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I object to both of these appointments due to their resident location and background.
Any open seats need to be residents of the Kenai Peninsula for the following reasons:

How can the Governor or the House members ignore the following facts:

The state sends hordes of people from the whole state to dip net on the Kenai River to the point where many residents leave during that 21 day stretch.

The East Side set netters on the Kenai Peninsula are closed entirely due to mis-management by the state, where for years in-river fishing was allowed on the spawning holes.

For years the state allowing a fishing derby on the king salmon in the Kenai River by the Kenai River Sportfishing Association, which contributed to the current situation.

Now that silvers are becoming a species of concern, the state allows a fishing derby on the Kenai River during the silver run by the Kenai River Sportfishing Association.

Appointments to the Board of Fish have not taking these issues into consideration.

It's ridiculous that with all these concerns on the Kenai Peninsula, a resident of Nenana is being considered for a Board of Fish appointment where there is no sport fishing or commercial fishing.

We need a Kenai Peninsula resident on the Board of Fish. Please hold off on these appointments and request the Governor to submit names of Kenai Peninsula residents for the Board.

Thank you for considering my testimony,

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