

Letters of Support of all Board of Fish Appointees

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| 1. Ben | Mohr | Kenai River Sportfishing Association |
| 2. | | Kenai River Professional Guide Association |
| 3. Charles | Derrick | Chitina Dipnetters Association |
| 4. Kevin | Burchfield | Juneau Charter Boat Operators Association |
| 5. Monte | Roberts | Kenai River Professional Guide Association |
| 6. Mark | Richards | Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee |
| 7. Doug | Larsen | Territorial Sportsmen |
| 8. Bill | Iverson | Alaska Outdoor Council |
| 9. Forest | Braden | Southeast Alaska Guides Organization |
| 10. Gary and Kathy King | | |



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April 9, 2019

The Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

RE: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

The Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) would like to commend your selection of nominees to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and to express our support for each individual you have nominated – Judge Karl Johnstone, Israel Payton, Marit Carlson-Van Dort and Gerad Godfrey. The nominees represent diverse backgrounds, and each has an admirable depth of knowledge relating to Alaska's various fisheries. KRSA believes that these nominees, when confirmed by the Legislature, will serve all Alaskans well.

KRSA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit fishery-conservation organization that works to ensure the long-term health and sustainability of fishery resources in the Kenai River, Cook Inlet and elsewhere in Alaska, through advocacy of sport and personal use fisheries and the promotion of science-based fishery management and conservation. Members of the Board of Fisheries play a critical role in adjudicating the varied interests in Alaska's fisheries, and in ensuring that our shared resources are managed in a conservative, sustainable and equitable manner.

KRSA is confident that your nominees to the Board will approach their work with the diligence and gravity that such a role demands. KRSA looks forward to a swift confirmation process by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

Ben Mohr
Executive Director

Cc: Alaska Legislature (via electronic delivery)

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Matt Gruening

From: Kenai River Professional Guide Association <krpga1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 12:34 PM
To: Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Alex Douthit; Kasey Loomis; Ray DeBardelaben; Kenai River Professional Guide Association; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Mark Neuman
Subject: Board of Fisheries Confirmation Hearings

Dear Chairman and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

The Kenai River Professional Guide Association (KRPGA) has considered all of the Governor's appointees to the Board of Fish, and we find them all to be qualified and good choices for a diverse board.

Karl Johnstone did an exceptional job of running orderly meetings and was always very well prepared and able to have intelligent discussions on several different topics. We appreciate his service and look forward to his re-joining the board.

Israel Peyton is an important voice for our distinct interest group. He has the unique experience of running a professional guide business. We value his participation on the Board.

Gerad Godfrey has an impressive resume. We appreciate his experience in commercial fisheries and we feel like he will be a good advocate for their interests.

Marit Carlson-Van Dort also has an impressive resume and a Commercial fishing background as well as personal use and we feel she fills an important role in representing those user groups.

You will hear strong opposition to Karl Johnstone's reappointment from one particular user group, that would prefer the Board was entirely made up of members who would protect their own interests. However, we feel it's very important that there is broad representation on the Board. We feel the governor did not make this appointment to support commercial fishing interests, rather to provide sport fishing an advocate on the Board. The current members of the Board of Fish: John Jensen and Fritz Johnson are commercial fishing advocates and we feel comfortable with the Governor's attempt to balance the board. Currently, Reed Morisky is the only remaining member of the board who is a sportfishing advocate.

Thanks you for your consideration of this matter,
Kenai River Professional Guide Association

Matt Gruening

From: Charles Derrick <cderrickak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 6:45 AM
To: Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Mark Neuman
Subject: Fwd: AK Board of Fisheries Appointments



Dear Chairman Stutes and members of the House Fisheries Committee. The Chitina Dipnetters Association, representing some 10,000 annual personal use Chitina dipnetters, supports the confirmation of Governor Dunleavy's BOF appointments listed below.

Mr. Israel Payton

Mr. Karl Johnstone

Ms. Marit Carlson Van- Dort

Thank you,
Chuck Derrick, President
Chitina Dipnetters Assn
cderrick@chitinadipnetters.com

Matt Gruening

From: Kevin Burchfield <lostinalaska@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1:49 PM
To: House Fisheries
Subject: BOF appointees

To Whom it May Concern,

The Juneau Charter Boat Operators Association represents more than a dozen Alaskan sport fishing businesses that contribute substantially to the Alaskan economy, and directly support many Alaskan families and their communities. We write to recommend the confirmation of Israel Payton, Karl Johnstone, Marit Carlson-Van Dort, and Gerad Godfrey to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Both Mr. Payton and Mr. Johnstone have served competently in prior terms on the Board.

We've interacted with Mr. Payton during his current appointment, and our experience has been positive. He is attentive and engaged during Board process. During deliberations, he has clear opinions and articulates his rationale for his position well. We've found him to be fair-minded.

Mr. Johnstone's past service on the Board has been exemplary. As testified to by his Board colleagues in past confirmation hearings, he immerses himself in preparation materials, understands and applies Constitutional principals to Board process, is even-handed in weighing stakeholder needs, and puts the resource first. The 29th Legislature presented Mr. Johnstone with a Certificate of Honor, pronouncing him the "gold standard" of public service for his work on the Board of Fisheries.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort, and Mr. Gerad Godfrey have yet to participate in the Board of Fisheries process.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort's experience in the commercial seining sector, combined with her education in conservation and fisheries science, seem a good backdrop for service on the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Godfrey's background in law, together with participation on numerous Alaska Boards and Committees and early seasonal commercial fishing experience, appear to make him suitable for BOF participation.

JCBOA has no objections to the Governor's choice of candidates, and respectfully requests your confirming vote in the upcoming hearing.

Best Fishes!

Capt. Kevin Burchfield
President
Juneau Charter Boat Operators Association

And
Owner
Lost in Alaska Adventures, LLC

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KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Monte Roberts
REPRESENTING: Kenai River Professional Guide Association
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
COMMITTEE: HRES DATE: 04-15-2019

NOTE: This testimony is considered part of the official record and will be posted online with the hearing documents

The K R P G A has met and reviewed all of the BOF appointments and we support all of the nominees. we support them because of the following Attributes.

Karl Johnstone - Very prepared board member well rounded experience in both commercial and sport fishing.

Israel Peyton - Sport guide issue knowledge been a well prepared board member.

Maurit K Carlson - Van Dert - her experience as a salmon seiner and her knowledge of critical fish habitat is important.

Bernad Goodfry - his com fish experience is important and feel his knowledge of board practices is valuable.

**Fairbanks
Fish and Game
Advisory Committee**

***Interior Region
Fish and Game Advisory Committees***

Kirk Schwalm
Chairman
PO Box 83825
Fairbanks, AK 99708

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Delta Junction	Middle Yukon River
Eagle	Minto-Nenana
Fairbanks	Ruby
GASH	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Koyukuk River	Upper Tanana/Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

April 12, 2019

To: House Resources & Fisheries Committees

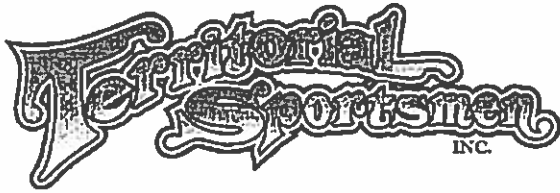
Re: Board of Fisheries appointments – Israel Payton, Gerad Godfrey, Marit Carlson-Van Dort, & Karl Johnstone

Dear Co-chairs Tarr, Lincoln, Chair Stutes, and members of the Resources and Fisheries Committees,

The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee is comprised of 15 members from all walks of life who have an interest in hunting and fishing and trapping and our system of fish and game management. Most of us are hunters and anglers, some are guides, some represent fishing and hunting organizations.

We voted at our April 10, 2019 meeting to **support** all of the Governor's appointees to the Board of Fisheries. We hope you will pass their names out of committee and vote for their confirmation next week.

Sincerely,
Mark Richards
Vice-chair Fairbanks AC



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Rep. John Lincoln (SCR 102), Rep. Geran Tarr (SCR 102), Co-chairs
House Resources Committee

Chris Birch (SCR 125), Chair; John Coghill (SCR 103), Vice Chair
Senate Resources Committee

House Fisheries Committee (SCR 120)

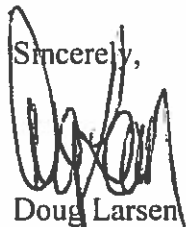
Governor Mike Dunleavy (Gov's Office, 3rd floor, State Capitol)

April 10, 2019

The Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. (TSI), a Juneau-based conservation organization established in 1945, wishes to endorse the Governor's slate of nominations to the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Board of Game.

We find the proposed appointments of Israel Payton, Marit Van Dort, Gerad Godfrey, and Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries to be a well-balanced slate and hope you will confirm them all. We also find the proposed appointments of Jerry Burnett, Orville Huntington, and Al Barrette to be equally balanced and seek your confirmation of all three as well.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our input on appointments to these two important boards.

Sincerely,


Doug Larsen
President, Territorial Sportsmen

cc: Sen. Jesse Kiehl (SCR 419)
Rep. Andi Story (SCR 13)
Rep. Sara Hannan (SCR 432)

Matt Gruening

From: Bill Iverson <president@alaskaoutdoorcouncil.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:12 PM
To: House Fisheries
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Bill Iverson
36708 Morgans Loop
Soldotna, AK 99669

April 11, 2019

Dear House Fisheries Committee,

I'm writing today in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries – Karl Johnstone, Israel Payton, Marit Carlson-Van Dort and Gerad Godfrey. As a person who loves to fish in Alaska, it's important to me that the people responsible for managing and allocating fish represent all Alaskans fairly. The Governor's nominees come from diverse backgrounds and have expertise that will serve us all well.

I hope you will support all of the Governors BOF and BOG appointments. These boards need to have a balance that has been lacking for quite awhile. The BOF especially has been lopsided toward the commercial side for to long. With Johnstone it will be as it should be with 3 commercial, 3 inriver (sport) and 1 subsistence. it is only fair. The Management plan for the last several years has not worked and needs to be changed. The fish numbers continue to decline, so we need a fresh approach to benefit all users both commercial and inriver fisherman. Commercial fishing is important but so is the potential 500 billion tourist industry on the Peninsula. Please fulfill you obligation's to all users. Thank you for your service.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Alaska. Please join me in supporting the nominees to the Board of Fisheries, and cast your vote to confirm Karl Johnstone, Israel Payton, Marit Carlson-Van Dort and Gerad Godfrey.

Sincerely,
Bill Iverson (Alaska Outdoor Council)

Matt Gruening

From: Rep. Louise Stutes
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:31 PM
To: Matt Gruening
Subject: FW: BOF Hearings

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From: Gary Knagin <~~garyknagin@icloud.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>
Subject: BOF Hearings

Louise just a note to say I would support Gerad Godfrey and strongly disagree with the appointment of Karl Johnstone as he would jeopardize our whole community here in Kodiak during our salmon season .

Sent from my iPhone

Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Herb Mansavage, Chair

3087 Jib Circle
Big Lake, AK 99652
907-841-8928

Dear Legislators,

The Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to fully support the re-appointment of Israel Payton and Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries. Their commitment to Upper-Cook Inlet and Cook Inlet salmon allocation for Sport, Guided, Personal Use and Subsistence fishing has been exceptional. We also would like to fully support the appointment of Al Barrette to the Board of Game.

Sincerely,

Herb Mansavage, Chair



Southeast Alaska Guides Organization

March 11, 2019

Southeast Alaska Guides Organization
1600 Tongass Avenue
Ketchikan, AK 99901

The Honorable Geran Tarr
The Honorable John Lincoln
Alaska House Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 128 & 102
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Support for Governor's appointees to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Dear Co-Chair Tarr, Co-Chair Lincoln, and members of the committee,

Southeast Alaska Guides Organization (SEAGO) represents more than 300 Alaskan sport fishing businesses that contribute substantially to the Alaskan economy, and directly support many Alaskan families and their communities. We write to recommend the confirmation of Israel Payton, Karl Johnstone, Marit Carlson-Van Dort, and Gerad Godfrey to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

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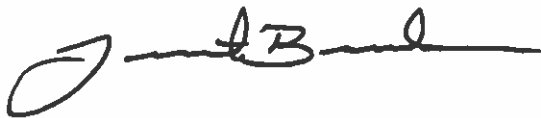
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SEAGO has no objections to the Governor's choice of candidates, and respectfully requests your confirming vote in the upcoming hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Forrest Braden', with a stylized 'F' and 'B'.

Forrest Braden
Executive Director, SEAGO
forrest@seagoalaska.org

From: [Fish Like a Wildman](#)
To: [Rep. John Lincoln](#)
Subject: Board of Game and Fisheries Appointments
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:29:53 PM

Dear Representative Lincoln:

As lifetime Alaskans who depend on Alaska's Fisheries and Wildlife for not only personal use, but also our Tourism Business as well. We employ 12 to 16 licensed Alaska sport fishing guides, hunting guides, pilots and support persons in the business we have owned and operated for the past 36 years. Our alone business brings over two million "Out of State" tourism dollars to Alaska every year. We urge you to support the following appointments:

Board of Fisheries: Karl Johnstone, Israel Peyton,

Board of Game: Jerry Burnette, Orville Huntington and Al Barrette

These are individuals of great knowledge and integrity. They will do the right things Fish and Wildlife, the tourism Industry and for the people of Alaska.

Your Hosts at Wildman Lake Lodge,

Gary "Butch" and Kathy King
www.wildmanlodge.com