

My name is David Pinguoch, Alaska resident since 1962, current residence Whittier Alaska. I have owned and operated a sport charter fishing business out of Whittier since 1991 and have been a member of the Whittier Fish and Game Advisory Committee for about 2 decades.

I wholly support the concept of HB 125. Having a broader representation of the people is long overdue.

I am concerned about the methods proposed for choosing the board of fish members.

Regarding the two sport fishing seats. I would suggest that one of those seats be allowed to be a sport charter representative, but not mandatory. There may be a time when the charter industry doesn't have someone who can commit to the time to the board.

The method of choosing the two subsistence members is too restrictive. Along with the AFN submitting names for consideration, I would suggest any tribal organization be allowed to do so. I would also recommend that all Fish and Game Advisory Boards be allowed to submit names for the subsistence representatives.

It would be prudent to limit one of the subsistence seats to someone who lives in the areas designated rural by Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

Don't believe we should invite the federal government into this process, except for scientific data. UAF College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences would be a better choice or other independent scientists in the fisheries field.

Thank you for reading this- tried to testify but was a bit too late.

I hope your efforts are successful.

David Pinguoch