

Board of Fish – Letters in Support of Gerad Godfrey

- 1. Alisha Drabek, EVP, Afognak Native Corporation**
- 2. Jeanine Marsh, Tribal Administrator – Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak**
- 3. Shauna Hegna, CEO – Koniag Corporation**
- 4. Crystal Boskofsky, Board Chair – Ouzinkie Native Corporation**
- 5. Gary Knagin**



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April 10, 2019

House Resources Committee

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Sent Via Electronic Mail to Committee Staff

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

Dear Co-Chairs Lincoln and Tarr and Members of the House Resources Committee:

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



April 10, 2019

Via E-Mail

The Honorable Michael J. Dunleavy,
Governor of Alaska
C/O Gina Ritacco
Director of Board of Commissions
550 West Seventh Avenue, Suite 1700
Anchorage, AK 9951

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.

Gerad also has an impressive 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.

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.

Sincerely,

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

Jeannine Marsh
Tribal Administrator

April 5, 2019

Via E-Mail to Committee Staff house.resources@akleg.gov

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Dear Co-Chairs Lincoln and Tarr and members of the House Resources Committee:

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.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hegna", is positioned above the printed name.

Shauna Z. Hegna
President



April 8, 2019

Via E-Mail to Committee Staff house.resources@akleg.gov

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Dear Co-Chairs Lincoln and Tarr and members of the House Resources Committee:

Ouzinkie Native Corporation is the ANCSA village corporation for the community of Ouzinkie. Ouzinkie is one of the oldest continuously occupied community sites in the Kodiak archipelago and fishermen have been fishing salmon since long before there was a commercial fishery on Kodiak Island - hundreds if not thousands of years.

Ouzinkie Native Corporation believes 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, he enjoys sport fishing. Given his Alaska Native heritage, subsistence is also a high priority for Gerad.

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As you review applicants for appointment to the Board of Fisheries, I believe you will find that Gerad's background makes him an outstanding candidate. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Ouzinkie Native Corporation, I encourage you to confirm Gerad Godfrey to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Crystal Boskofsky".

Crystal Boskofsky
Board Chair

Matt Gruening

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