverse group of individuals to represent all interests of Alaskans. I truly believe the nominated individuals are the best candidates for the Board of Fish. I was particularly impressed by John Wood and Marit Carlson Van-Dort at the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet Meeting.

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To Whom- I have been a Sport Fish Guide for 35 years in Alaska owning and operating 4 different Lodges-- Much change and real good leadership is needed , common sense and a realistic look at the many different concerns facing the future both in Salt Water and fresh water- My love for Alaska started in the 60.s and continues even more strong today-
Lets get the interest of all users of the Great State and those who love it- If we continue on a downward spiral it may just be to late-

Larry Jarrett

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My name is Mike Kinney I live in Soldotna on the Kenai. I have fished the river since 1981 & all I want is save the Kenai kings

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Two items:

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Yuma
85367

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William Keller
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Paul Reddington
Anchorage
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I have been fortunate to be able to fish on the Kenai River for many years. I have seen the decline in the King Salmon runs. I appreciate the need for conservation measures to help the run rebuild so future generations can experience fishing for mighty Kenai King! We need to have a fair representation of Board members so all Alaskans are represented.

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Kevin Branson
Anchorage
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House Resources Committee members:

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The lack of trust by which coastal Alaskans regard Abe Williams would only serve to undermine the Board of Fisheries actions and enable feelings of suspicion and negativity. The hundreds of comments already made by Alaskans in opposition to Mr. Williams should be considered and respected.

Respectfully,

Laine Welch
Kodiak

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Thank you.

Laine Welch

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Dear Alaska Elected Officials:

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Thank you for considering this concern.

Sincerely,

Amy

Amy Grondin

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Ben Birch
Anchorage
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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I have lived in Alaska for over 35 years and have been a fisherman and outdoor enthusiast my entire life. I currently live in Kenai. Balanced management of Alaska's fisheries is critical. It has been my opinion that management has been tilted toward commercial fishing for a long time, due in part to the fact that the fishing industry is politically and financially more active. That does not make the industry a more important user of the resource than the tens of thousands of Alaskan subsistence and sport fisherman.

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Kenai
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Honored Members of the Alaska State House Resources Committee;

I write in rebuttal to Matt Alward-executive director of UFA's letter smearing Marit Carlson Van-Dort.

Mr. Alward as the head of UFA, is a Kodiak fisherman. I myself am now a Kodiak fisherman as we do not have a salmon fishery in Chignik for the foreseeable future.

His letter is nothing more than a smear tactic due to actions taken by the State Board of Fisheries in what would limit Kodiak's salmon seine fleet to fish at a known area where extremely large amounts of NOT ONLY Chignik bound sockeye in June, but also Cook Inlet bound sockeye post June are intercepted by Kodiak's salmon seine fleet.

This fishing area was an entitlement bestowed upon the Kodiak salmon fleet in 1977-78 by THAT board of fisheries and the Kodiak salmon seine fleet benefitted for decades while taking food off of children's plates in Chignik. Tagging studies indicated 90% of sockeye harvested at Cape Igvak were Chignik stocks, and the harvest numbers year after year when commercial fishing is open at Cape Igvak have been staggering.

This is the director of UFA attacking Marit Carlson Van-Dort much like Louise Stutes did in the 2020 January Kodiak board of fisheries meeting in Kodiak.

The facts are they are trying to reverse a board decision and the first step is to remove certain individuals and replace them with people who will vote the way they want.

As Stutes-Kodiak has introduced 3 times in the last 3 legislatures a version of what is now HB 26, the conflict of interest bill which will make it so normally conflicted out board members may deliberate on issues right up until the roll call vote, with the first filing in 2018 attempting to seat Duncan Fields of Kodiak on the board of fisheries would have then created quite literally a "Kodiak board of fisheries".

The points given in the letter indicate Carlson Van-Dort is the cause of many things, however keep in mind it takes a majority vote for proposals brought before the board to pass, generally speaking a 4 person majority passes proposals within the boards of fish and game.

I was not present at the 2020 Cook Inlet board of fisheries meeting but the same accusation was made against the board of fisheries at the 2020 Kodiak meeting and is on the record, to create the perception of bias.

I have personally spoken to board members in the past, and basically felt like I had been given lip service by each and every one of them, in my opinion board members must remain objective and this is why they behave in this way, I too felt that the information I was sharing was being overlooked but these people are inundated over the course of each meeting with so much data that I can understand how they must conduct themselves.

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Marit Carlson Van-Dort did in fact grow up in a commercial fishing family, is a college educated member of the board, and makes sound unbiased decisions. If anyone had a problem with someone with family ties to Chignik being appointed to the Alaska Board of Fisheries why did they wait until now to put on this petty smear campaign.

I ask the members of the House Resource Committee see past these attacks and confirm Marit Carlson-Van Dort as a member of the Alaska State Board of Fisheries.

Timothy Murphy

Dear Representative Patkotak,

I live in Trapper Creek. I fished the Big Sue River and its tributaries until ADF&G let the pike take over the lakes and streams of the Sue. I've put in proposals to eradicate pike but they always say it will take out other sport fish. Well I can tell you this, every pike I catch has nothing but pike in its belly. Nothing else. You're not going to take care of the pike problems by sitting on your butts. You can net the creeks on in and out sides of a lake. In 3-5 years the pike will not exist anymore. It happened with lakes in Northern Wisconsin. The Indians did it. It can happen in Alaska too. We just need authorization to do it. Your biologists know without poison how but it will take work on getting it done!

I am a current member of both the Anchorage and Mat Valley AC's.

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Richard Mohaupt
Punta Gorda
33950

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Gregory Kisling
Anchorage
99502

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Anchorage
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Michelle McAfee

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I just see that Alaska Fish Radio is quoting Rep. Stutes as saying the House Fisheries Committee is not supporting Ms Carlson-Van Dort. I find this untimely as her hearing has not taken place yet, nor has all testimony been heard. This is very disturbing to me that the voices of all Alaskans need to be heard before a decision is made.

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Laura Morisky
Fairbanks 99708

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She already seems to have her mind made up on a lot of important issues before even hearing public testimony or listening to the Facts before her.

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I'm a life long angler and dedicated Alaska fisherman. We fish all over the State and are concerned about balanced fish management.

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams. As a person who loves to fish in Alaska, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly. The Governor's nominees come from diverse backgrounds and have expertise in fisheries across the state. I believe these nominees will serve Alaskans well.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort brings a remarkable mind to the board. She has a deep understanding of rural and commercial fisheries. Her experience working for the State, for the private sector, and for ANCSA regional and village corporations give her a great perspective into various stakeholder groups. These experiences also help her understand the impacts her decisions as a Board member have on user groups. Ms. Carlson-Van Dort has been a great Board member and should be confirmed.

John Wood has been an excellent Board Member. His ability to grasp a situation, and analyze it from multiple perspectives is likely due to his background as a lawyer – it's a trait that serves Alaska well. Mr. Wood actively works with various stakeholders at the Board of Fish meetings, and is known for bringing together stakeholders from different perspectives and encouraging them to find a solution they can all agree with.

The Governor's nominees are all hard-working Alaskans, and each of them has experience in Alaska's diverse fisheries. I look forward to the balanced and thoughtful perspectives they'll bring to Alaska's fisheries management.

Thank you for your hard work and continued dedication to Alaska. I hope you'll join me in supporting the nominees to the Board of Fisheries and cast your vote to confirm Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams.

Mack Padgett

I am writing against the nomination of Marit Carlson-Van Dorts nomination to the Board of Fisheries. It is Critical that board members are non partial as seated members. Van Dorts voting history does not reflect these essential values and therefore should be omitted from consideration.

Zachary Olson

Sitka, Alaska

Letter of Support and Reappointment of Board of Fish Members

Dear Members of the House Fisheries and Resource Committees,

I am writing to express my continuing support for the reappointments of the following list of people to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

- Märit Carlson-Van Dort
- Abe Williams
- John Wood
- McKenzie Mitchell

I am 66 years old and I have been involved in commercial fisheries as a boat owner , permit holder, and skipper in the salmon set net, gill net, and seine fisheries. I have also operated my own vessels as a permit holder in the Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Alaska Peninsula, and Togiak herring seine fisheries. I have also skippered my own vessels for halibut, crab, and ground fish longlining, pot fishing, dragging, and tendering. I have fished in the areas of Southeast Alaska, Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Lower Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, Port Moller, the and Bering Sea starting in 1976. I have owned my own air taxi and sport fishing business and I am currently a subsistence fisherman where I live at Chignik Lagoon.

I met Märit 36 years ago when she was visiting her grandparents in Chignik Bay. Her grandfather Axel Carlson named his seine vessel the “Miss Mart”. Axel was a true gentleman fisherman whose lineage as an Alaska native goes back thousands of years in the Chignik region. Mart was indoctrinated to the native subsistence life in Chignik in the summer month’s commercial fishing with her Grandfather, and earning money to attend college and study biology and fisheries. Mart spent the rest of the year growing up in Juneau. At a young age she wanted to be a leader in policy making and she has been building capacity in this area for decades to the point that she is the president of Farwest Native Corp., which is the village of Chignik Bay’s native corporation. Her background in commercial fishing and native subsistence, and as an executive in her native corporation combined with her University training in conservation biology and fisheries science give her a broad base of knowledge and capacity that is unique and valuable as a member of the Board of Fisheries.

I met Abe Williams when he was a teenager working for a close friend of mine who operated 11 different businesses in Naknek and King Salmon. It was at this time that I became aware of what a hard and valuable worker Abe was. Over the years I have met, visited, and socialized with Abe and caught up with what he was up to. In this process I have personally witnessed Abe’s abilities to be a top producer in the salmon drift net fishery of Bristol Bay, and one of the most effective leaders of his crew. Abe has a passion and a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the Bristol Bay salmon fishery. I also met his sister who is a single Mom that set nets in a skiff with of her children. Every fisherman and community member that I know has the highest respect for Abe. Abe’s reputation as a leader in his community and his willingness to serve in the public arena as well as a high liner status of a top producing fisherman is well known.

Abe’s wife is a trained social worker working with individuals with intellectual disabilities, and she shared with me that her son was going to school to be an engineer, but he loved fishing so much like his Dad that she wanted him to make sure that he completed his education. Her son is now also a top producer. Abe and his wife know that commercial fishing is no sure thing.

Abe has been a mentor to his son, and other younger people of the Bristol Bay region. I asked Abe when he was serving as a board member for the Bristol Bay Salmon Marketing Group, BBRSDA, while also working with the Pebble Mine Group how he managed to this. Abe expressed to me that the salmon fishery was his life, but he was concerned what was going to happen for the regions employment opportunities and future and how the Pebble Mine could affect the region so he became involved.

Abe’s knowledge and leadership make him another unique Alaska native to serve as a member of the Board of Fisheries.

I personally do not know John Wood, but a friend, George Anderson, shared with me that John had the confidence of the Governor, and had demonstrated to him as a retired attorney to be a quick study of complex management issues with a willingness to view issues from an independent point of view. He thought that he has the extraordinary ability to listen to and understand all

sides of complicated issues and achieve reasonable and equitable management compromises. The Board of Fisheries needs intelligent, perceptive, and fair-minded individuals like John Wood.

I also do not personally know McKenzie Mitchell. When I reviewed her bio I was impressed that she is an adjunct faculty member in the school of management in sport and recreation business with an emphasis in economics. An economist is a welcome addition to the Board of Fisheries. Ms. Mitchell's background in the sport fishing arena and her capacity and background should serve the board well to help understand the complex relationships between Alaska's commercial, sport, subsistence, and personal use fisheries. She will be an excellent addition to the Board.

Thank you for your consideration. Jeffrey Moore

As a commercial fisherman , a troller/ longline of 13 years and mayor of Craig Ak. I would have to Object to Merit Carlson- VanDort serving on the board of Fish . I have studied her past record and history relating to prior fisheries issues and found them Bias and not in support of most fisheries outside of her home range. This concerns me as most of my continuants are sport subsistence or commercial fisherman . We feel that we would be better represented by someone other than Merit Carlson-Vandort. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard. Tim O'Connor Mayor and ATA board member, Craig Alaska

My name is Gerald Bucky, and I am a new entrant to the salmon fishery in Kodiak. I purchased a Kodiak seine permit in 2018.

I am writing to **oppose** the reappointment of **Marit Carlson Van-Dort** to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Ms. Carlson Van-Dort shocked me at the first Board of Fish meeting I ever went to when I watched her discuss and vote on a proposal that she should have conflicted herself out of. I feel the State of Alaska should not reappointment members of the board if they have proven to vote on matters that affect the livelihoods of coastal Alaskan communities in a biased manner. The job of the Board of Fisheries is to use the best available science to ensure sustainability for future generations to have access to the fish resources of the state.

Despite touting herself as a representative for the commercial sector based on her experience seining in Chignik, Ms. Van-Dort has repeatedly voted against commercial fisherman and in doing so has unbalanced the board to favor sport fish users.

I respectfully ask you **oppose** her reappointment.

To the members of the Alaska joint legislature,

I am writing to express my adamant opposition to the nominations of Marit Carlson-Van Dort and John Wood to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). The current member composition of the board lacks the diversity of viewpoints and interests of Alaska's many fisheries user groups, while crusading to impose their own personal interests through the board process. The governor has clearly abdicated his responsibility to nominate qualified and dedicated members to the board. This was made clear at the 2020 Kodiak BOF meeting, where these two members rejected and dismissed the public testimony of our community and arrived in Kodiak with the predetermined intention of reshaping our fisheries in a manner set to benefit their own interests. They have made a charade of community engagement and treated public testimony as little more than a formality that they needed to endure before issuing their predetermined judgments.

Mr. Wood joined the board amidst much skepticism concerning his complete lack of qualifications for the position and has done little to build confidence that he belongs on the board. His deliberations in Kodiak proved that he arrived in our community not as juror or judge to objectively adjudicate interregional disputes, but instead as prosecutor who simply built a case against us without ever considering converse points of view. He showed no interest in any issues that didn't relate to upper Cook Inlet fisheries and made no attempts to learn the intricacies and nuances of our fisheries.

Mrs. Carlson-Van Dort's conduct is particularly concerning in that she neglected to acknowledge her conflicts of interests relating to her home community of Chignik and her engagement and advancement of proposals that arbitrarily limited Kodiak's longstanding fishery in order to re-direct resources to her community. It may be arguable whether her conduct violated the Executive Branch Ethics Act, but it is undeniable that she acted in a way that any reasonable member of the public could claim she was focused on her personal interests over her civic duties.

The conduct of these two members resulted in the complete erosion of trust within the community of Kodiak and will be many years before our confidence is restored and our user groups will consider it worthwhile to even engage in the board process.

I ask that legislators reject both nominations and send a clear message to the governor that is unacceptable to use his power of appointments to the Board of Fisheries simply to advance the interests of handful of individuals. Before voting to confirm Mr. Wood and Mrs. Carlson-Van Dort, each legislator should ask whether they would consider it acceptable to have their home communities treated as second-class citizens in front of the BOF and whether they believe it is important that the public have confidence that executive appointees act in the interests of the State of Alaska as a whole.

Sincerely,

Darren Platt

To Representatives on the House Resources Committee

I am writing at this late date to oppose the appointment of Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Board of Fish.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is under consideration to fill a seat that has traditionally been a commercial fishing seat. If Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is appointed to this seat the BOF will be extremely one sided and that will undermine Alaskan's faith in the BOF process. In the recent months that Ms. Carlson-Van Dort has been on the BOF she has consistently, without providing arguments, opposed the commercial position. The only exception to this has been her support for Chignik fishermen that are also shareholders and directors of the Chignik Village Corporation, Far West, Inc. of which she is the President. This seems like a conflict of interest.

Thank You for your consideration

Matt Donohoe

My name is Al Cratty IV. I am a second-generation salmon fisherman from Old Harbor Alaska on the east side of Kodiak Island. Additionally, I fish dungeness crab, pacific cod, tanner crab and halibut in Kodiak.

I am writing to **request you oppose the reappointment of Marit Carlson Van-Dort** to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

During the January 2020 Board of Fish meeting in Kodiak, Ms. Carlson Van-Dort displayed a biased nature in voting and discussing proposals that were written and would benefit numerous family members. She submitted an amendment to one of the proposals that was eventually voted on and passed before public testimony had been complete and before she had reviewed all relevant arguments and information. It was evident and obvious that she had a preconceived idea of the changes she wanted to make to our salmon fishery that would benefit other areas without any sound scientific evidence supporting her decisions.

Despite her attempts to claim she had no conflict in doing so, as a member of a village where large changes in fisheries management have an impact on the entire village, it is impossible to refute that she would not benefit from the changes made. I personally am nervous that her negative actions and her biased attitude toward the area of Kodiak for salmon could trickle over in to my other fisheries as well.

I respectfully request you oppose Marit Carlson Van-Dort.

Dear Members of the House Resources Committee,

I write to express my strong support that the Legislature reappoint Marit Carlson-Van Dort to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I am an attorney with the Anchorage law firm Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP, and I represent the Chignik Intertribal Coalition, an organization comprised of the five federally-recognized Tribes within the Chignik Region: Ivanof Bay, Perryville, Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, and Chignik Lake. I have worked with the CIC at a number of Board meetings, and can confirm from first-hand experience that Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is an excellent Board member and a crucial asset to the continued viability of all fisheries in Alaska.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is eminently qualified to be reappointed as a member of the Board of Fisheries. Since her initial appointment to the Board in 2019, Marit Carlson-Van Dort has repeatedly demonstrated her understanding of the heavy responsibility that comes with serving on the Board of Fish. Her ability to weigh all sides of the many complex issues that come before the Board and make well-reasoned yet difficult decisions is a valuable asset for the State of Alaska. Her background in resources management and commercial fishing combined with her academic training in conservation biology and fisheries science equips her with a wealth of knowledge and expertise and the ability to think critically and weigh important information that is essential to a successful and diligent Board.

Before voting, Ms. Carlson-Van Dort seeks to understand the impacts of proposals upon all stakeholders, including subsistence, sport, and commercial fishers – as a good Board Member should do. She understands and reviews the science behind all proposals and believes in sustained yield management principles, which is crucial to the health and well-being of Alaska's fishing industry.

I am aware of vigorous opposition to Ms. Carlson-Van Dort's reappointment from a minority of commercial stakeholders from Kodiak who are displeased with a decision made by the Board in January 2020 that changed the regulations for the Cape Igvak commercial sockeye fishery. Those changes, long overdue, were necessary to ensure that management of that fishery was consistent with sustained yield – a constitutional requirement for fisheries management.

The reasons advanced in opposition to her reappointment are untruthful and without merit. First, many of these "reasons" focus upon alleged conflicts of interest presented by her extended family's interests in commercial fisheries throughout Alaska. The Alaska Department of Law has, on multiple occasions, conducted a thorough evaluation of Ms. Carlson-Van Dort's disclosures, and has routinely concluded that she is in full compliance with the Executive Branch Ethics Act. If you doubt those conclusions, I suggest you contact the Dept. of Law directly. Second, that a member of the Board of Fisheries has extended family members who are also commercial and subsistence fishery stakeholders is nothing new in Alaska. Indeed, many, if not all, other Board members and nominees are in the same boat, so to speak, with respect to family and professional connections to the fisheries they regulate. It would be unprecedented for the Legislature to consider such relationships as disqualifying an appointee. Indeed, it would likely doom the Legislature's ability to confirm qualified applicants in the future.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is a smart and experienced Alaska Native woman and leader. She seeks out and listens to all stakeholder opinions and perspectives – in particular, those held by Alaska's tribes and tribal organizations. Her service on the Board of Fisheries is an asset to Alaska. Please vote to confirm her renomination.

Sincerely,

Anna C. Crary

Greetings:

I am a third-generation Kodiak seine permit holder. I am 33 years old and have been a part of Kodiak's salmon fishery for nearly 25 years. It is mine and my family's livelihood and primary source of income. We all depend heavily on the well-constructed management plan for Kodiak. I am deeply troubled by Marit Carlson Van-Dort's nomination to the Board of Fisheries. She should not even be considered, as she has conflict of interest that should prevent it. It is very evident she has a strong bias against Kodiak commercial salmon fishermen, and has intentions to dismantle our tried and true management plan that has been considerate to all fishermen and fisheries. I view her as a threat to everything I &

my family have worked so hard for over the years. Not just a threat to us, but all Kodiak commercial fishermen who depend on the salmon fishery here. I am very opposed to Marit Carlson Van-Dort's nomination and ask that she please be replaced with someone unbiased towards all fishing areas.

Thank you,
Michelle Rittenhouse

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Sincerely,
Margaret Schroeder

Hello, my name is Shawna Rittenhouse. I'm a second generation seiner in Kodiak. I've been seining in Kodiak for 45 years. Its my main source of income. My whole family fishes Kodiak, and also depend on it as their main source of income. Marit Carlson Van-Dort should not even be on the Board of Fisheries as she has conflict of interest that should prevent it. It is very evident she has strong bias against Kodiak Commercial salmon fishermen. I'm very strongly against her

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Dear Joint Resource Committee

I am writing you in regards to the nomination to the Board of Fish of Marit Carlson Van-Dort that you will be considering. I strongly oppose her reappointment to the Board of Fish.

In the Board of Fish meeting in Kodiak in January of 2020, it became very clear that she arrived with a closed mind and a deeply rooted bias against Kodiak and in favor of Chignik. She repeatedly showed her favoritism to her home in Chignik and manipulated the meeting to get more fish to Chignik at the expense of Kodiak's historic fisheries. She repeatedly discounted the unbiased information the ADF&G biologists gave her about the two fisheries, and instead focused solely on favoring Chignik and her many family members who fish there. It was sickening and disheartening that, though given multiple opportunities to excuse herself from decisions in which she had a blatant conflict of interest, she chose to remain in order to benefit Chignik.

For these reasons and many more, I am today strongly objecting to Marit Carlson Van-Dort's re-appointment.

Please reject her and her unethical practices.

Nicholas Hoffman
Captain, F/V Relentless

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Fannie Dock

Representative Geran Tarr, Chair House Fisheries
State Capital Room 126
Juneau, AK 99801

Representative Josiah Patkotak, Chair House Resources
State Capital Room 102
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Members of the House Fisheries and House Resource Committee,

I am Melvin Larsen from Sand Point, Alaska where I am a longtime Area M fisherman.

I do not support the confirmation of Marit Carson Van-Dort to the Alaska Board of Fish. Mr. Van-Dort's actions in the past year have been reckless and damaging to Alaska's fisheries. Marit does not appear to understand the fisheries nor pay attention to the science of which millions were spent on.

I do support the confirmation of John Jensen and Abe Williams. John and Abe are fishermen who understand the business.

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Racheali Feller

Re: Opposition Marit Carlson-Van Dort Alaska Board of Fish

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Kiley Thompson

President

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Renee Blake

My name is Sally Rittenhouse and I am a third generation Kodiak seiner. I've fished my entire life on this island, working in my family's seine operation since I was 10-years-old. Last year, for the first time, I ran my own seine boat. Kodiak's fishery is my means of survival and income and I would like to see it continue to thrive for fishermen like me who are beginning their own fishing operation.

Marit Carlson Van-Dort is a danger to the Kodiak fisheries and future generations of Kodiak fishermen for her biased perspective. I find it hard to understand how an

individual like Ms. Van-Dort is still on the BOF when she is clearly within a conflict of interest. Chignik's determined agenda to limit, restrict, even shut down our Kodiak fishery entirely is only furthered by Ms. Van-Dort's presence on the BOF. I am fully against her remaining on the BOF and urge that she be replaced by someone unbiased toward Kodiak's historical fishery. Agendas and conflict of interest have no place on the BOF.

Thank you.

Sally Rittenhouse

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Andy Hall and I'm a 58-year resident of Alaska. I have been a Cook Inlet East Side Setnetter since 1982 and I currently operate a setnet site south of the Kasilof River with my wife and two kids. I am writing to express my opposition to the confirmation of Marit Carlson Van-Dort to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

While I am concerned about her reported actions during the Kodiak meeting, I did not attend or listen to that meeting.

I did attend the 2020 Upper Cook Inlet meeting and I saw her act in ways that do not reflect the impartiality I would like to see in a member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries. First, I was disturbed by her blind adherence to proposals and positions advanced by the Kenai River Sportfishing Association. In particular, KRSA's proposal to create an OEG for the late run Kenai River king salmon, effectively raising the large king goal to 15,000, and the KRSA proposal to significantly increase the in-river sockeye goal.

None of the commercial fishers who engaged with Ms. Carlson Van-Dort supported either proposal. Opposition to both proposals was supported by ADF&G data. Except for the freelance biologists employed by KRSA, no fishery biologists in attendance supported either of the proposals. Despite that, Ms. Carlson Van-Dort voted in favor of both, assuring their passage. Her actions appeared to be in direct alignment with the wishes of KRSA.

Because of the politically-motivated and scientifically-unjustified action that raised the late run King goal, Cook Inlet's East Side setnet fishery was shut down early in 2020, causing an economic disaster for fishing families, and sending millions of pounds of unharvested sockeye into the Kenai River, overwhelming its spawning beds.

Recent actions by the members of the Alaska BOF, the majority of whom live in southcentral or interior Alaska, show a profound disconnect with, and misunderstanding of, the importance of the commercial fishing industry to the economies and people of Alaska's coastal communities.

Please reject Ms. Carlson Van-Dort for the Board of Fisheries, Alaska can do better.

Andy Hall

Eagle River, Alaska

Dear senators and representatives,

Marit Carlson Van-Dort. Ms. Carlson Van-Dort has proven to be biased against the commercial fishing industry.

At the Upper Cook Inlet meeting in 2020, Ms. Carlson-Van Dort did not provide valid justification for her support of sportfish proposals over comfish. It appeared as though she had come to the meeting with her mind already made up how she was going to vote.

Many commercial fishermen have expressed frustration that she will not engage with them, and when she does engage, she is complacent and appears sympathetic to their concerns, yet votes against them with no justification.

In Kodiak, Ms. Carlson-Van Dort voted strictly for Chignik fishermen that are also shareholders and directors of the Chignik Village Corporation, Far West, Inc. of which she is President.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort, with the help of a first cousin that had submitted several proposals to the Board, encouraged her uncle to transfer his Chignik salmon permit a couple of weeks before the Board meeting so that she did not technically have an economic conflict of interest and could vote in favor of her cousin's proposals, hurting Kodiak fishermen.

At the Kodiak meeting, in comments regarding the board's action, she read comments obviously written by a third party and said on the record "we" indicating her and Chignik rather than speaking as a board of fish member.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort should be replaced with a non-biased, open-minded board member- not a sport advocate pretending to be a commercial fishing supporter.

I have also attached the UAF opposition letter for your convenience. Thank you for your time.

Dustin Connor

Petersburg, AK

Dear Representative Edgmon,

I write to express my strong support for Marit Carlson-Van Dort to be reappointed to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I am an attorney with the Anchorage law firm Landye Bennett Blumstein LLP, and I represent the Chignik Intertribal Coalition, an organization comprised of the five federally-recognized Tribes within the Chignik Region: Ivanof Bay, Perryville, Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, and Chignik Lake. I have worked with the CIC at a number of Board meetings, and can confirm from first-hand experience that Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is an excellent Board member and a crucial asset to the continued viability of all fisheries in Alaska.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is eminently qualified to be reappointed as a member of the Board of Fisheries. Since her initial appointment to the Board in 2019, Marit Carlson-Van Dort has repeatedly demonstrated her understanding of the heavy responsibility that comes with serving on the Board of Fish. Her ability to weigh all sides of the many complex issues that come before the Board and make well-reasoned yet difficult decisions is a valuable asset for the State of Alaska. Her background in resources management and commercial fishing combined with her academic training in conservation biology and fisheries science equips her with a wealth of knowledge and expertise and the ability to think critically and weigh important information that is essential to a successful and diligent Board.

Before voting, Ms. Carlson-Van Dort seeks to understand the impacts of proposals upon all stakeholders, including subsistence, sport, and commercial fishers – as a good Board Member should do. She understands and reviews the science behind all proposals and believes in sustained yield management principles, which is crucial to the health and well-being of Alaska's fishing industry.

I am aware of vigorous opposition to Ms. Carlson-Van Dort's reappointment from a minority of commercial stakeholders from Kodiak who are displeased with a decision made by the Board in January 2020 that changed the regulations for the Cape Igvak commercial sockeye fishery. Those

changes, long overdue, were necessary to ensure that management of that fishery was consistent with sustained yield – a constitutional requirement for fisheries management.

The reasons advanced in opposition to her reappointment are without merit. First, many of these “reasons” focus upon alleged conflicts of interest presented by her extended family’s interests in commercial fisheries throughout Alaska. The Alaska Department of Law has, on multiple occasions, conducted a thorough evaluation of Ms. Carlson-Van Dort’s disclosures, and has routinely concluded that she is in full compliance with the Executive Branch Ethics Act. If you doubt those conclusions, I suggest you contact Aaron Peterson at the Dept. of Law directly. Second, that a member of the Board of Fisheries has extended family members who are also commercial and subsistence fishery stakeholders is nothing new in Alaska. Indeed, many, if not all, other Board members and nominees are in the same boat, so to speak, with respect to family and professional connections to the fisheries they regulate. It would be unprecedented for the Legislature to consider such relationships as disqualifying an appointee - especially when those relationships have been vigorously examined by the Dept. of Law and have been identified as not presenting an ethical issue. Indeed, adopting such a stringent - and unfair - standard would likely doom the Legislature’s ability to confirm qualified applicants in the future.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is a smart and experienced Alaska Native woman and leader. She seeks out and listens to all stakeholder opinions and perspectives – in particular, those held by Alaska’s tribes and tribal organizations. Her service on the Board of Fisheries is an asset to Alaska. Please vote to confirm her renomination.

Sincerely,

Anna C. Crary

Dear Representative Patkotak,

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams. As a person who loves to fish in Alaska, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly. The Governor's nominees come from diverse backgrounds and have expertise in fisheries across the state. I believe these nominees will serve Alaskans well.

Ms. Mitchell brings to the board a new and fresh perspective that I think will serve Alaska well. Her familiarity with Alaska’s fisheries as a professional guide is an important perspective, which deserves representation. Her position with the University as an economist will also influence her decision-making process when it comes to the core goal of the Board - to conserve and develop the fishery.

The Governor's nominees are all hard-working Alaskans, and each of them has experience in Alaska's diverse fisheries. I look forward to the balanced and thoughtful perspectives they'll bring to Alaska's fisheries management.

Thank you for your hard work and continued dedication to Alaska. I hope you'll join me in supporting the nominees to the Board of Fisheries and cast your vote to confirm Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams.

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