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The Honorable; Governor Mike Dunleavy

RE: 1. Opposing the appointment of Carlson Van-Dort to AK Board of Fisheries.
2. Abe Williams conflict of Interest in the Pebble Mine, Representing Pebble Mine's interests.

Dear Members of the House Fisheries & House Resource Committee:

K-Bay Fisheries Assoc. representing 48 fishing members and over 200 fishing families from Alaska whom were and still are fishermen for half a century. They reside from way up north in Delta, all the way down to the Peninsula of Homer, and including the Kodiak islands.

K-Bay Assoc. Members and Fishing Families Represented by K-Bay Fisheries Assoc. strongly opposed of Carlson Van-Dort being appointed back to the Board of Fish. She has strong ties to Pebble Mine Project & Farwest Native organization, which have no interest in helping Alaskas fisheries become sustainable. Carlson Van-Dort does not rely on the highly respected Fish & Game, the science studied by them, as with all of the hard work put into helping to keep Alaska's oceans sustainable. An example is when fish come into contaminated lakes to spawn, almost more than half or none of the fish do not come out of the lake because their bodies have been deceased by the contamination.

Carlson Van-Dort wants to close small fisherman that are struggling to make a living throughout the state of Alaska. Carlson Van-Dort doesn't support the small fisherman from making a living. Which have the largest impact for the fishing communities.

K-Bay Assoc. Members and Fishing Families Represented by K-Bay Fisheries Assoc. is also opposing Abe Williams Board of Fish Seat due to having conflict of interest in the Pebble Mine Project. Abe Williams is influencing Pebble Mines Interests of bigger profits instead of sustainability for Alaskan Fisheries. Abe Williams Interests are making bigger profits for the Pebble Mine Project. Abe Williams is ***NOT for the fishermen and fishing communities in Alaska.***

Fishing families have been relying on the fishing industry since Alaska has been become a state in January 3, 1959. Board Members that have self interests only to represent themselves, not the communities interests include Carlson Van-Dort & Abe Williams. They have very little interest in helping fishing families. Board Members who do not have a selfless mindset should not have been put in the Board of Fish in the first place. They *do not* look at how their decisions have devastating consequences on the fishing families and the habitat in which the fish live in.

Governor Dunleavy needs to balance the Fish Board. The Board of Fish has 5 sport fisherman, 1 commercial fisherman, and 1 subsistence. This is not a balanced Board of fish, it is unethical and no way fair for the Alaskan Sector of Fisheries. The Board of Fish requires to have a balance of 3 Sport, 3 Commercial, and 1 Subsistence. Dunleavy needs to seek and appoint Board Members that have interest in helping Alaska as a whole state, overseeing *all* aspects of the fishing industry that impact the State of Alaska.

K-Bay Fisheries Assoc.