

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Tom Kluberton's reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I will be unable to testify during next Thursday's House Fisheries Committee hearing , and ask that this email be considered by the Committee when deciding whether to move Mr. Kluberton's name to both houses for a confirmation vote.

I have worked with Mr. Kluberton for three years since his initial appointment. He is a very quick study, prepares well for meetings, is keenly aware of the challenges that are facing the Board and, always mindful of the Constitutional mandate to set policy that is supportive of sustained yield. He recognizes the importance of the input from Advisory Committees and the value that comes from listening to the public. While we may not agree from time to time, I respect his decisions because they are always supported by thoughtful reasoning.

He provides the continuing needed balance on the Board that always helps to establish a good record to support regulatory changes. Board members generally get better after one three year cycle. Mr. Kluberton has worked hard, made the type of sacrifices all members make from time to time doing what is , sometimes, a thankless job. The State is fortunate that he is willing to give it three more years. The governor made a good decision in reappointing Mr. Kluberton and I support his confirmation.

Thank you. Karl Johnstone