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Letter of support for Olivia Irwin for the Board of Fisheries.

Senate Resources

Honorable Chair, Senator Giessel and members of Senate Resources.

I am writing in support of Olivia Irwin for the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF.)

I first met Olivia several years ago. She was part of the Wood Bison reintroduction team for Minto Flats State Refuge. There was some contention with this plan. She was instrumental in developing compromise to move the project forward. Then I attended meetings with her about how the historical low returns of Yukon River Chinook and Chum Salmon could be reversed. Lastly, I have attended several of the Minto -Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee that Olivia co-chairs with efficiency and consideration.

I mention all this because, I saw how Olivia conducted herself. She is well versed in the subject matter at hand. She completely understands the process. She brings fresh new concepts and thoughts to an issue.

I believe Olivia's age will be benefit to the Board of Fisheries (BOF). Her generation will be the most effected by the decision of the current BOF. She has the knowledge of how the process works. She able to study and research issues and listens to pro and cons of the issues. It is refreshing to see how she incorporates all that information and is able to communicate possible solutions with her generation's perspective.

Please support the confirmation of Olivia Irwin to the BOF. Her youthfulness, knowledge of the process and communication skills will bring a new perspective to the Board.

Al barrette from Fairbanks. I am a member of the Board of Game. I am not representing the Board of Game or views of the Broad of Game. These thoughts and observation are mine and mine only, as a resident Alaskan and user of wild fish.