

Nushagak Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
c/o ADFG Boards Support  
PO Box 1030  
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March 10, 2017

Alaska State Legislators  
(Interdepartmental Mail Stop: 3100)  
State Capitol, Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Alaska State Senators and Representatives,

The Nushagak Fish and Game Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the villages of Koliganek, New Stuyahok, Ekwok, Portage Creek, Clarks Point, Togiak, Manokotak, Aleknagik, and Dillingham. The communities select their representatives from residents most respected for their knowledge of local uses of fish and wildlife resources.

At our March 10 meeting we voted unanimously to recommend the Legislature confirm Fritz Johnson of Dillingham for a seat on the Board of Fisheries.

Fritz is a long time resident of Dillingham and is well known and highly respected for his work throughout the Bristol Bay region as a commercial fisherman, former journalist, media director at the Bristol Bay Native Association, former Regional Fisheries Director for the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, and current Director of Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

During the Nushagak Advisory Committee meeting several members spoke of Mr. Johnson's extensive experience in the Bristol Bay commercial fishery and widespread respect among the regional fishermen. With his previous Board experience he already understands the nuances of many fisheries which can help him to fully address fisheries issues statewide.

He has already served one term on the Board. He was attentive, thoughtful, respectful and willing to discuss issues with the public. The Nushagak Advisory Committee believes Mr. Johnson and did an excellent job addressing highly complex fisheries issues.

Therefore, the Nushagak Fish and Game Advisory Committee respectfully requests the Legislature confirm Mr. Fritz Johnson to the Board of Fisheries.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Frank Woods, Chairman

cc Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Senator Lyman Hoffman