

Letters of Support of Johnstone

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Matt Gruening

From: Andy Couch <~~fishing@fish.salmon.com~~>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 11:13 AM
To: House Fisheries; Senate Resources; House Finance
Subject: Urgent Board of Fisheries Confirmations -- Board of Fisheries appointments Karl Johnstone and Israel Payton

Legislators and Committee Members,

My name is Andrew Couch, I own and operate a sportfishing guide business located in the Matanuska -- Susitna Borough. I am also a member of the Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee and the Matanuska -- Susitna Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission -- but am presenting my own personal point of view.

I've been involved in the Alaska Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet meetings since the 1980s. I've written several fishery proposals over time, several of which have been adopted by the Board.

KARL JOHNSTONE

I am voicing my support for confirmation of Judge Karl Johnstone's appointment to the Board. Over the years I've attended meetings run by several different Board of Fisheries Chairmen. During his past time on the Board, Mr Johnstone ran fair meetings with the opportunity for public input by all user groups. I appreciated Mr. Johnstone's legal mind and thoroughness of meeting legal requirements and providing specific board intent during board meetings. I appreciate that Mr Johnstone scheduled action on Stock of Concern designated salmon stocks as a priority item for action at the start of the meetings (More Stocks of Concern are located in Northern Cook Inlet than any other area of Alaska). I much appreciate that Chairman Johnstone prioritized managing for sustainability of our fisheries resourced first and foremost. I appreciate that in looking at the amount of harvestable surplus salmon Mr Johnstone sought to provide reasonable harvest opportunities for all user groups --- including Alaska residents -- most of whom do not own commercial fishing permits. I understand and appreciate that in 2015 the Alaska Legislature presented Karl Johnstone with a legislative citation recognizing his outstanding service on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. 59 legislators signed on as co-sponsors to that citation.

It is my strong belief that Alaska needs more Board of Fisheries members as dedicated and thorough as Karl Johnstone, who put the resource first and provide opportunities for all resource users, I therefore urge you to do all you can to confirm Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries.

ISRAEL PAYTON

I have been greatly impressed with the service of Israel Payton on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. He has heard the concerns of all user groups and made himself available to all user groups. He puts in countless hours of preparation study for the Board of Fisheries, and from my point of view often has a more thorough knowledge of some fisheries issues. He has dedicated large amounts of personal time to Board of Fisheries issues and made difficult votes to manage for sustainability of the fisheries resource, while also weighing reasonable harvest opportunities to be provided for all user groups.

I urge you to support the reconfirmation for Israel Payton to continue to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

Feel welcome to ask me questions you may have about Karl Johnstone or Israel Payton.

Other Board of Fish Appointments:

I have not met either of the other two Board of Fisheries appointees, and encourage you as consider their confirmations as well. I understand they would bring different perspectives to the Board of Fisheries, and realize that the Board makes decisions affecting different users with different points of view.

Sincerely,

Andy Couch. owner
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~~File: [REDACTED]~~

Matt Gruening

From: John Wood <jnw@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Senate Resources; House Fisheries; House Resources
Subject: Please make the attached Legislative Citation of Karl Johnstone a part of the record
Attachments: Karl Johnstone Legislative Citation.pdf

I hope to testify at each of the three meetings being held this week on the confirmation of the nomination of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries and will be referencing this citation in my presentation. Please distribute this to each member of the three legislative committees. Thank you and look forward to presenting.

If necessary, I can be contacted at 507-554-0775 or jnw@mtaonline.net John Wood

THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE



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*** KARL JOHNSTONE ***

The Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature congratulates Karl Johnstone for his exemplary public service to the State of Alaska on the Board of Fisheries from 2008 to 2015.

Mr. Johnstone finished law school and came to the state in 1967. He quickly discovered Alaska was the place for him, due in part to career opportunities, but primarily due to his love of the outdoors. His long history of serving his fellow Alaskans began with his appointment to the Alaska Superior Court by Governor Jay Hammond in 1979, where he served until the late 1990s. Additionally, he also served as the presiding judge of the Third Judicial District, and then briefly worked as a mediator, arbitrator, and private lawyer.

Mr. Johnstone was appointed to the Board of Fisheries to serve out a term in 2008. He was then appointed to a full three-year term in 2009, and served as chair from 2011 until 2015. Mr. Johnstone's colleagues have praised him throughout the years as "approachable, thorough, and interested in feedback and opinions," as being the most well-prepared member of the board, and as the "board member who read through thousands of pages of material" during several weeks of meetings on fisheries issues. His legal expertise was clearly invaluable to the Board of Fisheries proceedings, as were his background in commercial, personal use, and sport fisheries. He worked tirelessly to improve board policies and procedures to make the board process more streamlined and efficient. Mr. Johnstone's record on the Board represents the gold-standard of public service.

The Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature salutes Karl Johnstone on his service to the State of Alaska not only as a Superior Court and Third Judicial District judge, but as a member and chairman of the Board of Fisheries.




MIKE CHENAULT
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE


KEVIN MEYER
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
PRIME SPONSOR

Date: April 8, 2015

Cosponsors: Senators Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunikavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giesel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Mielche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltus, Wielechowski; Representatives Chenaault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gera, Gattis, Gruenberg, Osterberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millet, Muñoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pratt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Suter, Talerico, Terr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

Matt Gruening

From: Martin L. Meigs ~~giantcoak@yahoo.com~~
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 2:38 PM
To: House Fisheries; Senate Resources; House Finance
Subject: Board of Fisheries Support Letter

Honorable Legislators and Committee Members,

We have been involved in the Alaska Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet meetings since the 1980s and have offered constructive fishery proposals over time, many of which have been adopted by the Board.

We are voicing our vehement support for the confirmation of Judge Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Johnstone has demonstrated top rate professionalism and truly balanced and fair consideration of the proposals that have come before him. You could not find, nor do I know anyone that could better fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

The Alaska Legislature presented Karl Johnstone with a well deserved Legislative Citation recognizing his outstanding service on the Alaska Board of Fisheries and fifty-nine legislators signed on as co-sponsors to that citation!

We much appreciate that Chairman Johnstone prioritized managing for the sustainability of our fisheries resource first and foremost as well as his efforts to provide reasonable harvest opportunities for all user groups, particularly Alaska residents, most of whom do not own commercial fishing permits.

People as experienced if fisheries and as dedicated and competent as Karl Johnstone are few and far between!

We therefore urge you to confirm Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries.

Furthermore,

We have been greatly impressed with the dedicated service of Israel Payton on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. He puts in countless hours of personal time studying Board of Fisheries issues, and has a thorough knowledge of our fisheries.

He has made difficult decisions to manage for the sustainability of our fisheries and advocated for reasonable balanced harvest opportunities for all user groups. He has proven to be an invaluable asset of the Board.

We strongly urge you to support the reconfirmation of Israel Payton to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Meigs

Martin L. Meigs, Chairman
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April 10, 2019

House Special Committee
Representative Louise Stuts
Representative Bryce Edgmon
Representative Chuck Kopp
Representative Jonathan Krumholz
Representative Sarah Vance
Representative Mark Neumann

Electronic Mail to Committee Staff

RE: Supporting confirmation

Dear Chair Stutes and Members of the House Special Committee on Fisheries:

Afognak Native Corporation represents Shareholders living in Port Lions village and the City of Kodiak, both small, coastal communities within the Kodiak Archipelago, among 1,100 Shareholders. Afognak has been able to provide strong economic and advocacy support to our Shareholder communities as the 7th largest revenue producing private corporation in the State of Alaska.

We appreciate the opportunity to recommend Gerad Godfrey for confirmation in his appointment by Governor Dunleavy to the Board of Fisheries. The Board of Fisheries and its decisions on fisheries management and allocation can have and has had tremendous impact on our communities. It is critical for the sustainability and viability of our Kodiak Island's village communities that Board of Fisheries members recognize and understand the impact decisions have on these small, coastal, fishery-dependent communities. Afognak Native Corporation supports Gerad's appointment as it reinforces the importance of keeping these seats with those who will represent the interests of community-based, Alaskan, small boat fishermen.

Gerad is familiar with the Board of Fisheries process and has testified numerous times on various fisheries issues before both the Board of Fisheries and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. He is well versed in fisheries issues, has a wide network of friends and associates involved in fisheries throughout the state, and is willing to commit the time necessary to be an effective member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

As you review appointments to the Board of Fisheries, I believe you will find that Gerad's background participating in subsistence, commercial, and sport fisheries makes him an appropriate candidate. Afognak encourages you to confirm Gerad Godfrey to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Alisha Drabek, PhD
Executive Vice President



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April 5, 2019

Via E-Mail to Committee Staff matt.greuning@akleg.gov

House Special Committee on Fisheries

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair

Representative Bryce Edgmon

Representative Chuck Kopp

Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins

Representative Sarah Vance

Representative Mark Neuman

Re: Supporting confirmation of Gerad Godfrey to the Board of Fisheries

Dear Chair Stutes and members of the House Special Committee on Fisheries:

Koniag is a regional Alaska Native Corporation formed under the terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. Koniag has nearly 4,100 Alutiiq Shareholders. Our region encompasses the Kodiak Archipelago in the Gulf of Alaska and a portion of the Alaska Peninsula. The communities in our region have traditionally been dependent on fisheries resources for subsistence and commercial purposes for centuries. Koniag has been working on issues affecting viability and sustainability of the village communities of the Kodiak Archipelago and access to fisheries is a critical component of this effort.

Koniag believes Gerad Godfrey would be an excellent member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries. He is familiar with fisheries issues in Alaska. He is former salmon seine crew member and, like most life-long Alaskans, enjoys sport fishing. Given his Alaska Native heritage, subsistence is also a high priority for Gerad.

Gerad also has an impressive professional history highlighted by leadership roles in both the public and private sectors. He has served on and chaired the Violent Crimes Compensation Board and has also served as chairman for the board of directors for Afognak Native Corporation. He understands board function, deliberation and decision making and has the capacity to analyze complex issues to formulate a position.

Given his background and experience, Gerad would bring a well-balanced perspective to the Board of Fisheries. He is approachable and listens to all perspectives. He is also aware of and committed to devoting the time necessary to be an effective member of the Board of Fisheries.

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As you review appointments to the Board of Fisheries, I believe you will find that Gerad's background of makes him an outstanding candidate and Koniag encourages you to confirm Gerad Godfrey to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SHegna", written in a cursive style.

Shauna Z. Hegna
President

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April 10, 2019

Via E-Mail

The Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy,
Governor of Alaska
C/O Gina Ritacco
Director of Board of Commissions
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Re: Supporting appointment of Gerad Godfrey to the Board of Fisheries

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

On behalf of Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, please accept our request to appoint Gerad Godfrey to the Board of Fisheries.

With over 1,800 members, Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak represents the largest Native community in the western Gulf of Alaska. We are very concerned about sustaining our subsistence way of life for future generations. We have lived off the land and sea for thousands of years and are dependent on fisheries resources.

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak believes that Gerad Godfrey would be an excellent member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries. He is familiar with fisheries issues in Alaska. He is a former salmon seine crew member and, like most life-long Alaskans, enjoys sport fishing. Given his Alaska Native heritage, subsistence is also a high priority for Gerad.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeannine Marsh', with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jeannine Marsh
Tribal Administrator

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

The Honorable Geran Tarr

Chairman House Resources Committee

Re: Support for Karl Johnstone's reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Dear Representative Tarr,

I'm writing in support of Karl Johnstone's reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Mr. Johnstone is fully qualified for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries (BOF). He has served ably in his previous two terms on the Board, including a full term as chair. His 2012 confirmation hearings for reappointment ran largely uncontested by any stakeholder group after a three-year track record. Public comment attesting to his competence was significant.

Worth particular mention were four stellar public endorsements from fellow Board members. During Mr. Johnstone's 2012 reconfirmation hearing in House Fisheries Committee, then Vice Chair of BOF Bill Brown said of his colleague, "I can give him only the strongest possible recommendation. He comes to meetings extremely well prepared. . . . He is extremely fair. He considers all sides of every issue . . . There are times he's brusque, but he listens to people, and he spends a lot of time with stakeholders. As a chair, he runs meetings efficiently and he does everything to get information and let everyone have their say." Reed Morisky, who currently chairs the Board, offered these thoughts at the hearing: "Karl has proven that his decision-making process is even-handed. I do not consider Karl to be a pro or anti sportfishing Board member, nor a pro or anti commercial fishing Board member. I consider him to be a . . . well considered Board member that takes everyone's background and insight into consideration." Chair Morisky also noted: "He understands and applies the principals of the Alaska Constitution, in the Board of Fish process." Howard Delo, former member of the BOF along-side Judge Johnstone, said, "With his judicial background, I believe, he learned how to cut to the chase, and in deliberations, and sometimes in public testimony, somebody would be talking about something, and he would have an idea of what they were trying to say, . . . and he would immediately cut to the chase and ask a very pointed, direct question, and he [often] did the same with department staff." Mr. Delo concluded, "I think Karl represents exactly what a board member should be doing." John Jensen, chair of the BOF during Mr. Johnstone's interim appointment to the Board in 2008, related his experience at Johnstone's 2009 House Resources confirmation hearing saying, "He's been a delight to work with. He studies and understands the material before the meetings, so he's prepared. He works well with the process . . . He understands the issues well and deals with them in a non-bias way, and supports for the sustainability of the resource."

It seems that Mr. Johnstone weighs each fishery problem in context of equity to fishery participants, and alignment with conservation objectives and state statute. Mr. Johnstone improved

Board process during his tenure as Chair. He conceptualized and helped implement Committee of the Whole, where each proposal was looked at independently by the full board and public, rather than having separate, often simultaneous proposal discussions where the public and Board members could not fully participate. He also helped usher in oversight protocols to prevent misinterpretation of Board intent when codifying Board decisions into regulation. Some may see Karl Johnstone as controversial or bias because of views he's expressed on upper Cook Inlet salmon management, but his insights are not based on favoritism. They are based on state statutes, maximum use consistent with the public interest, and maximum benefit to the people of the state. In Mr. Johnstone's own words, "Management and policy decisions should be made based on science and economics, not politics. Nobody is going away. All have legitimate concerns. Significant economic value is at stake. It is time to get back to work. We must team with the Legislature and the BOF in a productive and constructive manner . . . Agreeing on what is essential to sustain the resource, then determining the "needs" of others vs. the "wants".

I encourage the re-appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries toward a balanced, informed, and capable Board ready to respond to resource needs and decide equitable allocations between user groups.

Sincerely,

James S Kearns

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From: fish@kingsizeadventures.com
To: [House Resources](#)
Subject: Re: reinstate Karl Johnstone to board of Fisheries
Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019 7:36:25 AM

Good morning. I am writing this email in order to show my support for Karl Johnstone to be reinstated on the board of Fisheries.

Mr Johnstone in his previous work as a member of the board of Fisheries always dealt with each issue before the board in a very fair and Common Sense way. In fact when he was the chairman of the board of Fisheries, it seemed as if the entire board work with a clock like precision through each and every proposal brought forth by the public as well as other government agencies such as Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

I thought it was very unfair how past Governor Walker and Mike Chenault the past Speaker of the House treated Mr Johnstone because of his fairness to All Alaskans concerning Fisheries issues. Mr Johnstone dealt fairly with everyone concerned. He seemed to have no prejudiced towards anyone. He served the board of Fisheries excellently.

Please forward my name and my letter in support of Carl Johnstone reconfirmation to the board of Fisheries state of Alaska. Thank you, Kenny Bingaman, 45 year resident of the Kenai Peninsula.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Letters of Support of all Board of Fish Appointees

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