

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

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

I am a Bristol Bay commercial fisherman, and I am writing to express my significant concerns about Mr. Abe Williams' nomination to the Board of Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy, and to encourage the Legislature to reject his nomination. I am speaking for myself as well as for my children, who fish with me and who I hope to see working a strong and sustainable fishery in Bristol Bay long after I retire.

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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,  
Anna Casey Witte

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My name is Greg Johnson and I live in Homer Alaska. I have seined Kodiak salmon for the past 28 years. I am writing in opposition to the nomination of Marit Carlson Van-Dort. She showed her lack of integrity by not recusing her self from the 2020 Kodiak board meeting when she has such strong ties to Chignik and it's fishery. Chignik has tried to push these same proposals for years and the only reason it passed this time was one of their own sat on the board. Kodiak has a robust aquaculture program and management for the fish around our island. We offered to help Chignik with finding solutions for upper Chignik lake why the runs are failing but Marit showed no interest. We need people on the board that help find real solutions, not destroy healthy fisheries due to their lack of understanding science. Marit has hurt more than help the relationship between Kodiak and Chignik . She is failing the fish and the fishermen. Thanks Greg.

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Jeanne Schaaf

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Hello,

I'm listening to the meeting. And Axel Kopun who is in favor of Märit Carlson Van Dort because he is the first cousin of her. This is for record.

Thank you

Clarissa Raini Harris

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Sincerely,  
Bruce Service

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Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

As a retired Alaska department of Fish & Game biologist I am not oppose Mr. Williams appointment to the Alaska board of Fisheries. I have significant concerns about Mr. Abe Williams' nomination to the Board of Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy, and to encourage the Legislature to reject his nomination.

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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.

Joe Connors

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Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

I cannot call in to express my citizen input, but...

I write to say that I urge you to vote down the nomination of Mr. Abe Williams to the Board of Fisheries. I urgently ask that the entire legislature reject Mr. Williams.

Why? Here are several reasons.

1. Our fisheries are our Alaskan shared assets, insuring our way of life, our food supply, our economic base. Right now, our fisheries are in a very risky place. Everyone wants a bigger piece of the pie, without accountability for the future. Yet fish populations are dropping. Climate change and rising water temperatures are wiping out essential populations --and not just fish--but the whole river and marine food web.

2. Mr. Williams has a career promoting the proposed Pebble mine. Science shows that this mine would put fish habitat and ecology at high & irreversible risk. What kind of concern would a Pebble Mine

advocate have for our common fish and game assets? How can we have faith in someone that the Bristol Bay fishermen do not endorse?

I ask you to look right through Williams' nice-sounding words. See through to the profit motives vs. science and community well-being that will govern his decisions.

2. Governor Dunleavy apparently can't let Pebble die. He must have been well-paid and made many promises to promote the Mine. Even with overwhelming public testimony against Gov. Dunleavy's nomination of Jason Brune at the beginning of his term, the Governor went against the will of the people and appointed this Pebble Mine as Commissioner of Department of Environmental Conservation.

3. The Board of Fish has a mission: to conserve and develop Alaska's fisheries. Has Mr. Williams shown any experience or inclination to responsibly manage Bristol Bay fisheries?

The evidence: recently he filed a lawsuit funded by the Pebble Limited Partnership against fellow commercial fishermen, consistently mischaracterized the overwhelming views of commercial fishermen and local communities from the region on the proposed mine, and testified dozens of times in support of developing the project despite the fact that it would permanently destroy between 105-300 miles of rivers and streams in the region.

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4. We need citizens and fisherman to represent our common good and sustainability. We need a Board member who does not hammer at a corporate agenda for personal profit. Bristol Bay has maintained near constant representation on the Board of Fish for 40 years. Do NOT ALLOW any replacing of a board member in good standing who represents both the State's largest salmon fishery and rural Alaska with an active advocate for the Pebble Mine. Represent us in your decision about the Board of Fisheries--us meaning our highest good, not favoritism to a private profiteer.

5. Summary: Reject Mr. Williams. Encourage the Gov. Dunleavy to find a more suitable candidate that has the faith of fishermen in fulfilling the Board's important role in managing our fisheries.

Thank you,

Sincerely,  
Ellen Vandevise

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I live in Big Lake and am an avid sports fisherman. I enjoy boating the Valley rivers and wetting a line trying to catch a Coho. I also enjoy fishing the Valley's stocked lakes and doing some local dip netting for hooligan and salmon. I'm getting older and want to see these in-river fishing opportunities preserved and managed for generations to come.

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Howard Delo

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

Hello, I love to fish at the Russian River, Kenai River, Anchor River and Deep Creek River, and when I get a chance, on the Kobuk River. I live in Anchorage, and I fish for myself, father-in-law (an elder), including the elders i know.

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Betty Sheldon

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Representative Geran Tarr,

Chair House Fisheries State Capitol Room 126

Juneau AK, 99801

Representative Josiah Patkotak,

Chair House Resources State Capitol Room 102

Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Opposition Märit Carlson-Van Dort Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Members of the House Fisheries and House Resource Committees, Alaska Board of Fisheries appointments are of vital interest to me. I believe that an Alaska Board of Fisheries with depth of experience, geographical diversity and balance between competing user groups was the type of board envisioned when Alaska became a state.

As of today, the board is currently unbalanced and leans heavily towards the sportfish sector and Anchorage area. I was led to believe the appointment of Märit 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. She has repeatedly voted against

proposals that would benefit commercial fishermen, offering little to no reasons to back up her decisions. This was the case at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting in February of 2020.

One of the few exceptions of her voting for fishermen was at the Kodiak Finfish meeting in 2019 where she voted to support several proposals that solely benefited Chignik commercial fishermen over Kodiak fishermen. In Kodiak, Ms. Carlson-Van Dort did not fulfill common Board of Fisheries protocols by engaging with fishermen on both sides of the issue and voted strictly for Chignik fishermen that are also shareholders and directors of the Chignik Village Corporation, Far West, Inc. of which she is President. In addition to this personal conflict of interest, 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. Moreover, in her 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 member. When Kodiak's State Representative Louise Stutes observed her bias while attending the Kodiak Board meeting and wrote her concerns to the board, Ms. Carlson-Van Dort, on the record, challenged Representative Stutes' personal observations. Kodiak fishermen and many others that attended the Kodiak Board meeting had never seen such blatant bias displayed by an Alaska Board of Fisheries member.

Currently four out of seven Board of Fish members are based in the Anchorage area. Israel Payton is in Wasilla, John Wood is in Willow, Gerad Godfrey is in Eagle River and Märit Carlson-Van Dort is in Anchorage. Having four out of seven board members from the same region shows an absence of diversity as well as lack of representation from coastal Alaska communities. Currently, only two members of the Board of Fish hail from coastal communities. Seafood from coastal communities contributes \$5 to \$6 billion in economic activity in Alaska each year and supports nearly 60,000 direct jobs and an additional 11,000 indirect jobs in Alaska. The seafood industry also pays approximately \$172 million in taxes, fees, and self-assessment to fund fisheries management each year. This revenue is more than four times the state general fund revenue used by the Commercial Fisheries Division (approximately \$38 million). My industry is paying more than our fair share and we respectfully ask for balanced representation.

An ideal Board of Fish member would be fair and impartial towards user groups and rely on science, local user group expertise, and the Department of Fish and Game recommendations. They would weigh all the facts, be open to hearing from all parties, and not come to the meeting with their mind already made up. I do not see these qualities in Ms. Carlson-Van Dort and believe she is not fit to serve as a board member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries; therefore, I opposes her appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Ben Ley

Cape St Elias

Dear Representative Patkotak,

41 year resident of Alaska, own a lodge near Lake Creek/Bulchitna -- sport fishing is very important to my family. Additionally, my work includes supporting the commercial fishing industry, so a good balance is the most important thing. ALL side should be working together for the common good of our sustainable fisheries.

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort - I know her personally, John Wood - appreciate his work for Mat-Su, 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.

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Jeanine St. John

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I have lived and worked in various parts of the state my whole life, fished almost every river and many lakes and have had an offshore boat in Prince William Sound for 45 years....ive seen lots of changes in fisheries since the 1960s...unrestricted Commercial fisheries have always led to declines of salmon runs and bottom fishing....and it always results in more restrictions, reduced or curtailed bag limits for sports fishermen and regular Alaskans trying to put fish in the freezer for sustenance for their families for the long winters.....

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Guy Johnston

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

As a 40 year Alaskan resident, I have seen multitudes of changes and at times lacking representation for a diverse Board of Fisheries. It is extremely important to myself and my family that a fair representation exists and diversity is needed.

Please consider my support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Thank you,

Kim Killion

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Kimberly Killion

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

We own a small business in Alaska, founded in 1976. We employ about 200 Alaskans. Have a home in Anchorage and built a cabin on the Kenai. My sons and their families live in Anchorage, as well. We hope you will ensure that the Board of Fisheries serves all Alaskans by preserving the fisheries for us all, for the next generations.  
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Rick and Cyndie Fox

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Kathryn Lessard

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Good evening,

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Thanks,

Mark Hermon

Utqiagvik, Alaska

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Robert Michael Kilbourn

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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.

Mr. Williams has spent much of his career working to promote the proposed Pebble mine, which risks severe impacts to the sustainability and profitability of one of our state's most important fisheries. In recent years he has filed a lawsuit funded by the Pebble Limited Partnership against fellow commercial fishermen, consistently mischaracterized the overwhelming views of commercial fishermen and local communities from the region on the proposed mine, and testified dozens of times in support of developing the project despite the fact that it would permanently destroy between 105-300 miles of rivers and streams in the region. His long-standing commitment to the proposed Pebble mine and willingness to cast aside the undeniable harm it would cause to the local fisheries raise grave concerns and unresolvable conflicts with his ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the Board to conserve and develop Alaska's fisheries.

Bristol Bay has maintained near constant representation on the Board of Fish for 40 years. Replacing a board member in good standing who represents both the State's largest salmon fishery and rural Alaska with an active advocate for the Pebble Mine flies in the face of the values and priorities the Board of Fish is mandated to represent.

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,  
Kate Crump  
Bay City, OR

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My phone dropped the call while I was waiting to provide oral testimony concerning the house fisheries committee on governor's nominations to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I am providing my testimony now in writing.

My name is Darren Platt and I'm a commercial fisherman and resident of Kodiak Alaska. I'm writing to express my opposition to Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Abe Williams, and John Wood to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. My opposition is based on the need to restore balance to the board and regenerate trust in the institution. I will address my opposition to each person individually:

**Marit Carlson-Van Dort:**

I originally opposed Mrs. Carlson-Van Dort's confirmation due to her conduct at the 2020 Kodiak Board of Fisheries meeting in which she refused to recuse herself despite blatant (and some undisclosed) conflicts of interest, and my opposition was fortified based on her testimony at her confirmation hearing. While I do not expect the legislature to be knowledgeable about the intricacies of Kodiak's fishery management plan, I *do* expect members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries to be forthcoming when discussing their decisions our region with lawmakers. Mrs. Carlson-Van Dort was disingenuous, and frankly dishonest, when she implied that the changes to the Cape-Igvak management plan would somehow contribute to the conservation and restoration of the Chignik salmon fishery. To be clear, prior to the changes to our fishery, Kodiak fishermen, under the Cape Igvak Management plan, were *not* allowed to harvest in the Cape Igvak area unless escapement *and* harvest objectives were being met in Chignik. In other words, Kodiak fishermen were only allowed to fish during strong Chignik runs and were allowed absolutely no fishing time in the Cape Igvak area if there was any sign of scarcity in that fishery. Therefore, the allocative decision pursued by the board under Mrs. Carlson-Van Dort's guidance produced no changes to fishing activity in Kodiak during times of poor Chignik returns. As a result, no additional conservation benefits were derived from the new allocation, which only impacts fishing effort when runs are already strong and fishery objectives are exceeded. Her lack of candor during her testimony to the House Fisheries Committee today, and her attempt to deceive lawmakers when confronted about her contentious participation in the Kodiak board of fisheries meeting provides reason enough to reject her confirmation. Mrs. Carlson-Van Dort has had over a year to try to generate a justification for her decisions that simply amounted to a one-sided settlement of a longstanding inter-regional allocative dispute, yet she is still, to this very day, unable to explain her position without perpetuating a blatant falsehood. Alaskans cannot have confidence in the Board of Fisheries until it is comprised of members who are willing to be honest and candid in their motivations, affiliations, and beliefs.

I hope that legislators realize the extent of the current state of crises of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and understand how devastating the Board's decisions have been for our region. As it's currently composed, the board, by all appearances, is designed to advance the interests of a subsection of Alaskans while neglecting the rest. This was our experience in Kodiak. It was heartbreaking to see that as the 2020 Kodiak meeting unfolded, the majority of board members, including Mr. Wood and Mrs. Carlson Van-Dort showed up in Kodiak determined to impose their own agenda on our community, before they even listened to public testimony. Kodiak's residents made an unprecedented and

concerted effort to teach these new, and inexperienced members about how our fisheries operate and how the communities of the archipelago rely heavily upon our local resources, simply to have our concerns fall on deaf ears. The response of the board was to dismiss, contradict, and reject generations of experience and knowledge and then to arbitrarily divide up our fishery amongst themselves as it suited their personal interests. The board has clearly become a self-serving institution. It was originally designed to be composed of individuals who would reflect the diversity of user groups and communities in the state; this objective has now been abandoned.

The fact that the board is now primarily operating to serve the interests of its members, means that it has devolved for all intents and purposes into a corrupted institution. This is the very reason why the legislature is given the power of confirmation – to provide checks and balances when a governor fails in good faith to nominate individuals who are committed to performing a genuine civic duty. Before you choose to vote on the confirmation of board members, I think you should ask yourselves whether you are willing to risk a state board treating your community like second-class citizens, putting your constituents out of work, simply to advance the personal interests of the board.

**John Wood:**

Mr. Wood's testimony was troubling for several reasons, which are more subtle than Mrs. Carlson-Van Dort's blatant duplicity. When asked about the importance of ideological balance on the board and the prevailing belief that the board is heavily skewed in favor of recreational fishing interests, he claimed that it is his belief that the Board of Fisheries is actually currently skewed in favor of commercial interests, citing the historical participation of a handful of members in commercial fisheries. Mr. Wood is a lawyer, and most certainly is aware the statutory establishment of the Board of Fisheries dictates that the governor *shall* make appointments that provide "a diversity of interests and points of view". There is no mention of past employment of as factor in board member selection, nor can a member's point of view be inferred based simply upon some previous occupation, especially in the distant past. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Wood is aware, as we all are, that the governor works in close connection to recreational fishing interests who heavily funded his campaign. Mr. Wood also knows, as we all do, that the governor's appointments, Mr. Wood included, were selected based on the expectation that they will decide in favor of those interests, particularly as they concern fisheries in Upper Cook Inlet. This is why you are seeing multi-regional commercial objections to multiple so-called commercial fishing seats on the board. I found it baffling that he would expect those listening to his testimony would somehow be shaken from the readily observable reality that the board is currently skewed in favor of recreational interests. Nevertheless, he provided a researched argument to support a verifiably false claim, a tact that is representative of his work on the board. Yes, Mr. Wood meets with multiple stakeholder groups, as he did in Kodiak, and yes, he is willing to diligently prepare for issues that concern him most, but his public engagement and preparations for board meetings focus almost exclusively on gathering information and materials to support decisions that he has already made.

This was readily apparent at the Kodiak meeting when his deliberations were extraordinarily one-sided and biased, albeit researched and supported. His role on the board, at least at the Kodiak meeting, was to serve as a prosecutor not a juror, and his work was simply designed to build his case

against Kodiak instead of providing a fair opportunity for all sides. His supported, yet clearly false claim that the Board of Fisheries currently favors commercial interests is a subtle and telling example of his approach.

Additionally, I was disappointed, but not surprised, that when he was confronted by his past declaration that his purpose on the board was to get more fish into Upper Cook Inlet rivers, he responded by declaring that he wanted to get more fish into *all* of Alaska's rivers. While I don't want to read too far into this statement, Mr. Wood clearly needs to be reminded that most of Alaska's salmon are harvested in salt water, and the goal of fisheries management in many areas isn't simply to get as many fish as possible into rivers, but instead, to achieve optimum escapement *and* harvest objectives. The prevailing viewpoint of many recreational fishermen, especially in Upper Cook Inlet, is that all escapement is good, and Mr. Wood seems to perpetuate this belief by treating all saltwater commercial harvest as some sort of concession. Many systems, such as the Karluk River in Kodiak, rely on controlled escapement in order to sustain abundant returns, and commercial harvest in saltwater is not just a beneficent use of the resource, but a tool employed in sustaining salmon returns. The stability and success of our salmon runs relies on a complex biological understanding of each river system, and simply intending for maximum escapement on behalf of recreational anglers can have devastating impacts on future returns. Mr. Wood should be aware of this by now.

**Abe Williams:**

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**Conflicts of Interests:**

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Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Darren Platt

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Ken Hills

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I have lived in Alaska for nearly 40 years. I have seen the BOF swing from one extreme to the other. What I do not understand is WHY when you have a person with the academic credentials of Ms Carlson she can cause so much controversy from such a small minority of fisherman who believe they must have total access to all the state's commodities at the total detriment to a commodity while the resource is not managed in common for all user groups.

It just makes me sick to follow the old adage, my way or the highway as continued to be demonstrated by the commercial fisheries based out of Kodiak.

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James Harpring

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Tom Wellman

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I am a life long Alaskan originally from Moose Pass. I grew up subsistence fishing and also recognized the importance of fishing to the Alaska economy at a young age working in Seward. A healthy and balanced approach to fisheries management is essential for the long term sustainability and benefit to Alaska fisheries for all users, from subsistence, sport and commercial fishing interests.

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 know several of these individuals personally including Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Abe Williams and John Wood. I know these candidates to be people who will act according to the best interests of our state and make wise decisions about our fisheries.

As a person who loves Alaska, loves to fish, and understands the importance of our economy, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly.

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Josie Hickel

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I live in Anchorage and balanced management of Alaska's fisheries is very important to me.

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Steve O'Hara

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I am a 40 year resident from Kenai. My family enjoys sports fishing and eating salmon. I know the board members have many complicated issues to sort out. That being said, the pressure they face to create opportunity for all the user groups often gets in the way of conservation of the very fish they are charged to protect. Conservation needs to have at least an equal priority to opportunity. If we keep erring on the side of opportunity we will fail the fish, the environment and our children. I support candidates who I feel understand this opportunity at all costs that is a threat to our resource.

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William Niederhauser

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I work for Anchorage and Mat Valley AC's. I've been on Anchorage AC the longest 3 terms already and Mat Valley 2 terms. I've seen a lot of board members come and go. I support Mrs. Van-Dort's nomination and think she should stay on the board. She jumps right in and give a fair and equal opportunity to all user groups. I feel you should reinstall her for another term. If you need to remove someone I'd vote John Jensen off. He only allocates to commercial fishermen. He's not fair in my opinion.

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Neil DeWitt

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

My name is Glenn Hughes and I am the president of the American Sportfishing Association. I represent the manufacturers of recreational fishing tackle across our country and support the reasonable and sustainable access to fish, including salmon, by our recreational anglers who help pay the bill for



conservation through fishing licenses and excise tax on fishing equipment. I've had the opportunity to fish Alaska's pristine waters on two different occasions and I look back on those trips as two of my favorites of all time. I look forward to my return!

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Glenn Hughes  
Alexandria, VA

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I have lived in Alaska for most of my forty years alive and have grown up fishing, both for fun and food. I too know how important fishing is to the state and the people who live here, I have worked as a commercial fisherman and know many who still do, I also know many who guide fish and think both are of equal importance. My goal as a father is to help in any way I can to protect the fishing in our beautiful state for generations to come so they too find the same love and happiness fishing brings to so many people.

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Josh Martin

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Edwin Tripp  
Yuma AZ

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Rick Nerland

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William Keller

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Kathy Toms

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Jim Shine

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Danny Dykema

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

To all this may concern,

It's amazing how the river's of the Kenai Peninsula can drive so much inspiration and majesty to the people of their communities and those that come from a far. The resources and economic opportunities they provide are immeasurable and need our protection. That's why we need to be best stewards of our fisheries so that ALL user groups receive the benefits and enjoyment that god so graciously gave us the responsibility to perform. Having a balanced Board of Fisheries is vital in helping to achieve future sustainability.

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Gordon LaBrec

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Dear members- The Alaska Peninsula Corporation writes to support the confirmation of candidate Marit Carlson-Van Dort. In my experience with Marit, I have found her to be an impressive scientific resource for fisheries related issues that concern areas relating to the Alaska Peninsula Corporation. We have determined Marit possesses the professional credibility and academic qualification to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Additionally, as an Alaska Native, we are especially pleased that she possesses the traditional knowledge and background required to protect the very valuable returns of fish stocks in every region of Alaska.

Respectfully,

**Brad T. Angasan**

President

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I moved to Alaska and in 1975, fishing has always been an important part of my life. Management of our fisheries is crucial to sustain an equal balance. I live on the Kenai River, the decrease in Kings and now Red Salmon has been very sad for the survival of the species and for the people that love to fish for them to put fish on our tables.

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Elaine Rainey

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Ron Perry

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I live on the Kenai River and fish it regularly through the summer. At 80 yrs, I appreciate having an ample fishery near by where I can fish on my own. I understand there are many, many issues involved here, but I have a simple wish and than is to be able to fish when there are fish.

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Glenn Peterson

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Carri Ann Mueller

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Please only consider those who have the resource as their top priority.

William Iverson

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Loralie Simon

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Greetings,

I am writing to express my opinion that Abe Williams should be rejected in his nomination to the Board of Fisheries. Abe's direct connection with Pebble Mine puts him at big odds against the interests of sustainable fishing in Bristol Bay and should therefore be excluded from having a hand in the decisions made by the Board of Fish.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important message.

Sincerely,

Andrew Kastning

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Dear Representative Patkotak,

I live in Anchorage. I would like to see a Board of Fisheries that balances the interests of sport and commercial fisheries.

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Rebecca OHara

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Dear Representative Patotak,

I am very apposed to Governor Mike Dunlevey's appointment of Abe Williams to the Alaska Board of Fish.

I fished in Bristol Bay for 30 years. As you know it is the largest Sockeye Salmon run in the world. The BOF typically has representation through out Alaska to manage our very important fisheries.

The Governor's appointment of Abe Williams takes representation away from the Bristol Bay region. There are many knowledgeable and qualified people from that area to make management decisions for the very important Subsistence, Commercial, and Sport fisheries

Mr. Williams is an Anchorage resident. Mr. Williams is the Pebble Limited Partnership's director of regional affairs. He has fought the public's opposition to this mine for over a decade. I would seriously doubt he would have the intricate knowledge of fishery and uses, to make decisions for sustained yield management.

Please appose his confirmation to the Board of Fish.

Jack Reakoff

Wiseman, Village

Brooks Range

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I am Kevin Currier, I am an Alaskan commercial fisherman, owner/operator F/V Capucine AK 79030, and I support Marit Carlson-Van Dort to be reappointed to the Board of Fisheries.



I have know Marit Carlson-Van Dort for three decades. I commercially fished with Marit in 1995. Throughout the years she has been a strong, intelligent, and independent character, just as she was on the back deck so many years ago.

She comes from a commercial fishing family. I see this as a asset and should be a requirement for Board of Fisheries appointees, who's decisions have a direct effect on my livelihood and everybody else's in the industry. Her history in the Chignik seine fishery should not be held against her when she votes using science and fact, instead of wavering in the tide of appeasement. It takes a strong character to upset the room. Bending to one user group is not the Board's job, and Marit Carlson Van-Dort does Not do this. Her strength should not cost her her position.

Kevin Currier  
F/V Capucine

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