

House Resources Committee

Testimony Packet

Hearing on Appointees to the Board of Fish  
and Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

**Fairbanks  
Fish & Game Advisory Committee**

***Interior Region  
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Ruby  
Stony Holitna  
Tanana-Rampart-Manley  
Upper Tanana Fortymile  
Yukon Flats

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Date: April 20, 2022

To: All Legislators

From: Fairbanks Advisory Committee (FAC)

Re: 2022 Appointments to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Members, Alaska House of Representatives Resources and Fisheries Committee:

The Fairbanks area Fish & Game Advisory Committee (FAC) is one of 88 active committees in Alaska created by the legislature and the Joint Board of Fisheries and Board of Game to provide the Boards with recommendations regarding fish and game issues. We are a group of citizens elected by our peers at a yearly meeting which is open to the public. Our meetings occur each 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and are publicly noticed on the State of Alaska website.

The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee met on April 13<sup>th</sup> and voted to oppose the nomination of Thomas Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

- (1) This is primarily a conservation issue. *All* salmon fisheries in the state of Alaska (with the exception of pink salmon) are in varying states of crisis for either/ both run abundance and declining average size.<sup>i</sup> The over-production of pink salmon in both Alaska and Russian hatcheries is considered to be one of the primary culprits in competition for forage food<sup>ii</sup> and<sup>iii</sup>, straying to wild producing streams (potentially weakening wild stock DNA<sup>iv</sup>and<sup>v</sup>), and deferring attention away from wild stock management.
- (2) The AYK (Artic-Yukon-Kuskokwim) region of Alaska is particularly in crisis with the historic crashes – of up to 90% - of its summer and fall chum and coho salmon in 2021 and the continuing severe decline in size and abundance of Chinook salmon. This was a complete- *and historic* - loss to subsistence, commercial, sports and personal use harvest of those salmon species to Yukon River stakeholders in particular. The predictions for Yukon River salmon abundance in 2022 indicate a repeat. While hatchery salmon impacts are not the entire cause of this decline, they likely play a significant role.
- (3) Production of hatchery salmon may not have the net worth to the state that is often attributed.<sup>vi</sup> Alaska needs an independent dialogue on the real net benefits of hatchery production.

- (4) Mr. Carpenter, as the current president of the largest aquaculture association in Alaska and the largest producer of pink salmon, could not be expected to be impartial to the need to apply precautionary principles and reduce both pink and chum hatchery production or to address the need to expand hatchery production impact research in the North Pacific beyond the straying of limited streams.
- (5) Mr. Carpenter would bring a third directed commercial interest to the Board while there are also other Board members supportive of commercial interests. This, in a time, when subsistence losses are extremely high and there needs to be greater emphasis on the food security needs of Alaskans via subsistence (as a priority), personal use and sports fisheries.

The FAC encourages the State of Alaska to consider a Board of Fisheries candidate who has a strong background in both salmon ecology and subsistence fisheries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kirk Schwalm  
Chair, Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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<sup>i</sup> “Recent declines in salmon body size impact ecosystems and fisheries” *Nature Communications*, August 19, 2020, K. B. Oke ● C. J. Cunningham, P. A. H. Westley ●, M. L. Baskett, S. M. Carlson ●, J. Clark, A. P. Hendry, V. A. Karatayev ●, H. K. Kindsvater ●, K. M. Kobayashi, B. Lewis, S. Munch, J. D. Reynolds, G. K. Vick & E. P. Palkovacs ● Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, USA. <sup>1</sup>, <sup>2</sup>College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Juneau, AK 99801, USA. <sup>3</sup> Fisheries, Aquatic Science & Technology Laboratory, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK 99508, USA. <sup>4</sup> College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99775, USA. <sup>5</sup> Department of Environmental Science and Policy, University of California, Davis, CA 95616, USA. <sup>6</sup> Environmental Science, Policy, and Management, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720, USA. <sup>7</sup> National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, USA. <sup>8</sup> Department of Biology and Redpath Museum, McGill University, Montreal, QC H3A 2K6, Canada. <sup>9</sup> Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia, WA 98501, USA. <sup>10</sup> Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA 24061, USA. <sup>11</sup> Division of Commercial Fisheries, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Anchorage, AK 99518, USA. <sup>12</sup> National Marine Fisheries Service, Fisheries Ecology Division, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, USA. <sup>13</sup> Earth to Ocean Research Group, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC V5A 1S6, Canada. <sup>14</sup> GKV & Sons, Contracting to Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, AK 99709, USA.

<sup>ii</sup> “Studies over the past several years suggest competition for food is affecting salmon runs up and down the West Coast, from Puget Sound chinook to Bristol Bay, Alaska, sockeye. In some instances, the fish are smaller when they return, making them more susceptible to predators. In others, runs are actually declining.” *The Spokesman Review*, Les Blumenthal, Nov. 26, 2010

<sup>iii</sup> *Bottom-up and Top-down Processes Drive the Survival and Abundance of Pacific Salmon*, Presentation to the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) Keynote 26, May 2021, Greg Ruggerone Natural Resources

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Consultants, Seattle, WA Salmonids: Brendan Connors, Jim Irvine, Jennifer Nielsen, Don Rogers, Bev Agler, Kate Myers, Nancy Davis, Leon Shaul, Lorna Wilson, Ed Farley, Pete Rand, Michael Malick, Randall Peterman, Josh Korman, Rob Bison Plankton: Sonia Batten, Ivonne Ortiz Seabirds: Alan Springer, Gus van Vliet Killer whale: Alan Springer, Leon Shaul, Gus van Vliet

<sup>iv</sup> A 2016 University of Oregon study reported in *Nature Communications* found that “the offspring of wild fish and first-generation hatchery fish differed in the activity of more than 700 genes. And that a single generation of adaptation to the hatchery resulted in observable changes at the DNA level that were passed on to offspring.” DNA evidence shows that salmon hatcheries cause substantial, rapid genetic changes February 12, 2016, *Oregon State University Newsroom*. <https://today.oregonstate.edu/archives/2016/feb/dna-evidence-shows-salmon-hatcheries-cause-substantial-rapid-genetic-changes>

<sup>v</sup> “Hatchery programs likely causing weakening of wild salmon populations” By Chris Loew, *Seafood Source*, October 2, 2019

<sup>vi</sup> “Enhancement of pink salmon in Alaska — particularly in the PWS management area — has succeeded in producing a substantial and sustained enhancement effect and contributed to an order of magnitude increase in catch since the 1960s. At the same time, local wild populations have remained “sustainable” insofar as their abundances remain stable and they appear at no immediate risk of collapse. While increased variability in catch resulting from high abundances may be problematic from a fisheries and processing perspective, overall the hatchery program appears to provide a net contribution to harvest. However, our results also demonstrate that if reduced wild productivity and the costs of hatchery production are not accounted for, the benefits of enhancement may be considerably overestimated.” Measuring the net biological impact of fisheries enhancement: pink salmon hatcheries can increase yield, but with apparent costs to wild populations” *Authors: Ricardo O. Amoroso, Michael D. Tillotson [mdt3@uw.edu](mailto:mdt3@uw.edu), and Ray Hillborn. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Volume 74, Number 8, August 2017*



April 21, 2022

State of Alaska House of Representatives  
House Resources Committee  
House Fisheries Committee

Re: Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Board of Fisheries, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Chair Patkotak, Chair Tarr, and Committee members:

The Pacific Seafood Processors Association (PSPA) supports Tom Carpenter and Mike Heimbuch for appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board) and supports Glenn Haight for appointment as CFEC Commissioner.

PSPA is a non-profit trade organization of seafood processors operating in communities across coastal Alaska. Appointments to the Board are critical in that their decisions affect a broad cross-section of Alaskans, businesses, and communities, all of which are reliant on Alaska's fish resources being well-managed for the long-term. Seven members are tasked with representing four large and distinct management regions, sport, personal use, subsistence, and commercial harvesters and processors, and hundreds of State fisheries. We thus appreciate the careful consideration given to these appointments by the legislature.

We think both Board candidates would make good Board members, primarily due to their extensive experience around the state and in the state fisheries for which the Board is responsible for regulating. Tom Carpenter is a long-time Cordova resident and has many years of experience with advisory committees across southcentral including Copper River and Prince William Sound. Both his experience and understanding of process, as well as his ability to work with a diverse group of stakeholders with diverse perspectives, will be of great value to the Board.

Mike Heimbuch has a long history of fishing in Alaska, in salmon, halibut, herring, crab, and cod, across multiple regions. Having expertise in a wide range of commercial fisheries and gear types is extremely beneficial to the decision-making process and the hard job of working through hundreds of proposals at a time. We think this type of experience will help the board have a greater understanding of both the operations of the fisheries and the impacts of their decisions.

Overall, we support both Board appointments, and believe they will provide important representation of and expertise in some of the primary fisheries for which the Board is responsible. We also believe both nominees have noted a willingness to engage in open and transparent dialog with the public and a genuine interest in finding common ground and resolving conflicts and issues in a manner consistent with the best available science.

Finally, PSPA supports Glenn Haight for appointment as CFEC commissioner. Glenn has worked in public service in the State for decades and most recently as Executive Director for the Alaska Board of Fisheries

since 2013. He understands commercial fisheries and the importance of the CFEC to the thousands of fishing businesses it supports. Glenn's years of experience at ADFG and his effective and efficient manner in working with the Board will carry over well to CFEC and make him well-qualified for the position.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole S. Kimball". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Nicole Kimball  
PSPA, Anchorage





# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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April 22, 2022

Sent Electronically to: House Fisheries, House Resources, Senate Resources

**RE: Confirmation of Glenn Haight for CFEC**

Dear Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association representing 37 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state, and the federal fisheries off Alaska's coast.

UFA supports the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of Glenn Haight as Commissioner at the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). Mr. Haight has worked in a variety of fisheries development and natural resource policy related roles dating back to the mid- 90s. His most recent roles include serving as a Development Manager with the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development and as the Executive Director of the Alaska Board of Fisheries. These administrative roles have provided Mr. Haight with the opportunity to grow his leadership, management, and communication skills.

In addition to Mr. Haight's proven track record of success in administrative roles, he has knowledge of the different fisheries throughout the state. In his role as the Executive Director of the Alaska Board of Fisheries, Mr. Haight has had a front row seat to the many fisheries issues from around the state that have come before the Board. His familiarity with current fisheries matters will be useful when tackling issues that come before CFEC.

Glenn is well positioned to be an effective leader and asset at CFEC. Not only does he possess the proper education and work experience necessary to succeed in the management aspect of the CFEC Commissioner role, but his familiarity and history with fisheries issues and his demonstrated ability to work with the public, make him a well-rounded candidate. For these reasons, UFA supports the confirmation of Glenn Haight for CFEC.

Thank you for lending your full consideration to this letter of support. Should you or your staff have any follow up questions with regards to our recommendation, please feel free to reach out to our office.

Regards,

Matt Alward  
President

Tracy Welch  
Executive Director



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April 18, 2022

Sent Electronically to:       Senate Resources  
                                          House Resources  
                                          House Fisheries

**RE: UFA Supports the Confirmation of Tom Carpenter and Mike Heimbuch for Alaska Board of Fisheries**

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association representing 37 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state, and the federal fisheries off Alaska's coast.

UFA supports the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of Tom Carpenter and Mike Heimbuch to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Both candidates have significant experience with fisheries around the state and have held leadership roles in various committees, councils, and groups.

Tom Carpenter possesses a wealth of knowledge and fisheries related experience, earned on both local as well as regional levels. He has been an active participant on the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence Board and the Copper River/ Prince William Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee, and was awarded the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Excellence in Service Award in 2020 for his ability to connect with diverse user groups and approachability. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation. Mr. Carpenter is also a long-time business owner, former commercial fisherman, and an avid sportsman. His history of working with a variety of user groups, along with his reputation amongst fishery professionals around the State, speaks to his qualifications to serve as a member on the Board of Fisheries.

Mike Heimbuch is a longtime commercial fisherman who has participated in fisheries across the state, dating back to the 60s. Throughout his fishing career, he has fished Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Bristol Bay, the Alaska Peninsula, and Adak. In addition to fishing experience, Mr. Heimbuch has been active in fishing issues across the state. He has previously worked in the legislature as a fisheries aide to the Speaker of the House, been active in fisheries associations,



served on the Bering Sea Advisory board, and been nominated twice for a seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. Mr. Heimbuch has also been active in his hometown of Homer, having served on the City Council, Port and Harbor Commission, and Library Board. His fisheries experience, paired with his experience on a variety of boards and commissions, and familiarity with fishing issues around the state will serve him well on the Board of Fisheries.

Thank you for lending your full consideration to this letter of support. Should you or your staff have any follow up questions with regards to our recommendation, please feel free to reach out to our office.

Regards,



Matt Alward  
President



Tracy Welch  
Executive Director

I fully support Mike Heimbuch to be appointed to the BOF  
Thank you  
Patrick Collins  
Area M Commercial permit holder

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Hello my name is John Krieg and I live at 3641 Dubia Road, North Pole, Alaska. I oppose the appointment of Tom Carpenter to the Board of Fish. Because of his position as chairman of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation Board, even if he resigned while on the Board of Fish, it would make the already pro hatchery Board of Fish even more so.

For the last two years the salmon runs on the Yukon River have been the lowest in history. Many studies indicate that hatchery fish are the problem as they compete for the same food source. As hatcheries increase their output, salmon get smaller and pink salmon now number more than all other salmon combined. This is great for the seiners coming out of Washington, but disaster for the local fishermen who rely on the wild salmon for food as they have for hundreds of years.

Please consider who you are representing, the local fishermen or the seiners out of Washington, before making your decision.

Thanks

John Krieg  
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Sent from my iPad

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Tom Carpenter is the chair of the largest hatchery organization in Alaska, PWSAC. Alaska's total salmon harvest is increasingly composed of low value hatchery Pinks. Alaskans rely on wild Sockeyes, Chinook and Coho for personal use and subsistence harvest. These stocks are increasingly in peril. Few of us would even eat a Pink, yet that is the primary fish we are selling to the rest of world as "Alaskan Salmon". Many are harvested solely for the eggs. Overproduction of Hatchery Pink Salmon has had a severe negative impact on our wild salmon due to increased competition for food in PWS as well as the Pacific ocean. Hatchery Pink salmon, released by the billions every year, are also extremely effective predators on other slower growing salmon as well as shrimp and other biomass important to many other species.

Hatchery Pinks stray into wild stock streams and quickly overrun wild stocks with inferior genetics. The Board of Fish has the statutory authority to regulate the number of eggs harvested by hatcheries. If we are to rebuild our wild salmon stocks we need to objectively question the costs and benefits of hatchery production. Tom Carpenter would not be able to do with any degree of biological objectivity. He would also add yet another commercial fish interest to a board that is already slanted towards favoring commercial fisheries over sport, personal use, and even subsistence fisheries. For example, Area M is an intercept fishery located where Yukon River Kings and Chums pass on their way to spawn. A board of fish primarily composed of commercial fish proponents have no interest in restricting Area M commercial harvests of Yukon bound fish even when the Yukon River has suffered a total closure on subsistence harvest and we are not meeting our treaty obligations with Canada for fish passage.

Please reject the nomination of Mr. Carpenter and consider a legislative inquiry into the current state of hatcheries in Alaska. State run hatcheries were first authorized in the 70's to "rehabilitate wild

stocks". Wild stocks were clearly rehabilitated by the mid 1980's, with little legislative or board oversight. With significant public funding and ADFG support, these state run hatcheries have since been taken over by private commercial fish operated organizations like PWSAC whose primary goal is to produce as many fish for commercial use as possible without regard to the sustainability of our wild salmon.

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Michael C. Kramer  
Kramer and Associates

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Mr. Patkotak,

I would like to offer my support for Tom Carpenter's confirmation to the Board of Fish seat.

I am a Cordova resident, business owner (Anchor Bar & Grill) and commercial fisherman. I have known Mr. Carpenter for some time as another business owner in town. Recently I have worked along side Mr. Carpenter as board members on the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC). While I am a board member currently holding a commercial fishing seat, Mr. Carpenter holds a general board seat. There are 45 PWSAC board seats. Commercial fisherman hold 27 board seats and the other 18 are spread about between native organizations, municipalities, subsistence and sports fisher users, processors and a few general seats. I believe Mr. Carpenter is the first Chairman in PWSAC's history to not hold a commercial fishing board seat. He was elected to this position by a unanimous vote of ALL 45 board members. I think this speaks to how comfortable all users groups felt in Mr. Carpenter's ability to be impartial on subjects and to act in the best interest of the organization he represents.

I believe the wide ranging experience Mr. Carpenter has from how fisheries regulations impact all user groups, businesses and communities large and small will be of great benefit to the Board of Fish. I don't feel that anyone who has met him and actually discussed topics with him could say he wears the "hat" of one group over the other. I am sure if he is confirmed there will be no regrets about his appointment.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

Eli Johnson

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My name is Torie Baker, and I am a 38year resident of Cordova. I am a commercial salmon harvester, retired UAF fisheries professor and have served on our local BOF and Game Advisory Committee for 27 years.

It is my privilege to share my unconditional and enthusiastic support for the confirmation of Tom Carpenter to the Alaska board of fisheries. All Alaska fisheries resources, users and management will be exceptionally well served by Tom in this position

Tom Carpenter is an Alaskan who contributes to public policy, resource management and regulation development from a place of informed experience, deep understanding and a seasoned passion for fairness. I have served on the Cordova Prince William sound advisory committee with Tom for over 25 years, and I can say unequivocally that he is one of the best leaders in that process.

One of Tom's qualifications for the board Fisheries that stands out for me is he is a person who does his always does homework and he "lives it".

As you can see from his résumé he first in Alaska as a US Coast Guard officer and Married into a local family; he owned his own sports fishing and hunting shop for decades and continues to raise his family here. He has commercially fished salmon and he's an avid subsistence user and hunter.

Tom Carpenter has always been a contributor and leader. He has been on the ADFG Prince William sound advisory committee for over 25 years, leading as a game chair as well as fish chair. I have always found working with Tom to be positive, fair, and thorough. Tom always runs a well organized meeting, and his style is a mix of humor, thoughtfulness and dogged determination to solicit and articulate the range of views in our community. This is often a heavy lift, and Tom always goes the distance.

As an AC, we rely on Tom's broad understanding of all user groups to better help inform us and increase the quality and viability of our positions on many topics. His appointment to the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) in the Copper River Basin for many years highlights his well regarded value as a public member, was very instructive for him, and helped us to be better informed and practical in solving regional management issues.

As a BOF member, all will greatly benefit from Tom's contributions and insights. Tom is seasoned in this kind of process, and he can handle the volume of reading and preparation required. Tom doesn't have to win every point; but he does state his views clearly, he seeks to understand, and he solicits input from all points of view. He truly gets and values the importance of establishing a record of deliberation...not just to win a point, but so the rest of us, the public, can better understand regulations and management policy. He truly understands the limits and the responsibilities of the BOF process.

I fully support Tom Carpenter's confirmation to the BOF, and I am honored at his willingness to serve Alaska. He is fair, he listens, he challenges, he's experienced and capable; he is exceptionally well rounded in the issues & processes that make up and challenge our responsibilities in Alaska fisheries management. He is eager to learn and deepen his already vast understanding on behalf of Alaskan users, management and resources.

A solid choice for this Board.

Respectfully yours,  
Torie Baker

Cordova

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Dear Representative Patkotak,  
The Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association (BBFA) strongly endorses Tom Carpenter for a seat on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. His broad and extensive record in Alaska fisheries well qualifies him for this important board position.

Times are especially challenging for fisheries in Alaska, as economic and political pressures mount on many points of the compass, in fact too many to list.

The Board of Fish has tremendous responsibilities regarding Alaska fisheries and beyond, to address these issues, plot a course forward, for the best interests of the fisheries resources and the people that are dependent upon them, and enjoy all they have to offer.

Tom Carpenter has volunteered his expertise to work diligently on all these important matters and we endorse his confirmation.

BBFA is the largest fishermen's association in Bristol Bay funded by voluntary dues from Bristol Bay salmon permit holders. BBFA's mission is to protect the renewable salmon resource and promote economic sustainability for commercial salmon permit holders in Bristol Bay.

Sincerely,  
**Bristol Bay Fishermen's Association**  
Luke Peterson, President  
Matt Hakala, Vice President  
Bob Bonanno, Secretary/Treasurer  
David Harsila, Board Member  
Fred Marinkovich, Board Member  
Mikal Mathisen, Board Member

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Good morning, I am writing to you supporting Tom Carpenter's nomination to the Board of Fish. I've known Tom for almost twenty years. Tom is extremely knowledgeable on fisheries issues throughout Alaska.

I have served on local boards with Tom over the years. Tom is a level headed, fair boards-man. He has always been willing to listen to both sides of any issue. He is very deliberate in his decision making process.

Please confirm Tom Carpenter as a member of Board of Fish.

Thanks for your time and your service to our great state.

Bret Bradford  
PO Box 603  
Cordova, AK  
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Representative Patkotak,

My name is Nicholas Crump, I'm a commercial fisherman in Valdez, and I'm writing to you in order to show my support for the nomination of Tom Carpenter for the Board of Fisheries. I have worked with Tom on the board of directors for the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation where he was the board president and I can confirm he is very knowledgeable, fair, conscientious, diligent, and would make a great addition to any board. He's a respectable man with honor and dignity and will judge issues fairly and with great consideration. I hope you will support his nomination as well, I am sure you will be proud that you did.

Respectfully,

Nicholas Crump

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House Resource Chair:  
Rep. Josiah Patkotak

To the members of the House Resource Committee,

I am writing this letter of support and endorsement for the appointment of Tom Carpenter to the Alaska Board of Fish.

Mr. Carpenters experience as a long time member and past chair of the PWS/CR Advisory Committee, former member of the Federal Subsistence Board, current chair of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp, former commercial fisherman and processor as well as an avid sports fisherman, Tom will bring a unique and balanced perspective to the board process. The State of Alaska will be greatly served by his broad perspective of fisheries as well as his unselfish dedication to community and state. I personally know Tom as a man of uncompromising integrity and fairness.

As a side note and for what it's worth, in the 45 years I've lived and fished in Alaska, Prince William Sound has yet to have representation on the Board.

Thank you for your service and dedication to this matter.

Sincerely,  
John Bocci  
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Cordova, Ak.  
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Hello my name is Darin Gilman, from Cordova Alaska born and raised. I have had the pleasure of working with Tom for about the last 10 years on multiple boards and as a fishermen while he was a fleet manager for a seafood company. He is incredibly amicable and comes into situations looking at it abstractly without bias. He would be an excellent BOF member, he has a lot history on the sport, subsistence and commercial side of fishing in the state.

-Best Regards, Darin Gilman

Sent from my iPhone

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Good afternoon Representative Patkotak,

I hope you have the time to read why I am in support of Tom Carpenter being appointed to the Board of Fish. I am fortunate to have worked along the Yukon River, from head waters to the Mouth, in the Subsistence Division for ADFG. I worked as Disaster Services Manager for Alaska Red Cross throughout South Central, Kodiak, Cordova and Valdez. I have always been a sport and subsistence fisherman. I became a commercial fisherman in 2016, and last year purchased a Drift Gillnet permit and boat that I fished in Area E. I have a well rounded knowledge of our fish resources from interior to Coastal needs. It is most important to the traditions and culture of Alaska, as well as our economy. I hold our fish in highest regard. I believe Tom Carpenter will do the same as a member of the Board of Fish.



Professionals who are respected in their field are not typically of a singular mind set. Tom Carpenter is respected in his field because he has an impressive work history as well as a strong moral and ethical code. Before I met him, I had heard of him in many different arenas: Always as a voice of reason, an expert in his field, and a fair and just biologist. I do not know Tom as a friend but I have worked with him professionally in recent years. Anyone can see from his track record that in believes in proper management of Alaska's resources to ensure our future health.

I know, from my involvement with the Board of Fish cycles, that we have a nicely balanced group of policy makers. I can say that Mr. Carpenter would bring foresight, empathy, and logic to the table. He is a good collaborator, is well educated, and has a versatile professional portfolio. I think Mr. Carpenter would be an asset to the Board.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

Phyllis Shirron  
Cordova fisherman, Alaskan Resident first

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To whom it may concern,

I writing to voice my support for Tom Carpenter to be confirmed to be a Board of Fish Director. I am a commercial fisherman salmon seiner out of Prince William Sound. I live in Cordova and have known Tom for years. He is very knowledgeable about commercial fishing, subsistence fishing, and sport fishing. I feel like his understand of all user groups benefits all Alaskans to have him on the board.

Thank-You,  
Justin Ryan.

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Dear Rep. Patkotak, Rep Tarr and Sen. Joshua,

I am writing to ask that you confirm Tom Carpenter to the Board of Fisheries.

Tom has been a resident of southcentral Alaska for decades working and raising his family there. Tom not only participated in commercial salmon fishing but owned and ran a sporting goods store specializing in sport fishing equipment. Often when I went into the store, Tom always generously shared insight into where the fish were and what they were "biting on".

Tom is thoughtful and hardworking. He would be a very valuable addition to the board.

Thank you,  
Thea Thomas

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Dear Committee Members,

My name is Dennis Zadra and I am the Co-Chair of the Cordova Advisory Committee and I also sit on the South Central Regional Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence Board. I am writing to offer my full support for the confirmation of Tom Carpenter to the Board of Fish. Tom sat on the SCRAC for 15+ years as well as Co-Chairing our AC. He has been a commercial fisherman as well as a Sporting Goods store owner, catering to the interests of the Sport Fishermen in our area. He has a very thorough and well rounded knowledge of the issues affecting our fisheries and would be a great asset to this Board.

Thank You for your consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Dennis M. Zadra

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