

SOUTH K BEACH INDEPENDENT

FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Protecting and Preserving the Kaslof River Aquarian System

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House Fisheries Committee
Representative Seaton, Chair
State Capitol Building, Room 102
Juneau, AK 99811 - 1182

Re: Board of Fisheries (BOF) Confirmation, *Reed Morisky*

Representative Seaton,

The SOuth K-beach Independent Fishermen's Association (SOKI) is committed to "*Protecting and Preserving the Kaslof River Aquarian System*".

As a spokesperson for SOKI, I have been involved in the Cook Inlet fisheries for forty-five years; while my family has been part of the fishing community for over 100 years.

I have participated in the Board of Fisheries (BOF) process for over thirty years. Today I am sad to say that the Board process is in need of an "*extensive overhaul*".

AS 16.05.221 (a) ...The Governor shall appoint each member on the basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge, and ability in the field of action of the board, and with a view to providing diversity of interest and points of view in the membership.

Mr. Morisky in his short time on the board has not been approachable and in many cases has been extremely discriminatory against commercial setnet fishermen in Cook Inlet. His record is clear, he did not vote for one proposal that was authored by a commercial fishermen or commercial fishing group in the recent Upper Cook Inlet regulatory meeting. Upon questioning his lack of acknowledgement to the decisions of the area's Fish & Game Advisory committees on record, Morisky commented that the "canned" letters that represented his personal interest carried the same weight as the duly elected representatives and the committee recommendations of the regional committees. Morisky, in his first Statewide meeting of the Board (2012) submitted an anti-commercial fishing organizations document (KRSA) as his own and when questioned he responded, "*You should have your own guy put yours in!*"

We question the ethics of an individual that is doing the business of the people, which manages the "*public trust*" that only associates himself with members of organizations that are determined to eliminate long time setnet fishing families from Cook Inlet. Typical of individuals that are on the BOF for one reason and one reason alone you will see Morisky in the confines of private meeting rooms and at the bar with anti-commercial fishing operatives on a regular basis. We find this egregious and request this committee and the legislature to not confirm Reed Morisky. Surely there are other Alaskans that equally consider all users and are willing to respect the needs of many over the agenda of a few.

With considerations.

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