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Good day and thanks for the opportunity to comment.

My name is Curt Herschleb. I am a 30 year full time resident of Cordova where my wife and I have raised two kids, one currently at Western Washington University and the other a senior at Cordova High School. I am a Copper River Gillnetter and Halibut fisherman. My wife teaches at the Prince William Sound Community College and operates a dance and yoga studio out our home.

I support HB33 for the simple reason that it would improve the quality of the Board of Fish process. Currently Board of Fish members cannot participate in the deliberation of a proposal in which the member has a conflict of interest. The legal definition of conflict of interest is extremely broad. The problem is that the very members with a legally defined conflict have the most knowledge and expertise regarding the proposals from which they are conflicted. Board members have to deliberate a tremendous number proposals. None but the longest tenured members has knowledge of everything they deliberate. And it takes a very long time to gain that knowledge. The whole process would benefit greatly from the contribution of "conflicted" board members in the deliberations. The concern of a corrupted deliberation would still be satisfied by the fact that a conflicted member would not have a vote on the proposal.

I realize this proposal also applies to the Board of Game. I am only referencing the Board of Fish because I've participated in a couple dozen BOF cycles, whereas I've never participated in a BOG meeting. Thanks again for the opportunity

Best regards, Curt Herschleb