

Trever M. Fulton

From: charllie gibson <clg94952@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 2:42 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

charllie gibson
po box 394
willow, AK 99688

April 11, 2019

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Sincerely,
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From: Linda Terry <lindaterryak@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 5:43 AM
To: Senate Resources
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Linda Terry
35715 Betty Lou Drive
sterling, AK 99672

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From: Martin Thurber <mtalaska@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:11 AM
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Martin Thurber
PO Box 880
Kenai, AK 99611

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From: Allen Tigert <allen@symbiotes.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 11:21 AM
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Allen Tigert
73842 Cuffel Ditton Rd.
Anchor Point, AK 99556

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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 11:31 AM
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Gregory Beck
3672 N. Inspiration Loop
Wasilla, AK 99654

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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 5:02 PM
To: Senate Resources
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Jim Rusk
P.O. box 398
Soldotna, AK 99669

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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:51 AM
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3590 E. Klatt rd.
Anchorage, AK 99516

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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 3:32 PM
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POBox 2004
Kenai, AK 99611

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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:21 AM
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701 Edward St. #A
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From: Dennis Meier <dennis@tanaku.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:01 AM
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Dennis Meier
PO Box 72
Elfin Cove, AK 99825

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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 5:13 AM
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Bobbie Manasco
4164 N. Cambric Circle
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From: Rod Jones <fishinrod@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Senate Resources
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Rod Jones
2360 Innes Circle
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Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:41 PM
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Larry Jarrett
Box 47
Pelican, AK 99832

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Trever M. Fulton

From: Nick Krynski <bam_bam454@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:43 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Nick Krynski
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Chugiak, AK 99567

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From: Nadra Angerman <nadra.angerman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:21 AM
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Nadra Angerman
PO Box 6555
Ketchikan, AK 99901

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From: Bruce Morgan <sampson954@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 9:47 AM
To: Senate Resources
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Bruce Morgan
11606 Birch Knoll Loop
Anchorage, AK 99515

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From: Bill Iverson <president@alaskaoutdoorcouncil.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:12 PM
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Bill Iverson
36708 Morgans Loop
Soldotna, AK 99669

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Sincerely,
Bill Iverson (Alaska Outdoor Council)

Trever M. Fulton

From: Terry Hayes <tmhayes96@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 7:53 PM
To: Senate Resources
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Terry Hayes
630 Kentshire Dr
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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From: Diane K. Wassmann <Dwassmann69@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 10:03 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Diane K. Wassmann
7130 Beaumont Circle
Anchorage, AK 99502

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119 Potter Rd
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From: William Scull <scullw63@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:33 PM
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William Scull
3791 Winterset
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Sincerely, we need the fish to feed our kids William Scull

Trever M. Fulton

From: George Bennett <akgroy3006@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 5:11 AM
To: Senate Resources
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George Bennett
602 Keeling Rd
North Pole, AK 99705

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1219 U Street
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Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 11:12 AM
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PO Box 3447
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Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 10:52 AM
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Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 11:22 AM
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35093 Kenai Spur Highway
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Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 11:42 AM
To: Senate Resources
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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 2:58 PM
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Subject: Board of Fisheries confirmation

My name is Steve McClure. I reside at 38340 Pinewood Street in Sterling Alaska. My wife Rondi and I have owned and operated a fishing guide service for the past 25 seasons on the Kenai Peninsula.

Our business prides itself on offering a wide spectrum of possible choices on any given day for our clients to try and give them that Alaskan experience they are seeking. In a typical season we offer halibut fishing out of Ninilchik, a combo trip out of Homer for ling cod/ Rock fish/ halibut / or salmon , fly out to the West side of Cook Inlet hoping to see bears and fish for sockeye or coho salmon, chasing rainbow trout on the middle Kenai River, or even salmon fishing on the Lower Kenai River.

All of these possible trips I have mentioned have their own set of Alaska fishing regulations and some have Federal guidelines that we must follow as well. It can be complex and challenging to truly understand any of these fisheries let alone all of them especially to someone that is unfamiliar with them.

Having attended every Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting held since 1999 I can honestly say in my opinion Karl Johnstone was one of the most informed, straightforward, well prepared, and knowledgeable board members that I have witnessed.

Mr Johnstone and I didn't agree on each and every proposal that came before him and that is how it should be. I knew that I could speak my thoughts, he would consider them, as well as all other information that he had before him then he would come to his own conclusion on which way to vote on any particular issue. That's all anyone can ask of a Board of Fisheries Member especially in the highly charged political atmosphere regarding fish management in all areas across the State of Alaska.

I support Karl Johnstone for the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter, Steve McClure

Sent from my iPad

Trever M. Fulton

From: LIO Cordova
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 2:45 PM
To: House Fisheries; House Resources; Senate Resources
Cc: roughridermarine@gmail.com
Subject: Written Testimony re. Board of Fisheries appointees

Please accept the following as public written testimony regarding the Board of Fisheries appointees.
Forwarded by the Cordova LIO.

From: Kristi Larson <roughridermarine@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 2:41 PM
To: LIO Cordova <Lio.Cordova@akleg.gov>
Subject: Karl johnstone

My name is Chris clemens I live in seward Alaska. I oppose the appointment of Karel johnstone I don't think it's wise to appoint a person that spends 1/2 the year out of state living in Arizona. I think you need to live here the majority of your time to have the state and its best interests come first.

When he served on the board last time I recall him saying and I quote "science doesn't matter it's all just politics" people who believe such things have no business making large decisions on a resource that is managed heavily on science based data.

Thank you for listing to my comments and I hope the right decision is made.

Name: Kurt D. Jones
City: Cordova AK. 99574

April 15, 2019

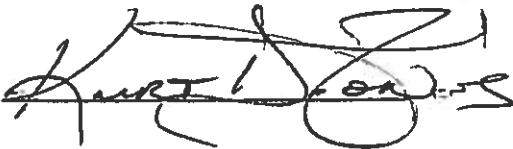
Dear House Fisheries and House Resources Committee,

I am writing in opposition to the confirmation of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries. His history on the Board of Fisheries is incredibly contentious, and he is openly biased against commercial fishermen – the tens of thousands of small business owners and Alaskan families who make up a large part of Alaska's economy and culture.

All Alaskans depend on a fair, transparent, and balanced public process and diverse representation on the Board of Fisheries. Johnstone's confirmation would lead to a board that is heavily unbalanced at this time. Members of the Board of Fisheries have a duty to protect our natural fishery resources first and foremost, and also to delicately handle the difficult issues of allocation between user groups. It is imperative throughout this process that personal biases do not interfere with these decisions. During his prior terms on the Board of Fisheries, his decisions did not reflect the ability to keep personal biases out of the board process.

As an Alaskan resident, I urge you to deny Johnstone's confirmation. Alaska needs public figures who are willing to serve the entire state and provide fair, balanced, and transparent decision-making.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my opposition to Karl Johnstone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt D. Jones". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "K" and "J".

Trever M. Fulton

From: Anne Schaefer <annelschaef@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 1:34 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Opposition to Mr. Jonstone nomination to BOF

Dear Members of the Senate Resource Committee,

My name is Anne Schaefer. I have lived and worked in Cordova for 5 years.

I would like to express my **opposition to the nomination of Mr. Karl Johnstone** to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Board of Fisheries members need to be fair, data driven, science based, and neutral for all fisheries resource groups. Mr. Johnstone is none of these things. In fact, Mr. Johnstone has shown himself to be extremely biased against commercial fishing, the backbone of many Alaskan communities, including Cordova.

Alaskans need and deserve a fair, balanced, and transparent board that represents a diversity of user groups from communities around the state. Confirming Johnstone to this seat would lead to a board biased against commercial and rural users.

Thank you for your time and consideration and for the opportunity to express my opposition.

Anne Schaefer

603 Cedar

Cordova, Alaska 99574



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Trever M. Fulton

From: Amber Allen <allenamber87@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 8:27 PM
To: House Fisheries; Senate Resources; House Finance
Subject: Karl Johnstone, Israel Payton Appointment

Legislators and Committe Members,

My name is Ben Allen. I own / operate Millers Riverboat Service (a fishing guide business based out of Wasilla). Sportfishing and guiding is my major source of income, in addition to being one of my greatest passions. Appointments of Mr. Johnstone and Payton will provide for a balanced Board of Fisheries. I have actively participated in 3 board meetings. One of the most frustrating components of participating in the Board of fisheries, is when important user groups are not represented proportionately, such as the Cook Inlet sport fishery at many of the board meetings.

All fishing methods have their place in Alaska and are an important part of Alaska's economy and heritage. I feel that with these gentlemen's appointments, all fishing interests will be represented proportionately, at the next Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting. Some usergroups want a board dominated by members that are vested in only their use type. Without diversity on the board a utilitarian result becomes largely infeasible.

Mr. Johnstone and Payton have done an outstanding job when previously serving. I ask that you ignore the prejudice of biased opinions of individuals and groups who only want the board to consist of members representing their interests, instead of what is best for Alaska, Alaska fisheries and the sustainability of these precious salmon.

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Ben Allen
Millers Riverboat Service
907-715-1095

Wrangell Legislative Information Office

Wrangell.Ifo@akleg.gov

Phone: 907-874-3013 Fax: 907-874-3955

Name: Don Merritt
Address: Box 912, Wrangell, AK 99429
Representing: Self
Bill #/Subject: Board of Fisheries Appointees
Committee: Senate Resources
Hearing Date: 04/10/19 3:30pm

Written Testimony

I do not want Karl Johnstone
appointed to the Board of Fish.
He does not represent me as a
commercial trawler and leans ~~strongly~~ towards
supporting fish farming and sport fishing.
We trawled over 40 years and want
someone unbrased on the Board of Fish.

Don Merritt

Trever M. Fulton

From: Melvin Grove <mel@akfrontierfab.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 8:51 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fish and Game Nominees

Melvin Grove
2281 E. Sun Mountain Ave Ste B
Wasilla, AK 99654

April 11, 2019

Dear Senate Resources 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.

Please approve the Governors appointments to the Board of Game and Board of Fish. In particular Al Barrett, Karl Johnstone, and Israel Payton, Marit Carlson-Van Dort and Gerad Godfrey.

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,
Melvin Grove

Trever M. Fulton

From: William Schreck <schreck@alaska.net>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 10:31 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

William Schreck
16120 Terracewood Lane
Anchorage, AK 99516

April 12, 2019

Dear Senate Resources Committee,

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Please do what is right for Alaska and its fisheries and support Karl Johnstone William Schreck

KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

Email: Kenai_LIO@akleg.gov

Phone: 907-283-2030 / Fax: 907-283-3075

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Walter Page
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmations
COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: 04-10-2019

Dear Committee Chairmen of the Senate Resources Committee, & Chairmen of House Special Committee on Fisheries,

My name is Walter Page and I reside in Kenai Alaska. I am a commercial fisherman and I represent myself.

I would like to take this time to STRONGLY OPPOSE the nomination of Karl Johnstone. I have heard testimony in the past meetings regarding Mr. Johnstone's fairness, non-bias, honest, and other adjectives in favor of Mr. Johnstone. I can assure this Committee and the citizens of Alaska, that the SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA & THE ALASKA COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, do not share the same views!

Please review the Supreme Courts findings in regards to Karl S. Johnstone:

Supreme Court of Alaska

IN RE: the proceeding under AS 22.30.070(c) in relation to Karl S. Johnstone, Petitioner.

No. S-8387.

Decided: May 19, 2000

In summarizing this case; Karl Johnstone was responsible to elect a new Coroner for the Third Judicial District. Johnstone instructed the area court administrator to commence a recruitment process initiating a standard merit process. A merit hire, in contrast to a partially exempt appointment, requires a structured process involving publicity, specific application requirements, deadlines, and assignment to eligibility lists. Thirty-nine individuals had the appropriate qualifications for the job.

After the deadline had passed for qualification, etc. Judge Johnstone received a call from a colleague (Chief Justice Moore) suggesting a Mr. Richard McVeigh might be interested in the job, (however never had experience as a Coroner). Justice Johnstone appointed Mr. McVeigh for the job without even as much as an interview! Thirty-nine individuals had appropriate qualifications for the job, - McVeigh had none!

Supreme Courts Findings: "Here the appearance of impropriety arising from Judge Johnstone's conduct caused harm that is both actual and significant. An appearance of favoritism will always impair the general public's confidence in the judiciary."

"This is the essence of an appearance of favoritism and consequently the appearance of impropriety."

(A) willful misconduct in office;

(C) conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice;

(D) conduct that brings the judicial office into disrepute;

(E) conduct in violation of the code of judicial conduct;

"Judge Johnstone could not go outside that process (merit process) and appoint an individual:
-who had not applied during the application period;

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- whose name was suggested by the Chief Justice;
- purportedly, on the basis of criteria that was not part of the positions stated qualifications;
- on terms (temporary basis) that were significantly different from those advertised to the general public.

III. CONCLUSION (Supreme Court)

We AFFIRM the commissions jurisdictional ruling and it's finding that Judge Johnstone created an appearance of impropriety in his appointment of Richard McVeigh. We also accept its recommendation for discipline. Accordingly Judge Johnstone will be issued a public reprimand.

IN CLOSING; A Zebra does not change it's stripes! Karl Johnstone has shown bias, favoritism, prejudice, partiality, in his rulings of the Board of Fish in the past and will do so in the future. Our past Governor (Walker), being a lawyer, knew of Karl Johnstones prejudice in the courtroom and rulings on the BOF, is the reason Karl Johnstone would not be reelected. Karl Johnstone has demonstrated in his past membership on the BOF showing favoritism, prejudice, etc. towards the commercial fishermen of the State of Alaska.

PLEASE DO NOT give Karl Johnston another bite of the apple!

Thank you,
Walter Page
Kenai, Alaska
55 year commercial fisherman
65 year resident of Alaska

Trever M. Fulton

From: RPC - Richard Person <rpc@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 9:31 AM
To: Senateresource@akleg.gov; Senate Resources
Subject: Testimony on BOF nominations

Chairman Birch and members of the Resource committee, my name is Richard Person. Yesterday I attempted to testify on-line and was unable to do so because of technical issues. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts through this platform.

I am a life-long Alaskan and have harvested salmon every summer. I have been active in the Board of Fish (BOF) process for 30 plus years.

I have seen and heard Karl Johnstone in action on the BOF and urgently ask you to NOT confirm him to serve there again.

As you have heard from other residents, Mr Johnstone stoops to berating, bullying and manipulation to achieve his very clear agenda.

Other board members, the public and the ADFG staff are subject to his unprofessional and out of place behavior routinely.

There is no doubt that if he were placed on the BOF again, he would end up as the chair person and continue to exert this unacceptable behavior on those who offer differing views than his own.

I do support the reconfirming of Israel Payton.

Even though Mr. Payton often votes in opposition to my interests, he is a reasonable individual who gives everyone the courtesy and respect they deserve.

In many ways, Mr. Payton is the opposite of Mr. Johnstone. He is the type of individual who should be on the BOF, serving the people and fishery resources of Alaska.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony,
Richard Person

Trever M. Fulton

From: LIO Cordova
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 8:34 AM
To: Senate Resources
Cc: Sen. Gary Stevens; Rep. Louise Stutes; grocottfisheries@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Karl Johnstone conformation

Please accept the following as public written testimony regarding the Board of Fisheries appointees. Forwarded by the Cordova LIO.

-----Original Message-----

From: John Grocott <grocottfisheries@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 6:02 AM
To: LIO Cordova <Lio.Cordova@akleg.gov>
Subject: Karl Johnstone conformation

I oppose appointing Karl Johnstone to the board of fish. He is blatantly anti-commercial fishing. We need people who listen to facts not vote their preconceived notions. Also his appointment would create an out of balance board. Please oppose his appointment. Thank you , John Grocott

Sent from my iPad

Trever M. Fulton

From: Dennis Mellinger <Mellingerdl@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 6:21 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Dennis Mellinger
821 River Estates Dr
Soldotna, AK 99669

April 12, 2019

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Sincerely,
Dennis Mellinger

Trever M. Fulton

From: Christopher Hashiguchi <guch_fish@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 6:53 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Christopher Hashiguchi
PO Box 2626
Sitka, AK 99835

April 11, 2019

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Sincerely,
Christopher Hashiguchi

Trever M. Fulton

From: Rod Van Saun <vscharters@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 7:43 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I do not support the Governors Nominees regardless of what this form letter states.

Rod Van Saun
PO Box 39622
Ninilchik, AK 99639

April 11, 2019

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The Governor has allowed Bob Penny to influence his decisions on Board Nominees. The board needs diversity not a stacked deck. Karl Johnstone should not be confirmed. He is only going to support the KRSA agenda and will not fairly represent all user groups.

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Sincerely,
Rod Van Saun

Trever M. Fulton

From: Rod Jones <fishinrod@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 3:12 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Rod Jones
2360 Innes Circle
Anchorage, AK 99515

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Trever M. Fulton

From: David Duke <davduke@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 6:50 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

David Duke
166 West Bunnell Avenue - Apt. 9
Homer, AK 99603

April 10, 2019

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David Duke

Trever M. Fulton

From: Steve Carie <Spcarie77@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 8:21 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Steve Carie
PO Box 10942
Fairbanks, AK 99710

April 10, 2019

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As a life long resident of Alaska I depend on sport fishing to provide myself and my family with healthy Alaska salmon. To many times it seems most of this resource goes to the out of state fishing fleets. We need honest fair unbiased representation.

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Sincerely,

Trever M. Fulton

From: Elaine Rainey <Elainerainey@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 11:01 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Elaine Rainey
PO Box 2004
Kenai, AK 99611

April 11, 2019

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Sincerely,
Elaine Rainey

Trever M. Fulton

From: Ross Purkis <rosspurkis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 7:41 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Ross Purkis
3232 wolcott cir #3
Anchorage, AK 99507

April 10, 2019

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From: Bill Eckhardt <Bill@eckhardt.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:13 PM
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PO Box 249
Sterling, AK 99672

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From: Trevor Bird <trevor.bird@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 1:12 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Trevor Bird
6948 cape lisburne loop
Anchorage, AK 99504

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From: Kraig Hammond <hammond.kraig@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 10:17 AM
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Kraig Hammond
13130 FLORAL LN
ANCHORAGE, AK 99516

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From: Wayne Heimer <weheimer@alaskan.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:30 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries and Board of Game Nominees

Wayne Heimer
1098 Chena Pump Road
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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Commercial fisheries are important, but so are other uses. The UFA should not have the influence it does. Sincerely,
Wayne Heimer

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Fred Martushev
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: 04/10/2019

To whom it may concern.

My family doesn't want Karl Johnstone on the Board of Fisheries. He will take the rest of our livelihood away. He is an epic crisis to Cook Inlet. He doesn't belong on that seat! He did enough damage when he was on the board last time! He is a hungry wolf. He will eat our livelihood with our looking back. So Karl, stay home and enjoy your retirement. You don't belong on the chair. You will drain our last blood. Again, Stay home!!!

Thank You! Fred cook inlet fisherman,

Trever M. Fulton

From: Andy Couch <fishing@fish4salmon.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
Fishtale River Guides
14660 E Gunnysack Road
Palmer, AK 99645

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fishing@fish4salmon.com

4/9/19

Dear legislators,

I am a Kenai resident with a lifelong love for both sport and commercial fishing. In addition to my outdoor habits, I am a local small business owner and volunteer on the boards of several local quasi-governmental organizations. I try to stay involved in state and local policy and have developed a number of positive relationships with policy makers. I'm familiar with how an open public process works and am very aware of the benefits our diverse fisheries provide to my local economy. During these times of uncertain state finances, our local resources and industries are increasingly important to my area.

I know your plates are full, and there are many current issues I'd love to bend your ear on, but I felt compelled to write to you today concerning two of the Board of Fish nominees before you whom I have had personal experience dealing with:

I'm very happy to see Israel Payton re-nominated to the BOF. Israel's background differs from mine and we certainly don't agree on everything, nor has he always voted the way I might prefer. That said, every time I've dealt with Israel he has been open, honest, and respectful. He is eager to learn and discuss the issues and always strives to achieve mutually beneficial solutions. He does his homework, asks tough questions, and most of all, he respects the public process while striving to make it better. The employees of ADFG respect him because he respects the science, and they wince when he raises his hand because they expect tough, science-based questions. I encourage you to confirm Israel for continued service on the Board of Fisheries.

Conversely, I was very disappointed to see Karl Johnstone's nomination to the BOF. While he is a very smart and well-studied man, I can say with confidence that Mr. Johnstone is the most unethical person I have ever dealt with in state government. During his time as Board Chairman Mr. Johnstone was completely beholden to the special interests of Bob Penney and the Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA). It was normal to see him go directly to the KRSA boardroom during meeting breaks. Known for frequent, angry outbursts, he commonly bullied other board members into voting his way. He actively manipulated the meeting schedules to suit KRSA/Penney interests -- many times at the cost of a fair and open public process. During the time of Mr. Penney's setnet ban initiative, Karl personally tried to pressure me into accepting KRSA's BOF proposals, saying that if I didn't, his friends would put my family out of business. I've witnessed and heard firsthand from BOF members, ADFG employees, and journalists who Mr. Johnstone openly threatened with retribution when they opposed his wishes. He is spiteful, manipulative, and wrought with a history of unethical behavior.

I realize my comments are strong, and I weighed them heavily before sending. At the end of it I felt compelled to give an honest account of my experiences. For the betterment of Alaska and our public institutions, please confirm Israel Payton and reject Karl Johnstone.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter,

Todd Smith

Kenai

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Dan Hakkinen
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: 04/10/2019

I urge our legislators in Juneau to vote NO on Karl Johnstone's confirmation. He's not concerned about fish, only about Anchorage.

Dan Hakkinen

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME:

Monte Roberts

REPRESENTING:

K R P G A

BILL # or SUBJECT:

BOF Confirmation Hearing

COMMITTEE:

Senate Resource

DATE: 4/10/19

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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.

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

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

Sen. Chris Birch

From: biegansk@alaska.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 9:04 PM
To: Sen. Chris Birch
Subject: New Pom:Fish & Game (fish)

David Bieganski
10211 Evergreen Tree St

Anchorage 99507,
biegansk@alaska.net
907.346.1354

I support of Jude Karl Johnstone, Gerad Godfrey, and Marit Carson-Van Dort. I ask you, the legislators, not to bow to the commercial fishing lobbyists. Thank you for your time and effort.

Trever M. Fulton

From: Tracy Johnston <Tj1974@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 7:48 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees

Tracy Johnston
3912 Delores Dr
Eagle River, AK 99577

April 9, 2019

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REPRESENTING: _____
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I strongly oppose the confirmation of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries.

I was at the BOF when he made the comment to the effect of being more concerned about the property value of land along the Kenai River than he was the health and long-term sustainability of our fisheries resource. I find the disregard for science offensive for our resource.

Thank you,

Dyer VanDevere

Trever M. Fulton

From: LIO Sitka
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:51 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Karl Johnstone Appt. Testimony

The following comment was submitted by Craig Ring to the Sitka Legislative Information Office for submission to the Senate Resources Committee regarding the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Oppose confirmation of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries

-Mr. Johnstone was blatantly discriminatory against commercial fisheries and the ADFG Comfish division in his previous time on the Board.

-Confirmation of Johnstone would leave the Board of Fisheries seriously "out of balance" with respect to commercial fisheries representation.

Ken Fate
Sitka LIO
747-6276

Trever M. Fulton

From: Eric Grundberg <eric_grundberg@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:27 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: BOF appointments

Hi my name is Eric Grundberg. I'm a 20 year resident of SE Alaska and small business owner. I currently serve on Petersburg AC board.

I am writing to oppose the appointment of Karl Johnstone. He is a bad choice for BOF. His record on BOF and even the few op ed pieces he has writing over the years shows he is not a good choice for the position. His agenda/bias supporting certain user groups is not good. It undermines the credibility of the BOF. There are many other qualified people that could represent our state. I urge you not to confirm his appointment.

Thank you
Eric Grundberg
Petersburg, AK

The Honorable Chris Birch

Chairman Senate Resources Committee

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

Dear Senator Birch,

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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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Erik Heubsch
REPRESENTING: _____
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: April 10, 2019

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Legislators should all reject the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries.

His unethical behavior during his recent term on the BOF was obvious and blatant and extremely polarizing. Fishery resources across the state are vitally important to Alaskans and we need qualified, competent and unbiased BOF members.

Mr. Johnstone's past behavior has demonstrated that he is unfit for service on this board.

Thank you,

Erik Huebsch

Kasilof AK 99610

To: Senate Resources Committee

Re: Opposition to Karl Johnstone

April 10, 2019

Dear Chair and Committee members,

Mr. Johnstone will not represent the Board of Fish well. His prior years on the Board are known for his unbalanced bias when it comes to commercial fisheries. Political Fish mongering serves one-side, contentious, and doesn't serve the public process well.

Please negate his nomination.

Sincerely disgusted by this re-nomination after years of contentious meetings,

Mark and Suzanne Ducker

Kasilof, Alaska

To: Senate Resources Committee

Re: Opposition to Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fish

April 10, 2019

Dear Chair and Committee members of Senate Resources,

I oppose Karl Johnstone's nomination to the Board of Fisheries. He has spent several years on the Board in the past and has not served the Public Process well. He has no degree of fairness or balance when approaching commercial fisheries; especially in the Cook Inlet basin. The Board under his prior tenure was well known for back room deal-making to undermine nearly all public proposals on commercial fisheries at Upper Cook Inlet meetings. The common comeback was "not under this board" over vote counts whenever pursuing any reasonable measure or a positive change in commercial sockeye salmon management plans.

Kenai River Sportfishing Association's (KRSA) Choice of the year has resurrected Karl Johnstone to finish off the Eastside setnet fishery at the next Board of Fish meeting cycle. The Alaska legislature knows full well of the fisheries conflicts caused by KRSA, the ban on set gillnets in Cook Inlet by initiative, and the statewide proposal 171 that wanted to undermine every Fishery Management Plan in this *state* and to change the allocation criteria in order to grab more fish away from commercial fisheries all over this state.

Governor Walker got rid of Karl Johnstone and refused to re-up Mr. Johnstone after years of complaints by Kenai Peninsula residents over his open bias to do whatever KRSA wanted no matter the cost. History shouldn't repeat itself, apparently the new governor seems to favor a Political Fish Board. Conflict will ensue instead of a fair and open process.

Mr. Johnstone's time in Arizona and his residency has been questioned in the past. I implore you to Vote NO on this nomination.

Sincerely,

Brandon Ducker

Kasilof, Alaska 99610

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Dan Hakkinen

REPRESENTING: Self

BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation

COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: 04/10/2019

I urge our legislators in Juneau to vote NO on Karl Johnstone's confirmation. He's not concerned about fish, only about Anchorage.

Dan Hakkinen

4/9/19

Dear legislators,

I am a Kenai resident with a lifelong love for both sport and commercial fishing. In addition to my outdoor habits, I am a local small business owner and volunteer on the boards of several local quasi-governmental organizations. I try to stay involved in state and local policy and have developed a number of positive relationships with policy makers. I'm familiar with how an open public process works and am very aware of the benefits our diverse fisheries provide to my local economy. During these times of uncertain state finances, our local resources and industries are increasingly important to my area.

I know your plates are full, and there are many current issues I'd love to bend your ear on, but I felt compelled to write to you today concerning two of the Board of Fish nominees before you whom I have had personal experience dealing with:

I'm very happy to see Israel Payton re-nominated to the BOF. Israel's background differs from mine and we certainly don't agree on everything, nor has he always voted the way I might prefer. That said, every time I've dealt with Israel he has been open, honest, and respectful. He is eager to learn and discuss the issues and always strives to achieve mutually beneficial solutions. He does his homework, asks tough questions, and most of all, he respects the public process while striving to make it better. The employees of ADFG respect him because he respects the science, and they wince when he raises his hand because they expect tough, science-based questions. I encourage you to confirm Israel for continued service on the Board of Fisheries.

Conversely, I was very disappointed to see Karl Johnstone's nomination to the BOF. While he is a very smart and well-studied man, I can say with confidence that Mr. Johnstone is the most unethical person I have ever dealt with in state government. During his time as Board Chairman Mr. Johnstone was completely beholden to the special interests of Bob Penney and the Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA). It was normal to see him go directly to the KRSA boardroom during meeting breaks. Known for frequent, angry outbursts, he commonly bullied other board members into voting his way. He actively manipulated the meeting schedules to suit KRSA/Penney interests – many times at the cost of a fair and open public process. During the time of Mr. Penney's setnet ban initiative, Karl personally tried to pressure me into accepting KRSA's BOF proposals, saying that if I didn't, his friends would put my family out of business. I've witnessed and heard firsthand from BOF members, ADFG employees, and journalists who Mr. Johnstone openly threatened with retribution when they opposed his wishes. He is spiteful, manipulative, and wrought with a history of unethical behavior.

I realize my comments are strong, and I weighed them heavily before sending. At the end of it I felt compelled to give an honest account of my experiences. For the betterment of Alaska and our public institutions, please confirm Israel Payton and reject Karl Johnstone.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter,

Todd Smith

Kenai

Trever M. Fulton

From: ach.hackett@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 2:59 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: BOF appointment

Senate Resource Community,

The appointment of Karl Johnstone to Board of Fish seems an inappropriate message to commercial fishermen and fisheries of Alaska. The employment and economic production of Alaska's commercial fishing fleet is such a consistent and widespread boon! It's important to encourage growth and continued investment in the industry through fair management politics.

It is equally important to separate campaign finance and gubernatorial appointments. Karl Johnstone Along with the Governors other BOF appointments are well know advocates of KRSA, which has clearly been linked with large contributions to the Dunleavy Campaign.

Please do not Approve Governor Dunleavys appointment of Karl Johnstone, because of the imbalance it would create among the BOF. Demonstrating the precedents of politics for hire is not acceptable either.

Adam Hackett
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Trever M. Fulton

From: wendyalderson@gci.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Opposition to Karl Johnstone's confirmation to the Board of Fish

Dear Senate Resources Committee,

My name is Wendy Alderson. My husband and I are commercial fishers and 30 year residents of Sitka, Alaska.

I oppose the confirmation of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries. It's important that the Board of Fisheries remain balanced between user groups and Judge Johnstone's confirmation would mean that the Board will have five sport seats and only two commercial seats.

Judge Johnstone has stated that he sees commercial salmon harvests as "old, fading businesses". (Anchorage Daily News - Alaska Needs to Update Fisheries Management - published Feb 13, 2017, author Karl Johnstone) While diversity of interest in the membership is important, I do not believe this is the attitude of someone who will choose to approach management decisions in an impartial and open minded manner.

While Judge Johnstone touts the economic benefits of sport fishing activity, he seems to be willing to ignore the fact that with an annual labor income of 5.2 billion dollars (2015/16) and an annual total economic output of 12.8 billion dollars, seafood processing is the largest manufacturing sector in Alaska, accounting for 72% of the states manufacturing employment (McDowell Group - Sept 2017) The seafood industry in Alaska is hardly an "old, fading business" and I believe Alaskans would be better served by someone less biased towards such an important sector of our economy.

Thank you for your time,

Wendy Alderson

Trever M. Fulton

From: LIO Ketchikan
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 2:43 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: FW: Johnstone

Hello,
I am forwarding this email per Mr. Ring's request.
Thank you,

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Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 2:30 PM
To: LIO Ketchikan <LIO.Ketchikan@akleg.gov>
Subject: Re: Johnstone

Oppose confirmation of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries
-Mr. Johnstone was blatantly discriminatory against commercial fisheries and the ADFG Comfish division in his previous time on the Board.
-Confirmation of Johnstone would leave the Board of Fisheries seriously "out of balance" with respect to commercial fisheries representation. Thank you Craig Ring

To: Senate Resources Committee:

Date: April 10, 2019

Opposition to Karl Johnstone as a Board of Fisheries member

Dear Committee,

I oppose Karl Johnstone's nomination to the Board of Fisheries for the following reasons:

- Mr. Johnstone has displayed an open disregard to the Public, stakeholders, and Department of Fish and Game Commercial Fisheries Division staff - repeatedly during the Public Process Board meetings. In fact, during the 2014 Board meeting (Upper Cook Inlet) he openly "dressed down" the Commissioner (Cora Campbell), Commercial Fisheries Supervisor Jeff Regnart, Area managers (Comfish) on the record— at that time; including nearly every representative of commercial fishermen and women. A Board and Commissions official was flown into that meeting to deal with Mr. Johnstone's behavior and ultimately Mr. Johnstone was instructed to apologize those numerous individuals that were so rudely publicly affronted. (Ref. 2014 Upper Cook Inlet meeting record).
- The Public process was further undermined during the deliberation process – ignoring Department staff by authority and by instructing the Department to respond only if he deemed so as he considered Commercial Fisheries staff "biased" and not believable. This is not what the founders envisioned by process or engagement under "fair and reasonable" standards. Simply put, the Public and Board deserves a fair process and based on best information standards - especially over allocative decisions that affect the resources of this state and those whose livelihoods depend on them.
- Mr. Johnstone's bias for sport fisheries goes well beyond reasonableness. Mr. Johnstone is an intelligent individual and knows how to bend the Board process by authority on and off the record during meetings.
- Unfortunately, it is my opinion the State and its citizens deserve better by representation on the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Jeff Beaudoin

Kasilof, Alaska 99610

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NAME: Jeff F. Berger
REPRESENTING: _____
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: April 10m, 2019

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I strongly object to Karl Johnstone's appointment to the Board of Fisheries. He has a biased record and history of political management of our public natural fisheries resource that has led to over escapement and mismanagement of salmon in Upper Cook Inlet.

Jeff F. Berger

Ninilchik Alaska 99639

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NAME: Wilma A. Hampson
REPRESENTING: _____
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COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: April 10, 2019

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I do not believe that Marit Carlson-Van Dort belongs on the Board of Fisheries.
She is not from the Kenai Peninsula Borough and has no knowledge of fisheries.
She was a previous lobbyist and her qualifications are strictly political.

Also, Judge Karl Johnstone has been on the Board previously and he did nothing for the dipnetters here.

Please reconsider the only resident of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, Robert Ruffner, for a position on the Board.
He at least has some scientific knowledge of fisheries.

Sincerely,
Wilma A. Hampson
District 29

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REPRESENTING: _____
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COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: April 10, 2019

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I oppose the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries.

I believe he will be the end of the salmon run in Cook Inlet because they will flood the rivers and lakes with salmon to an unsustainable level.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: David Martin
REPRESENTING: _____
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COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: April 10, 2019

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I oppose Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries.

During his tenure on the Board, Mr. Johnstone degraded the public trust in the BOF by leading the passage of numerous Board generated proposals, many out of cycle, which harmed the commercial fisheries, State, ADF&G, and the resource itself. These Board generated proposals, many allocative and unscientific, completely bypassed the Advisory and public process. The harmful effect was, and still is, the loss of enormous amounts of harvestable surplus, which no one will harvest, resulting in tens of millions of dollars of lost revenue to the communities, commercial fishing industry and State treasury (from lost fish tax). Why would the Legislature want to continue this mismanagement and waste of our resources by reappointing Mr. Karl Johnstone?

Please appoint another person who will use the most reliable science available to manage our fisheries for maximum sustained yields and the maximum benefit to the people. The commercial fishing industry is the largest private employer in the State and is the lifeblood of many coastal communities. The commercial fishing industry pays for itself and is self-sustaining if managed scientifically.

Thank you,
David Martin

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Yakov Reutov
REPRESENTING: _____
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: April 10, 2019

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My name is Yakov Reutov. I am a commercial fisherman and I strongly oppose Karl Johnstone having a seat on the Board of Fisheries. He was there before, and I know firsthand he is biased against the commercial fisherman, especially in Cook Inlet. We need someone who will not make decisions based on political influences and he is not that person.

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NAME: Audrey Salmon
REPRESENTING: _____
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: April 10, 2019

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My name is Audrey Salmon and I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE Karl Johnstone for the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Johnstone was blatantly discriminatory against commercial fisheries and the ADFG Comfish Division in his previous time on the Board.

I have serious reservations about someone that does not live in this state. Check his airplane reservations and trips when he was on the Board, you will see he is making a mockery of the State's process and is a very poor representative for the Board of Fisheries.

Confirmation of Johnstone would leave the Board of Fisheries seriously "out of balance" with respect to commercial fisheries representation.

Mr. Johnstone was removed from the Board once already, that should be reason enough not to put him back on again.

I think Alaska can certainly do better and deserves way better than Mr. Johnstone's antics.

Thank you,
Audrey Salmon
Soldotna, Alaska

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Kurt Weichhand
REPRESENTING: _____
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: April 10, 2019

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I would like to be on the record as opposing the appointment of Karl Johnstone to sit on the Board of Fisheries.
He has shown bias towards Kenai Peninsula Sportfishing Association and will tweak the balance of the Board towards sport fishing.
His strong-arm tactics and backroom politics have no place on the Board of Fisheries.

Thank you,

Kurt Weichhand

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Steve Webb
REPRESENTING: _____
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries Confirmation
COMMITTEE: SRES DATE: April 10, 2019

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I am opposed to the confirmation of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. When last on the Board, he demonstrated unfair and biased treatment directed towards commercial fishermen of Cook Inlet.

Steve Webb
Kasilof, AK



United Cook Inlet Drift Association

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Date: April 10, 2019

Addressee: Senator Chris Birch
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: OPPOSE Karl Johnstone

Dear: Senator Birch,

The United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents 570 commercial fishing families in Upper Cook Inlet. UCIDA is writing to you today to strongly oppose Karl Johnstone for the Alaska Board of Fisheries. UCIDA disagrees with the way Mr. Johnstone treated the public, the process and anyone else who did not meet the sport fishing agenda in Cook Inlet, as well as the rest of the state. UCIDA is opposed to a Board of Fish member that spends most of his time in Arizona, completely removed from the very resources on which he was deliberating.

UCIDA is also opposed to Marit Carlson-Van Dort due to her intimate knowledge and association with the advancement of the Pebble Mine project.

Sincerely,

Original Signed Document

David Martin, President
United Cook Inlet Drift Association

Trever M. Fulton

From: Ted Crookston <tedcrookston@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Oppose Karl Johnstone BOF Appointment

Attachment available until May 10, 2019

I am writing to oppose the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fish:

I participated in person in BOF meetings when Karl Johnstone was previously on the board and witnessed firsthand his alarming disregard for openness and integrity in the process.

Below is a 2 minute video from the March 5, 2011 BOF meeting showing Karl Johnstone, who as Chairman just before a controversial vote, called a recess and then left the table to go collaborate with the directors of Kenai River Sportsman Association to get their direction on how to vote.

This appointment is an appalling and OBVIOUS political payback move and is not worthy of the support or toleration from the state legislators. There are many far more qualified persons who have never had the to opportunity to serve on the BOF that a Governor free of campaign payback obligations would rightfully nominate.

This nomination should be opposed.

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Bill #/Subject: Board of Fisheries Appointees

Committee: Senate Resources

Hearing Date: 04/10/19 3:30pm

Written Testimony

To the Senate Resources Committee,
I am writing in opposition to Karl
Johnstone being appointed to the Board of
Fisheries. I have been an Alaska Commercial
fisherman for 40 years. Karl Johnstone is
very one sided and only looks out for the
sports fishermen.

Thank you,

Brian Merritt F/V Sharlene C.

Trever M. Fulton

From: Kevin Burchfield <lostinalaska@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1:47 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: BOF Appointees

Dear Senator Birch,

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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Trever M. Fulton

From: Jesse Bjorkman <jbjorkm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Please Reject Karl Johnstone's nomination to the BOF

Hello,

I urge the Senate Resources committee to not forward the nomination of Karl Johnstone.

Mr. Johnstone was a very toxic and nefarious force on the Board of Fish during his previous tenure there. He has been found to be corrupt in his dealings in the past and there is no reason to believe that his future actions would be any different. Johnstone's return to the board would lead to a severe imbalance between user groups on the board as well as an imbalance in regional representation.

Please do not support Karl Johnstone's nomination to the Board of Fish.

Thank you for your careful consideration,
Jesse J Bjorkman