



## **Alaska Trollers Association**

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Representative Paul Seaton, Chairman  
House Fisheries Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Seaton and Committee Members:

The Alaska Trollers Association supports the re-appointment of Vince Webster and Tom Kluberton to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

The members of our organization have had the opportunity to work with Vince Webster at two Southeast/Yakutat meetings and several statewide meetings and workshops. His gillnet and sportfishing experience has enabled him to readily understand many aspects of the fisheries in our region. While the complexities of the troll fishery appeared new to him, he has been studious on the issues and accessible to members of the public. These personal attributes, along with his years of experience as a Board member, lend a much needed constancy to the process in these challenging times.

Mr. Kluberton has been an excellent addition to the Board of Fisheries. He is approachable and always seems well-prepared, despite the volumes of information Board members must digest prior to and during each meeting. His remarks are cogent and thoughtful during deliberations, and it is apparent that he has a strong commitment to Alaska's sustainable resource management principals.

ATA believes that both these men are fine candidates for the Board of Fisheries. They are precisely the type of individuals that the state should encourage to serve in this important forum. We urge you to support the re-appointment of Vince Webster and Tom Kluberton.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director