

Board of Fisheries  
Public Testimony Packet  
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To The Alaska State Legislature Resources Committee:

My name is Carter Hughes and I am a small boat fisherman based out of Sitka, Alaska. I own a 37 foot troller and participate in the SE AK salmon troll fishery and the halibut and sablefish IFQ fisheries. I have been in the AK commercial fishing industry since 1984. I have been participating in AK State Board of Fish proceedings by attending and submitting written comments since 1992. I am writing to oppose the appointment of Marit Carlson - Van Dort to the BOF. The BOF is meant to have a balance of interests and the seat Ms. Carlson - Van Dort currently fills is supposed to be held by a representative with a commercial fishing perspective. Ms. Carlson - Van Dort's perspective is very narrow and seems to only favor certain Chignik based views or that of Cook Inlet sport interests. Her former ties to the Pebble Mine project also concern me. I do not feel confident that Ms. Carlson - Van Dort will adequately represent a balanced perspective on Alaska fisheries, especially commercial fisheries. I'd rather someone else that is truly involved with commercial fishing sit in that seat. Thank you for your consideration.

James Carter Hughes

FV Astrolabe

Sitka, AK

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Good afternoon,

As a commercial salmon gillnetter from Area E and a member of the Native Village of Eyak, I'm writing today in opposition to the appointment of Märít Carlson Van-Dort and Abe Williams to the BOF.

As of today, the board is currently unbalanced and leans heavily towards the sportfish sector and Anchorage area. Fishermen were led to believe the appointment of Märít Carlson-Van Dort would fulfill a commercial fishing seat, but during her three-year stint on the board, she has proven to lean toward sport and has actively engaged against the commercial fishing sector.

I oppose Abe Williams on the Board of Fish because his role with the Pebble Limited Partnership is a conflict of interest. Despite Abe Williams being a commercial fisherman, he has shown where his true interests lie by siding with Pebble time and time again.

I urge the legislature to reject the nomination of Abe Williams and Märít Carlson Van-Dort and encourage the Governor to more suitable candidates to represent the commercial fishing sector instead of his own agenda.

With oil becoming less and less important on the world stage Alaska should place more value in the renewable resource of salmon and its protection. The seafood industry directly employs around 60,000 people in the state and an additional 10,000 people in the supporting infrastructure. It generated about 5.6 billion dollars in economic activity in recent years. I understand that many choices in politics are dominated by what the economic outcomes will be, but if BOF continues to side with sport fish the next generation of fishermen will be forced to find different occupations and part of Alaska's unique wildness will die, not to mention the economic fallout.

As a young fisherman, my request is that my interests in sustainably harvesting Alaska's salmon commercially are adequately represented in the decision-making body of BOF.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Hayley Hoover

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To Whom it May concern:

My name is Kavik Anderson and I am a 3rd generation Bristol Bay drift fishermen living in Kodiak Alaska. I also own a seiner in Kodiak and fish cod, halibut, blackcod, tanner crab and the seine fishery in Kodiak.

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

Having witnessed Ms. Carlson Van-Dort at the January 2020 Kodiak finfish meeting, I can tell you that she is unable to perform the functions of a board of fish member with an open mind, free from bias or preconceived ideas for fisheries management. Under the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics act, section 39.52.010. Declaration of Policy it is declared that:

“(1) high moral and ethical standards among public officers in the executive branch are essential to assure the trust, respect, and confidence of the people of this state.”

Ms. Carlson Van-Dort ruined the trust, respect, and confidence of the people of this state in matters of the Board of Fish. To the community of Kodiak, as well as people of the entire State, she chose to deliberate on proposals she clearly had an invested interest in.

I respectfully request you **oppose** Marit Carlson Van-Dort before she uses her position of power and influence to negatively impact the other areas of the state and other fisheries in the state that I participate in.

Thank you for your time,  
Kavik Anderson

Sent from my iPhone

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My name is James Emerson, owner and operator of Emerson Boat Works in Kodiak, Alaska. I am a second generation boat builder supplying the communities of Kodiak, Old Harbor, Port Lions, Ouzinkie, and Larsen Bay with custom made recreational and commercial skiffs and transport vehicles, as well as custom fabrication for the commercial fishing industry.

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

As the Board of Fish ultimately has a large effect in the productivity of the Kodiak seine fleet, I decided to tune in to the Board of Fish meeting in Kodiak in January of 2020 to see how the process worked as many of my fishing friends were talking about the meeting. It was apparent to me that the process I had believed was a sound, public-based process, was far from that in reality. For Ms. Carlson Van-Dort to participate the way she did, with a blatant conflict of interest in the outcome of the proposals is a disgrace to the integrity of the board process.

I walked out of that meeting believing the Board process was broken and needed fixing. I believe you have the power to start the change, by voting to **t. oppose Marit Carlson Van-Dort**

Thank you for your consideration.  
James Emerson

Emerson Boat Works Corp

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Dear Esteemed Legislators,

I write to stand in opposition to the confirmation of the nominee to the board of fisheries Ms. Carlson Van-Dort.

I am a lifelong Alaskan who has worked for ADF&G, as a sport fishing guide, and as a commercial fisherman. I have extensively studied fish and fisheries in Alaska and am a life long sport fisherman who loves this state and the bounty it provides. I am dismayed by Ms. Carlson Van-Dort's pure disregard for science and for rules concerning recusal of members who have personal stakes in the allocation decisions they make.

It is clear that Ms. Carlson Van-Dort is a threat to my livelihood as a commercial fisherman due to her clear bias toward special interest groups, and should not be considered for a commercial fishing seat on the Board of Fisheries. It is further clear that her absolute disregard for the intensive management and science that makes Alaska's fisheries the envy of the world further threatens my ability to build a viable sport fishing guide business.

Please vote no in this confirmation.

Thank You

**Patrick McCormick**

F/V Sportsman, Chugach View Outfitters

Anchorage, Alaska

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Thank you,

David Fleming

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I would like to let it be known that Carlsen von Dort is not truthful on her connection with chignik area salmon fishing & is a direct person of gain to that fishery if not personally, through family. I am a lifelong Kodiak resident & Kodiak salmon permit holder & fisherman! Please do not reappointed her to the board & consider everything she was part of invalid!

Sincerely Mike Ferris F/V Cally Rose

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Dear members of the house resources and house fisheries committees, I am writing to voice my opposition to Märit Carlson-Van Dorts appointment to BoF.

I believe a balanced Board of Fish is in the best interest of all Alaskans, serves to moderate radical agendas by any one user group or area, and prevent a see-sawing of regulations in favor of whoever currently dominates the board. At present, the Board is weighted heavily towards sport interests, specifically those of the anchorage area, largely to the detriment of the commercial sector.

Regardless of how Ms. Carlson- Van Dort labels herself, or how the states' sport interests label her, her votes clearly define her as a board member with a strong bias towards the sport sector, and as such her place on the board is contributing to the lack of balance we see there now.

I would like to see her replaced with someone who will not only bring balance between sectors to the board, but someone who strives to put personal bias and agenda aside in an effort to fully serve this states residents on the BoF.

Thanks for your time,

Matt Lawrie

Sitka

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> I am writing this letter in opposition of support to Merit Carlson Van-Dort's appointment to the State of Alaska board of fish.

> 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.

> She also has a conflict of interest in a lot of fishery region affairs that she won't admit to.

> Thank you,

> Paul Holmberg

Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

We are writing to express our significant concerns about Mr. Abe Williams' nomination to the Board of Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy, and to encourage the Legislature to reject his nomination.

The role of the Board of Fish is conserving and developing Alaska's fisheries and confirmation of Mr. Williams would call into question the Board's ability to responsibly manage Bristol Bay fisheries.

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We urge the legislature to reject the nomination and encourage the Governor to find a more suitable candidate that has the faith of fishermen in fulfilling the Board's important role in managing our fisheries.

Sincerely,  
judith phillips

Kodiak, AK

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Dear CoChairs Tarr and Patkotak:

I am grateful for the opportunity to voice on behalf of my family our **opposition** to the reappointment of Marit Carlson Van-Dort to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Having witnessed her actions at the Kodiak finfish meeting in January of 2020, in which she pushed the definition of morality and ethics farther than any board member should, we respectfully request you consider the implications of the degradation of public trust in a process that ultimately holds every commercial fish business in the state in its hands.

Ms. Carlson Van-Dort conducted herself at the January 2020 meeting in a manner consistent with someone who had pre-conceived ideas of changes she wanted to make to a management plan with bulletproof conservation protections for the Chignik region. Her refusal to recuse herself from proposals written by family members, while not fulfilling the black and white definition of "conflict of interest" displayed questionable character in her ability as a board member to have open minded deliberations free from motivations of gain for her representative region.

The Executive Branch Ethics Act **39.52** section **39.52.120** states "(b) A public officer may not (4) take or withhold official action in order to affect a matter in which the public officer has a personal or financial interest." We strongly believe Ms. Carlson Van-Dort is in violation of the Ethics Act, as her extensive family ties and business dealings with Chignik based entities are in fact personal interests.

We respectfully request you **oppose** Ms. Carlson Van-Dort for reappointment to the Board of Fish, and help begin the process of rebuilding public trust in the Board process.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Rose

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Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

Kill the Pebble plan and fight corrupt behavior in the part of governor appointees.

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Sincerely,  
Stephen Owen  
West Chester, OH

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Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries Members,

Hello, My name is Clarissa Harris. I was born and raised on Kodiak Island. My father was a fisherman when I was growing up. So I understand the importance of our fisheries for our beautiful state of Alaska. I respectfully write you this to you today in the hopes it may help our fisheries and it's future. I am a shareholder with the native corporation for which Märit Carlson Van Dort at the present time is the President and CEO of.

There is extreme disregard within our corporation to our shareholders from our president Märit Carlson Van Dort. False truths published regarding her position on the board, which further questions her true intentions for being our president. I do not want to see our fisheries fail to thrive because of neglect. Or lack thereof when it comes to professionalism.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Clarissa Raini Harris

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House Fisheries,

As a Native Alaskan , I have seen first hand, the abuse of power Ms. Carlson Van-Dort has demonstrated with her position at the pebble partner ship, for personal gain.

Ms. Carlson Van-Dort obtained her position at Pebble due to her position in her Native corporation. More qualified candidate's were let go to give her the position , simply due to her seat on her native corporation , which was what pebble was looking for. MS. Carlson Van-Dort used her position with her native corporation to publicly represent pebble without the shareholders being aware or approving.

Ms. Carlson Van-Dort has a steady track record of using dirty politics for personal gain with little regard for any collateral damage that is often left in her wake.

In addition to the conflict of interest and gross mis management with her corporation, Ms. Carlson Van-Dort, was also responsible for covering up a sexual Harassment case that happened under her watch at her corporation. She used her corporation's Attorney to go after the accuser's while going after employee's that tried to stand up for the accusers. She was aware of the abusers record of abuse ( which is publicly documented). She then proceeded to conduct her own investigation with a another ethical conflict of interest. This matter is ongoing ....

While these matters do not directly have anything to do with the Board of Fisheries, we felt it necessary to come forward with this information , which demonstrates a pattern of her dirty politics, lack of ethics and conflicts of interest.

Please take this information into consideration or at least bring it to light during the hearing.

Thank you , Arthur

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Sincerely,  
Patricia Kinnunen

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

As an land owner on the Kenai River, I support the Governor's nominees.

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.

Abe Williams has experience as one of the top drift fishermen in Bristol Bay, with a long family history of fishing that area. He has also served on the Naknek Kvichak Advisory Committee, and on the Board of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association.

Mr. Jensen has served Alaska for many years with distinction, both on the State Board of Fisheries and the Federal North Pacific Council. His experience and knowledge of Alaska's various fishery sectors is an asset to our state, and he should continue to serve on the Board.

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.

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.

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John Dolbinski

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Dear Legislators,

I strongly oppose the confirmation of John Wood, John Jensen, Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Abe Williams and McKenzie Mitchell.

Alaska is fortunate to have abundant renewable fisheries resources that provide thousands of jobs and millions of high protein meals for commerce and National food security. Unfortunately the BOF members and appointees are not and have not been using science and biology to make management plans to sustain our fisheries resource and the fishing industries. Management plans are structured for allocation and political agendas as proposed by special interest groups. This is not sustainable and results in millions of dollars of lost harvest and financial harm to the fishing industry and communities. The salmon disaster declarations are increasing at an alarming rate. Fishermen, Processors, support businesses and some coastal communities are going broke. In the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery alone, these BOF members in 2020 closed hundreds of square miles of prime fishing area that have traditionally and historically been open since fishing started. This was done strictly without scientific data and objections from the commercial fisheries and communities. Unfairly and illegally treating people differently. The result was another economic disaster and millions of salmon going unharvested. A good litmus test to conduct on the confirmation of BOF members is: If the Kenai River Sportfishing Association lobbies for them then they will make management plans that are political and allocative and void of science, biology and Maximum Sustained Yield and the fisheries , communities and resource itself will be harmed and not sustainable.

Thank you,

David Martin

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I am an avid fly fisher, and have worked as a professional natural resource manager for over 34 years.

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Ed Fogels

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

i am a born and raised Alaskan and have a place on the Kenai river, we need a balanced board to make sure our resources are not further mismanaged. there is enough fish for all parties to share. the first priority should be to make sure the resource is sustainable. it is apparent that the management has been leaning towards commercial fishing interests over the years and this playing field needs to be leveled, not taken away but needs to be much more even.

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George Bennett

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I am a 52 year resident of the state of Alaska.

I have lived on the Kenai for the last 9 years.

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Christopher Mizelle

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Mariah Brown

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I have lived and fished in Alaska most of my life - from days on Lynn canal with my great granddad, the Russian in the 70s and from my home on the Kenai since the 90s. Fish have been an important part of our family diet and outdoor lifestyle

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. I believe that these nominees will put the resource first. I am a long time member of Kenai River Sportfishing and want the decisions about the various fisheries in the state to adhere to the principle that FISH COME FIRST.

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richard bucy

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Pablo Rodriguez

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Dear representatives,

My name is Brian McWethy. I strongly oppose confirming Marit Carlson Van-Dort to the BOF. I am 34 years old, I'm a second generation fisherman. My parents and my family live in Kodiak year round. My wife and I have 2 daughters, a 2 year old and a 4 month old. I provide the sole income for our household, with the lions share of that coming from salmon seining. I fish tanner crab as well but it is inconsistent as an income and this year it didn't open at all. I worry about being able to provide for my family in the future especially after the last BOF meeting that happened in 2019 in Kodiak. Specifically the way Marik conducted herself; I strongly believe she came to Kodiak with an agenda to change our fishery. The changes she made did happen and harmed my ability to provide for my family. She seems dishonest and not genuine. I want to believe that the BOF would do what is best for the fisherman of this state and make unbiased decisions. I have no faith in Marik and am still upset with the way she conducted herself. The only follow up questions she ever asked during public testimony were for people who were pro Cook Inlet or pro Chignik. She asked people testifying for Chignik the most questions. She also showed no interest in questioning pro Kodiak testimony. Since she is the president of the tribal corporation in Chignik it seems like there is a conflict of interest when Chignik proposals are being

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Sincerely,  
Brian mcwethy

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MARK SPENCER

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Ronald Lee

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David VOUGHT

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Alaska Legislators,

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Thanks,

Chris Bourgeois

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Sirs,

I have lived in Alaska since before statehood. Alaska fisheries like the Kenai River deserve our respect and preservation while under our watch. Please only support candidates that will do so. The next paragraph was written by a group that sees this beautiful river as more than just a source for money and I trust the names they have supported must meet there goals.

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Greg Groeneweg

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Hello

In 1984 At the age of 8 my father moved our family to Alaska in order to be nearer to our grandparents. Our grandparents were home steads in Eagle river and eventually settled in Homer. My grandfather Joe Wallis, was a State fisheries biologist who not only ran many of the hatcheries though out the state but help build policies and research to ensure our fisheries are sustainable. From a young age I read his research papers and became a student of our valuable resource. Although my work transfered me out of Alaska for the time being, my 28 years living in Alaska qualifies my input. In addition I have had the great opportunity representing my company The Home Depot and the hundres of associates who call Alaska and our waters in Alaska home. Over the years I have spent countless hours on the rivers and the sea. From personal fishing to being a charter deckhand, to a father teaching his children to harvest and put up the summers catch. The waters of Alaska must have a balanced board. I owe it to my family to ensure I do my part.

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Albany, NY

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I live in Palmer and fish mostly Kenai River, Kasilof River, Seward area, Fish Creek and the Copper River and more places around Alaska. I love fishing and it is one of the reasons I live in Alaska. Sport Fishing and Personal Use Fishing are vital to me.

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Shelly Nielsen

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I was born and raised in Unalakleet and currently live in Anchorage. I was fortunate enough to grow up on fish: dried fish, smoked fish, baked fish, agutak made with baked fish, half-dried fish boiled with potatoes and seal oil, etc. We need to ensure that individuals who serve on the Board of Fish act in the best interests of all Alaskan users/consumers of fish. We need a board that exercises good judgment, and who execute responsible, balanced management of Alaska's fisheries. Thank you



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Margaret Nelson

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Dear Alaska Legislators,

My name is Dennis Zadra and I have been a commercial fisherman in this State for 31 years. I live in Cordova and have participated in the Board of Fish process for the last 15 years. I would like to oppose the confirmation of Abe Williams, McKenzie Mitchell and Marit Carlson Van-Dort to the Board of Fish. Abe Williams has a huge conflict of interest by being employed by the parent company of the Pebble Mine project. This project is at complete odds with the largest wild sockeye salmon run in the world in Bristol Bay. McKenzie Mitchell has virtually no experience with the Board Process or commercial fishing, but will be voting on proposals that will affect the livelihoods of thousands of Alaskans. Marit Carlson Van-Dort claims to be a supporter of commercial fishing interests but her record of voting shows otherwise.

Commercial Fishermen are very under-represented on the Board of Fish. John Jensen is the only Board member from a rural coastal community. Governor Dunleavy has further widened this gap with these appointments, but also with his cuts to the Alaska Marine Highway System that have devastated communities like Cordova with no access to the road system. Commercial Fishermen, especially salmon fishermen are struggling and this Board process that is intended to give everyone a voice has become very lopsided. Sport and Personal Use interests continually fight to take allocation away from the Commercial interests. That is not right. We need appointments that represent all Alaskans, not just the interests of Anchorage, Mat-Su and Fairbanks.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my point of view.

Sincerely,

Dennis M Zadra

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Thank you for your service to the state of Alaska.

Warmest regards,

Kristin Mellinger

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Alan Tappan

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Spokane Valley

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You need to realize what a valuable resource you have and do your best to preserve it for all of your

citizens.

Down here, we appreciate what you have and do our best to wholeheartedly support protection of your great fisheries. Many of us have been fighting along with you to save Bristol Bay, stop the Pebble Mine. And to save the Tongans from clear cutting and development.

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Pamela Reagan  
Pacifica, CA

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Joe Connors

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

Long before I was a KRSA board member I appreciated the beauty of Alaska's salmon spawning rivers; it truly is one of the reasons I moved to Alaska in 2002. Management and protection of this resource is vital to the community, the salmon and countless benefactors who experience the thrill of catching a fish for dinner.

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.

Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, and John Jensen have already established a track record of service on the Board of Fisheries. Each of them has shown a willingness to work with a large variety of stakeholders in an effort to seek fair and equitable changes to Alaska's fisheries. While the three don't always agree with one another, taken in total their service on the Board has shown their willingness to make decisions based on science, their encouragement of precision in fisheries management when

possible, and their respect for historic and emerging user groups in the fisheries.

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.

Ross Baxter

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I'm a retired Air Force Veteran, I'm an outdoorsman that loves to hunt, fish, and dipnet. I've lived in the FNSB Alaska for almost 23 years. I feel that the commercial fishing industry has always decided on catch limits. I can't understand why we can't keep king salmon especially, when the commercials can keep them, while I cannot.. If you want to truly get to your escapement goals then limit the commercials catch. Most are not even Alaskans, so what's up with that? Is it all about the money? Are you getting kickbacks? You are not representing Native Alaskans very well.

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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.

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Rich Piech

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Re: Representative Josiah Patkotak, chair House Resources Representative Geran Tarr, Chair House Fisheries State Capital Juneau, Ak 99801

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

Dear Members of the House of fisheries and The House Resource Committee,

As a resident of Sand Point, & Area M seiner , I strongly, but respectfully oppose the appointment of Marit Carlson-Van Dort.

I don't feel Ms. Carlson-Van Dort's family conflicts can be overlooked -Her relationship to the Chiknik Fishery seems both unfair and unethical. Given the current political climate between Area L And so many other fisheries/ communities, we shouldn't " muddy the water" with a Board Member with such clear ties a community of interest.

I strongly urge the committee not to move forward with the appointment of Marit Carlson-Van Dort

Sincerely, Taylor Lundgren

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

Morning, I split my time between Alaska and Washington DC where my wife Lisa has a full time job in the US Senate. I'm on the board of Kenai River Sportfish and between spending most of my time enjoying and fishing the Kenai River, I do travel around the state a lot and get to see the many different fishing venues.

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Verne Martell

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