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April 16, 2019

### RE: OPPOSITION TO KARL JOHNSTONE'S CONFIRMATION

Dear Representatives and Senators,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFa) is a multi-fishery/multi-gear commercial fishing association representing our 330+ members involved in salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries.

We normally as many other groups don't oppose a Board of Fish candidate even when we would hope someone else had been nominated and why a lot of opposition wasn't heard in previous confirmation hearings for Karl Johnstone, but in this case we felt we had to speak up. We don't see that opposing his confirmation will put us in any worse of a position than we were at the ending of his previous term of service. He would not talk to us. We listened to the Senate Resource Committee Hearing and participated in the Joint House Resource and Fisheries Committee last night. Many sports fishermen commented that he was very accessible and came out in the audience but our observations were that he would come out in the audience but was very selective in who he talked to and would surround himself with the same group of sport fishermen providing a buffer from others who would wish to try and discuss an issue with him.

When I look back at Karl Johnstone's term of service several instances immediately come to mind showing the wrong traits for an effective board member. First, the sablefish resource in Chatham Strait had a significant declining trend in biomass that ADF&G Comm Fish Division was very concerned about with a growing sport and charter fishery developing with an unknown harvest – the commercial sector asked for accounting of the sport harvest and bag limits to slow the growth so the fishery could be managed appropriately, I was told by Karl Johnstone that as long as there was a commercial fishery there was no conservation concern for the resource. (in this fishery the estimated personal use and sport harvest is taken off the top of the allowable catch and the commercial sector gets the remainder. Karl would cut off ADF&G biologists if he wasn't receiving the answer he wanted. He grilled and embarrassed on the

record a Board of Fish member about a possible conflict of interest. I arranged a time to meet with Karl Johnstone on some issue of importance to our members and Karl's comment was I read your written comments and I don't need to hear this. SEAFA is a multi-gear/multi-species organization and therefore we respond to a lot of proposals and therefore don't always put everything in our testimony expecting an opportunity to have a discussion with a Board member, sometimes there are nuances that are difficult to convey in written comments, sometimes you want the discussion to be sure they understand the nuances. In the Senate Resource's committee hearing Karl Johnstone mentioned one of the opportunities for the public to participate was in the committee of the whole but under his chairmanship the committee of the whole became a place where one person generally the author was allowed to provide any additional NEW testimony and one person in opposition. Since he has been off the board the committee process allows the opportunity for any NEW information as long as it hasn't been presented you get a chance to be heard. During public testimony you have generally five minutes to speak to all the proposals being heard at that meeting.

One particular issue where the process was disturbing was when Karl Johnstone championed a proposal for a lodge owner in Yakutat where he fishes that would have greatly affected the community. An individual at the Board meeting was able to get a member to have the issue reconsidered after he connected him to native and community leaders on a teleconference. In this instance, Karl Johnstone was disrespectful of the local ADF&G Fish and Game Advisory Committee representative and the information provided was completely discounted and ignored on what the effect would be to the community.

We understand that if Karl Johnstone was not confirmed to the Board of Fish that another sports fisherman would likely be appointed in his place but hopefully someone that would bring more balance and diversity (possibly a more coastal community perspective) and actually concern about the resource and it's sustainability to the board and would treat the process and participants with respect and transparency.

**Please oppose the confirmation of Karl Johnstone.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hansen" followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kathy Hansen  
Executive Director

**From:** Shawna Buchanan  
**To:** Rep. Louise Stutes; Sen. Gary Stevens  
**Subject:** Opposition to reappointment for Karl Johnstone  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 12:02:11 PM

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My name is Shawna Williams-Buchanan. I am representing myself. I am a third-generation Alaskan. I currently reside in Chugiak Alaska and in Cordova Alaska. I would like to strongly urge you to oppose Karl Johnstone for reappointment to the board of Fisheries.

If I could remind you of Mr. Johnstone's comments On April 10, 2019 before the Senate Resource Committee, he states, "I suppose I was as assertive as any. I think I was pretty effective in using my persuasion skills in getting people to come around to my way of thinking." He prides himself in being aggressively persuasive. This behavior is not conducive to the board process. This is particularly concerning when Mr. Johnstone professes a desire to mentor new committee members.

Under Alaska statute 16.05.221 it states that appointees are to be of good judgment and to have a view of providing diversity of Interest. During Karl Johnstone's previous time on the board, he has shown he does not provide the integrity to uphold these traits when it comes to Alaska fisheries or to the sustainability of Alaska salmon to ALL user groups. The issue at hand has nothing to do with how prepared he comes to a meeting, it has to do with integrity and respect for the process and respect to others.

Mr Johnstone has already had an opportunity to serve on this board and during that time he proven to be divisive. He has used bullying and strong arm tactics to intimidate the public, Department staff, and other board members to further his own agendas. He appears to have no respect for the process. Over the past few weeks I have spoken with several Alaskans who are un-willing to testify or come out on public record against Karl Johnstone for fear of retribution or retaliation. This is very unsettling.

Although individually, each of Dunleavy's appointments may have sufficient merit for appointment, the Legislature also needs to consider board synergy and whether the members' interests and views add diversity or simply consolidate the board around a single ideology.

Thank you for taking time to read and consider my comments.

Shawna Williams-Buchanan

**From:** jason hudkins  
**To:** Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knoop; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathv Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky; Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Klehl; Sen. Peter Micclche; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** Please Vote NO Karl Johnstone Board of Fish  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:49:49 AM

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Dear Alaska Legislator,

I am opposed to the reappointment of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Mr. Johnstone made it known in an opinion piece that he wrote to the Anchorage daily news that decisions concerning Upper Cook Inlet fisheries should be based on economics and not science.

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/2017/02/13/alaska-needs-to-update-fisheries-management/>

This flawed ideology has no business sullyng the board of fish process. Mr. Johnstone is openly biased toward the interests of one group – the Kenai River Sportfishing Association and his past behavior on the Board of Fish has not only proved this but has eroded trust in the public process and threatened the health of Cook Inlet salmon runs. I urge you to please give pause before casting your vote and think of the ramifications of electing Mr. Johnstone.

Please vote **NO** on his reappointment.

Respectfully,

Jason Hudkins

Cook Inlet Sport and Commercial Fisherman

**From:** [reliason](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Johnstone  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11:01:09 AM

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I am a resident of Palmer, Alaska and I believe Mr. Johnstone does not have the temperament to serve at the Board of Fish capacity.

Best Regards  
R Eliason  
Palmer, Alaska

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Gary Jackinsky  
**To:** Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Senator.Lara.Reinbold@akleg.gov; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edomou; Representative.Zach.Fields@akleg.gov; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky  
**Subject:** I Oppose Karl Johnstone Appointment to BOF  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:49:40 AM

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Dear Congressmen,

My name is Gary Jackinsky. I live in Ninichik. I oppose Karl Jonstone being on the Board of Fish again. We have already been subject to his political and financial actions on the Board in the past, and now we need someone whom will work for all Alaskans instead of a select few. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully  
Gary W Jackinsky

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Gary Jackinsky  
dba Coastal Express

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**To:** Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edomon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Representative.Tiffany.Zulkosky@akleg.go  
**Subject:** Oppose Karl Johnstone for Board of Fish  
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- > i humbly ask that you do not support putting Mr Johnstone back on the Board of Fish.
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- > I am and have been a commercial fisherman of 46yrs, current Seine Permit holder involved in fisheries from SE, PWS, Kodiak, BB. I have been involved in many fisheries management and allocation issues in the past, an NSRAA Board member for 12yrs, and attended 5 Board of Fish meetings during various sessions.
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- > My experience at these Board meetings in the past when Karl was a Board member then showed me that Mr. Johnstone's knowledge of most Commercial fisheries issues and conflicts was minimal and his opinions formulated showed negligence of proper info and historical data, pushing an agenda even at odds to ADF&G management at times.
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- > As an example, currently he has exhibited biases on Enhanced Fish production operations that has proven overwhelmingly successful results for all Alaskans and is more important than ever.
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- > Alaska's complex fisheries resources and management deserve better more educated and less opinionated Board Members to keep the integrity and proper decision making for our multifaceted complex issues.
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- > Certainly there are other more qualified and less biased candidates more suitable to the proper composition of the Alaska board.
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- > I have always respected the Board process as one of Alaska's jewels in that people do feel they have input, one of Alaska's greatest assets.
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- > Please do not further politicize this integral important B of Fish process with his appointment.
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- > After over 20yrs of living in SE Alaska, I am no longer a resident but I still fish and operate and support crew who are Alaskans and feel this issue is important enough for all involved to be heard.
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- > Thank you for listening, Bud Marrese FV Lake Bay

**From:** Fish blog  
**To:** [Sen. Tom Begich](#); [Sen. Chris Birch](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. John Coohill](#); [Sen. Mia Costello](#); [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Jesse Kiehl](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Senator.Lara.Reinbold@akleg.gov](#); [Sen. Mike Shower](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Rep. Ben Carpenter](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Bryce Edgmon](#); [Representative.Zach.Fields@akleg.gov](#); [Rep. Neal Foster](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sharon Jackson](#); [Rep. Delena Johnson](#); [Rep. Jennifer Johnston](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#); [Rep. Jonathan Krelss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#); [Rep. Mark Neuman](#); [Rep. Daniel Ortiz](#); [Rep. Lance Pruitt](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#); [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Joshua Revak](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Iyv Spohnholz](#); [Rep. Andi Story](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Cathy Tilton](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#); [Rep. Tammie Wilson](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose appointment  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:49:05 AM

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Honorable representatives of Alaska,

My name is Lewis Englishbee. I am owner and operator of a commercial salmon power troller berthed in Sitka. I live in Montana and fish Sitka in the summers.

Everything I have heard about the possibility of having Karl Johnstone on the Board of Fisheries sounds like a really bad future for the carefully managed and equitable fisheries Alaskan working people have enjoyed until now.

Please consider the long-term future of the industry for those of us who choose it as our profession, and DO NOT put this man in power.

Thank you,

Lewis Englishbee

**From:** [Matt Hemenway](#)  
**To:** [Sen. Tom Begich](#); [Sen. Chris Birch](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. John Coghill](#); [Sen. Mia Costello](#); [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Sen. Eivi Gray-Jackson](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Jesse Klehi](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Senator.Lara.Reinhold@akleg.gov](#); [Sen. Mike Shower](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Rep. Ben Carpenter](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. David Eastman](#); [Rep. Bryce Edgmon](#); [Representative.Zach.Fields@akleg.gov](#); [Rep. Neal Foster](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sharon Jackson](#); [Rep. Delena Johnson](#); [Rep. Jennifer Johnston](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#); [Rep. Mark Neuman](#); [Rep. Daniel Ortiz](#); [Rep. Lance Pruitt](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#); [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Joshua Revak](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Iyv Soohnholz](#); [Rep. Andi Story](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Cathy Tilton](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#); [Rep. Tammie Wilson](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky](#)  
**Subject:** Board of Fish Karl Johnstone  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:47:51 AM

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I am a second generation commercial salmon troller from Petersburg and I am writing to express my disapproval of Karl Johnstone as a nominee for the Board of Fish. His appointment would upset the traditional balance of fisheries management that has provided salmon for sport fishermen, subsistence users, and hard working commercial fishermen. I believe that the current management balance between different user groups should be maintained.

The Kenai River Sportfishing Association wishes to portray commercial fishermen as wealthy outsiders who are decimating salmon runs. This is simply not true, most fishermen who fish in Alaska's territorial waters are residents of Alaska. The portrayal of the commercial fishing industry as failing and outdated by the commercial sport fishing lobby is also false. Commercial fishing is the largest employer in the state, and since the oil industry receives far more subsidies than it pays in taxes and commercial sport fishing guides pay no taxes at all, you could argue that commercial fishermen are the main contributors to our state.

The first salmon saltery was built in Klawock in 1869. In the generations since, Alaskans have seen the fur trade come and go, followed by gold mining and industrial logging, now the oil industry is on the decline and no longer contributes to state funds. We are still here providing food for Alaskans and America. Our fisheries are rich enough to provide reasonable opportunity for all users, and to allow commercial fishermen to continue to provide for their families.

**From:** Melyssa Nagamine  
**To:** Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Eivi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Senator, Lara.Reinbold@akleg.gov; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Representative.Zach.Fields@akleg.gov; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. Delena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Krelss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andl Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky  
**Subject:** Opposing Karl Johnstone  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:47:46 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Melyssa Nagamine and I am a commercial fisherman in Southeast Alaska. I grew up in a fishing family and my boyfriend and I have recently purchased our own boat. We are excited and proud to be building a life for ourselves through fishing, but have concerns about the future management of our resources. I am writing this letter to oppose Karl Johnstone for Board of Fish.

Thank you,

Melyssa Nagamine

**From:** Jack Stevenson  
**To:** [Rep. George Rauscher](#); [Rep. Joshua Revak](#); [Rep. Laddie Shaw](#); [Rep. Ivy Spohnholz](#); [Rep. Andi Story](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard](#); [Rep. David Talerico](#); [Rep. Geran Tarr](#); [Rep. Steve Thompson](#); [Rep. Cathy Tilton](#); [Rep. Chris Tuck](#); [Rep. Sarah Vance](#); [Rep. Tammie Wilson](#); [Rep. Adam Wool](#); [Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky](#); [Sen. Tom Begich](#); [Sen. Chris Birch](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. John Coghill](#); [Sen. Mia Costello](#); [Sen. Cathy Glesel](#); [Sen. Elyl Gray-Jackson](#); [Sen. Lyman Hoffman](#); [Sen. Shelley Hughes](#); [Sen. Scott Kawasaki](#); [Sen. Jesse Kiehl](#); [Sen. Peter Micciche](#); [Sen. Donny Olson](#); [Senator.Lara.Reinbold@akleg.gov](#); [Sen. Mike Shower](#); [Sen. Bert Stedman](#); [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Sen. Natasha Von Imhof](#); [Sen. Bill Wielechowski](#); [Sen. David Wilson](#); [Rep. Ben Carpenter](#); [Rep. Matt Claman](#); [Rep. Harriet Drummond](#); [Rep. David Fastman](#); [Rep. Bryce Edgmon](#); [Representative.Zach.Fields@akleg.gov](#); [Rep. Neal Foster](#); [Rep. Sara Hannan](#); [Rep. Grier Hopkins](#); [Rep. Sharon Jackson](#); [Rep. Delena Johnson](#); [Rep. Jennifer Johnston](#); [Rep. Andy Josephson](#); [Rep. Gary Knopp](#); [Rep. Chuck Kopp](#); [Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins](#); [Rep. Bart LeBon](#); [Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Kelly Merrick](#); [Rep. Mark Neuman](#); [Rep. Daniel Ortiz](#); [Rep. Lance Pruitt](#); [Rep. Sara Rasmussen](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition of Karl Johnstone's confirmation  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:45:43 AM

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing this letter to ask you to please oppose Karl Johnstone from being put on the board of fish. I am a year round resident of Cordova. We need a fair, transparent and unbiased board. Our board should not be majority sports fish and should not be all from Anchorage and the valley area. Thank you for your time!

-Jack Stevenson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [JoAnn Wichers](#)  
**To:** [Representative.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov)  
**Subject:** No to reappointment  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:35:27 AM

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**Dear Alaska Legislator,**

**We are a 30+ year set net commercial fishing family, and are representing ourselves. We are opposed to the reappointment of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Mr. Johnstone is openly biased toward the interests of one group – the Kenai River Sportfishing Association and his past behavior on the Board of Fisheries eroded trust in the public process and threatened the health of Cook Inlet salmon runs.**

**Please vote NO on his reappointment.**

**Respectfully,**

**David, JoAnn, Daniel & Christopher Wichers**

**From:** [Cheryl Sutton](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Karl Johnstone  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 11:32:08 AM

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Representative Lincoln:

My name is Cheryl Sutton and I live at [REDACTED], Ninilchik, AK 99639. My family setnets in Cook Inlet for over 40 years now. I am in strong opposition to the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I remember only too well his former tenure on the board. Mr. Johnstone did much to harm this public process and did it with impunity. Surely there are much better candidates for this important process that affects so many thousands of Alaskans and our fishery resources. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

Cheryl Sutton  
[REDACTED]

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Cheryl Bond Sutton  
[REDACTED]

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**YOUR FULL NAME:**

**REPRESENTING (ORGANIZATION OR SELF):**

**BILL #:**  **Subject**

**COMMITTEE NAME:**  **HEARING DATE:**

I do not approve of the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the AK Board of Fisheries. Please do not confirm him.



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BILL #:  Subject

COMMITTEE NAME:  HEARING DATE:

Mainly, I do not like Karl Johnstone's position on sport fishing. I think he will be a detriment to my commercial fishing business. Please do not confirm him for a term on the AK Board of Fisheries.

**From:** Anne Schaefer  
**To:** Sen. Gary Stevens; Rep. Louise Stutes; House Resources; House Fisheries  
**Subject:** Opposition to Mr. Johnstone to BOF  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 1:33:28 PM

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Dear Members of the House Resources and House Fisheries Committes,

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



Cordova, Alaska 99574



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**From:** LJO Ketchikan  
**To:** House Resources; House Fisheries; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Sen. Bert Stedman  
**Subject:** POM from Ron Porter  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 1:43:48 PM

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Hello,

Mr. Porter asked me to send this POM regarding the confirmation of Carl Johnstone.

*I oppose the confirmation of Carl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries. Mr. Johnstone was and has been blatantly discriminatory against commercial fisheries and the ADFG comm fish division. He has had previous time on the board. Confirmation of Johnstone would leave the board of fisheries seriously out of balance.*

Thank you,

*Shannon Farstad*

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**From:** [Anica Estes](#)  
**To:** [House Fisheries](#); [House Resources](#)  
**Subject:** Johnstone is a disgrace  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 2:32:41 PM

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Dear Chairman Stutes and Members of the Committee; we are writing to you as a fishing family, 3rd generation in fact. If our children could write letters, we would have them do so as well.

To appoint Johnstone to the BOF would be an atrocious decision, catastrophic to commercial fishing. We support sustainable, science-backed fishing to keep our small commercial fishing communities alive. Unless scientific facts back Mr. Johnstone's agenda, he either does not agree or does not support the data. The BOF should not be compromised of folks looking for special interest gratification or personal gain.

The BOF's task is to work for, and represent Fisheries as a whole, sport and commercial fishing; we cannot have a board member that cannot and does not support commercial fishing. We need a candidate that supports local fishermen, listens to local fishermen, works with local fishermen, and who does not dismiss their input.

We need a balanced Board, one that represents all of Alaska, its fishing families, and NOT special interests. We ask you reject Mr. Johnstone's nominee for candidacy to ensure a balanced board.

Sincerely,

Steve & Anica Estes

Name: KURT D. JONES  
City: CORDOVA AK. 99574

April 15, 2019

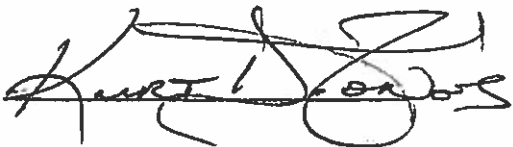
Dear House Fisheries and House Resources Committee,

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 large, sweeping loops and a horizontal line across the bottom.

**From:** [LIO Juneau](#)  
**To:** [House Resources](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Karl Johnstone  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 3:08:35 PM

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**From:** Kristi Larson <[roughridermarine@gmail.com](mailto:roughridermarine@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 2:43 PM  
**To:** LIO Juneau <[LIO.Juneau@akleg.gov](mailto:LIO.Juneau@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 listening to my comments and I hope the right decision is made.

**From:** [frank\\_kelty](mailto:frank_kelty)  
**To:** [House Fisheries](#); [House Resources](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to the Appointment Karl Johnstone to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 4:49:30 PM

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I writing today on behalf of myself in opposition to Karl Johnstone, I believe his appointment would totally put the sportfish sector in control of the BOF . I believe if we want to continue to be the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries and not The Kenai River Sportfishing Association Board of Fisheries. I believe Karl Johnstone should not be appointed to the BOF no matter how much money Kenai River Sportfishing Association contributed to the Governors campaign. I believe the BOF is too one sided at this time in favor of the sportfish and lodge owner sectors, I believe that the Johnstone seat should go to some in the commercial fishing sector for more balance on the BOF.

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Regards  
Frank Kelty  
Unalaska, Alaska

Frank V Kelty  


**From:** [Penelope Oswald](#)  
**To:** [House Resources](#); [House Fisheries](#)  
**Cc:** [Rep. Louise Stutes](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote NO to the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 7:44:41 PM

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Dear Legislators -

I am strongly urging you to please vote NO to the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. This board is needed to review and work with many user groups and proposals for one of our states most precious resources. Members need to be able to work in an unbiased manner for the best of all Alaskans.

I do not believe from reviewing Mr Johnstone record and credentials that he can work with other committee members in an unbiased fashion. Please vote NO against this nomination.

Sincerely,

Penelope Oswald

42 year resident of Cordova, Alaska

Sent from my iPhone



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the House Fisheries and House Resource committee,

After listening to these testimonies, it looks like the commercial fisherman don't want Johnstone and the sports fishermen do want him. The Board of Fish meetings already can be very stressful and contentious. I know many people who do not engage in their fisheries regulations because they don't want to have to deal with the intense conflict at the Board meetings. Often we are asked to speak against our neighbors by our user group leaders. I get along with my neighbors and don't want fish wars to come between us. Confirming Mr. Johnstone's nomination to serve on the Board of Fish will be adding fuel to the fire. He has had his chance on the board. There are many other talented leaders here in the state that can serve on the board of fish. Ask the Governor for someone who has a history of deescalating tensions instead of increasing them.

All of the people testifying want salmon. We all need to work together on salmon sustainability instead of fighting with each other over what is left.

You are ultimately in the service of the all people of Alaska. Not just the fired up aggressive user group leaders that end up at BOF meetings. Please take this responsibility to heart as you decide whether to confirm Mr. Johnstone to the Board of Fish.

Thank-you for your service.  
Catie Bursch

[REDACTED]  
Homer, AK 99603  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Mike Crawford](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** A vote for Karl Johnstone  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 3:44:41 AM

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Dear Representative Lincoln, I am writing to you in regards to the Board of Fish appointment of Mr. Johnstone. While I have been the chairman of the Kenai-Soldotna ADFG Advisory Committee for about 12 years, this note is from me as an individual. I bring up my service on the AC because it relates to my many years of attending Board of Game and Fish meetings for over 15 years. As you know Mr. Johnstone was on the Board of Fish previously. I felt he ran a very efficient meeting. While there may be a lot of opposition from commercial fisherman, there is no doubt in my mind Mr. Johnstone puts the conservation of fish first, and looks to get the most out of the harvest of our valuable resource which belongs to all Alaskans. I am asking you to vote for the confirmation of Mr. Johnstone.

Mike Crawford

**From:** Sarah Hudkins  
**To:** Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thomason; Rep. Cathv Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky; Sen. Tom Bealch; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathv Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Lora Reinhold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Karl Johnstone  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 7:30:06 AM

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Dear Alaska Legislator,

I am opposed to the reappointment of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Mr. Johnstone is openly biased toward the interests of one group – the Kenai River Sport Fishing Association and his past behavior on the Board of Fish has not only proved this, but has eroded trust in the public process and threatened the health of Cook Inlet salmon runs.

Mr. Johnstone made it known in an opinion piece that he wrote to the Anchorage daily news that decisions concerning Upper Cook Inlet fisheries should be based on economics and not science. <https://www.adn.com/opinions/2017/02/13/alaska-needs-to-update-fisheries-management/>

This flawed ideology has no business sullyng the board of fish process. I urge you to please give pause before casting your vote and think of the ramifications of electing Mr. Johnstone.

Please vote NO on his reappointment.

Respectfully,

Sarah Hudkins

Cook Inlet Sport and Commercial Fisherman

**From:** Ted Crookston  
**To:** Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky  
**Subject:** Karl Johnstone BOF - OPPOSE CONFIRMATION  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 8:19:52 AM

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**Dear Alaska Legislator,**

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**Please vote NO on his reappointment.**

**Respectfully,**

**Ted James Crookston  
Kenai, Alaska**

April 15, 2019

My name is Andy Hall and I am a setnet salmon fisherman on the East Side of Cook Inlet. I've already communicated my request that you vote against Karl Johnstone's nomination to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

I'd like to share a specific incident that illustrates why I am so strongly opposed to his return to the BOF. After Mr. Johnstone's first term on the board, Governor Parnell reappointed him. At that time I wrote letters to the legislature opposing his confirmation. Despite my efforts, his nomination was confirmed. Many months later I attended a Board of Fish meeting in Anchorage chaired by Mr. Johnstone and gave public testimony.

During the break following my testimony I was speaking with another attendee when someone asked, "Are you Andy Hall?" I looked up and Mr. Johnstone was in front of me. I said, yes. He asked, "Are you a writer?" I said yes. He asked, "Do you write letters?" I said yes. Then he asked, "Have you written letters about me?" Again, I answered yes. Then he said, "I just want you to know that I read those letters and I know what you said about me." I replied that I assumed he would read them, as they are part of the public record.

My response seemed to put him off, and he stood there for a few moments, reiterated that he knew what I said about him and then walked away.

I don't have a copy of the letter I wrote but I believe it expressed my belief that he lacked the impartiality necessary for the BOF service, and I questioned his Alaska residency.

Mr. Johnstone did not threaten retaliation in so many words, but his tone made it clear that he was displeased and would not forget that I had opposed him.

While I understand why he might not have appreciated my writing to discourage his confirmation I thought it highly inappropriate for the Chair of the Alaska Board of Fisheries to approach me, an Alaska resident participating in the public process, in the manner that he did.

While this encounter has not halted my involvement, it continues to give me pause when I consider speaking out on his and other nominations.

Even as I considered writing this letter I worry what his reaction will be if he is returned to the board. I can only wonder whether others have had similar encounters with him and what chilling effect on public discourse those interactions might have caused.

Just as I did when I wrote against Governor Parnell's nomination of Mr. Johnstone, I still feel that Karl Johnstone lacks the impartiality necessary to serve on the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely

Andy Hall

Eagle River, Alaska

**From:** ray.renner  
**To:** Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Senator.Lara.Reinbold@akleg.gov; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Representative.Zach.Fields@akleg.gov; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky  
**Subject:** Opposition of Karl Johnstone's confirmation  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 1:56:26 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing this letter to ask you to please oppose Karl Johnstone from being put on the board of fish. I am a year round resident of Cordova. We need a fair, transparent and unbiased board. Our board should not be majority sports fish and should not be all from Anchorage and the valley area. Thank you for your time!

-Ray Renner



**From:** Samantha S Renner  
**To:** Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Klehi; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Senator.Lara.Reinhold@aklego.gov; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Representative.Zach.Fields@aklego.gov; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. Delena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thomason; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky  
**Subject:** Opposition of Karl Johnstone's confirmation  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 1:58:01 PM

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-Samantha Renner

**From:** Tony Parra  
**To:** Sen. Tom Becich; Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sharon Jackson; Rep. Delena Johnson; Rep. Jennifer Johnston; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Gary Knopp; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Irv Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zuikosky  
**Subject:** Oppose Karl Johnstone Appointment to BOF  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 4:09:07 PM

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Senators and Representatives,

Please oppose the appointment of Karl Johnstone to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I have worked in both the recreational and commercial fisheries industries in Alaska for over 30 years, and am concerned said candidate will unfairly skew decisions and management of our public resources to special interests and recreational fishing lobbyist. Commercial fishing supports hundreds of thousands of families, and indeed, around the globe. We, as well as the communities, citizens, and economy of Alaska deserve fair representation on the Board of Fisheries. Thank you for your service, consideration, and attention to this vote.

Respectfully,

Tony Parra  
F/V Nancy Gayle  
Port Moller AK

**From:** [frank kelty](#)  
**To:** [Rep. Louise Stutes](#); [Rep. John Lincoln](#); [Rep. Geran Tarr](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Opposed to the Appointment Karl Johnstone to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 4:56:10 PM

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Regards  
Frank Kelty  
Unalaska, Alaska

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Frank V Kelty  


**From:** Nathan Widmann  
**To:** Rep. John Lincoln  
**Subject:** Oppose Karl Johnstone  
**Date:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:20:26 PM

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Representative Lincoln,

My name is Nathan Widmann, and I am a commercial fisherman and resident of Cordova. I urge you to please oppose the confirmation of Karl Johnstone for the Board of Fisheries. His history and public writings against the commercial fishing industry indicate that he is not a neutral voice on the Board of Fish, and I do not believe he is the best choice for Alaska. It is imperative that the Board of Fisheries maintain a balance between user groups, and Johnstone is not the fair, unbiased voice that Alaskans deserve.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition.

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**Ardy Hanson**

[REDACTED]  
Cordova, AK 99574  
[REDACTED]

April 15, 2019

Dear House Resources and House Fisheries Committees,

I am writing in opposition of your current Fisheries Board Appointees. I am a lifelong Alaskan who participates in hunting and fishing-commercial fishing, sport fishing and subsistence fishing.

I am against all 4 appointees, especially Karl Johnstone. These appointees unfairly sway the interests of the board when considering impacts upon one of the largest industries in Alaska which is commercial fishing.

I hope you will reconsider the appointees and balance the board members to reflect all user groups in Alaska. It will be difficult to make progress for any of the state's user groups with such an unbalanced board.

Sincerely,

**Ardy Hanson**



## KODIAK AREA NATIVE ASSOCIATION

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April 15, 2019

Representative John Lincoln, Co-Chair  
Alaska State Legislature, House Resources Committee

Representative Geran Tarr, Co-Chair  
Alaska State Legislature, House Resources Committee

Representative Louise Stutes, Chairman  
Alaska State Legislature, House Fisheries Committee

**Re: Importance of Subsistence & Commercial Fisheries to Coastal Communities**

Dear Chairman Stutes, Co-Chair Tarr, Co-Chair Lincoln, and members of the House Fisheries and Resources Committees:

Kodiak Area Native Association is a non-profit Alaska Native Tribal Health Organization, providing health and social services benefiting the Alaska Native people and communities of Kodiak Island. We advocate for the total health and wellness of our Native beneficiaries, understanding that physical and mental health are related to the health of local economies, communities, and cultural practices.

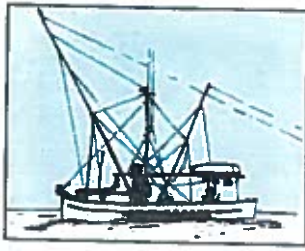
Fishing and processing jobs are the majority of economic activity in several of our rural villages, like Larsen Bay and Karluk. Subsistence harvest of salmon and other fish is not only a staple of Native culture and nutrition across coastal Alaska, but also a foundation of food security year-round, especially for low-income households. Without this income and access to subsistence foods, the survival of our village communities would be impossible, and real measureable health impacts would be felt.

There has been much discussion of preserving the "balance" on the Board of Fish between the competing interests of commercial, sport, and subsistence fisheries, but it is important to understand that fish and fisheries are *essential* to the health and lifestyle of Alaska Natives in coastal Alaska, not something that can be balanced against out-of-state interests. A shift of priorities and resources towards sports fishermen is not simply the trading of one economic use of a resource for another, but rather an existential threat to Native health and village communities.

I urge that the Alaska State Legislature exercise caution when considering actions which may jeopardize Alaska's commercial and subsistence fisheries, and encourage you to be mindful first and foremost of the needs of Alaska's indigenous peoples.

Sincerely,

Andy Tedber  
President & CEO, Kodiak Area Native Association



## Alaska Trollers Association

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April 15, 2019

House Special Committee on Fisheries  
House Resources Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Chairmen,

As you may know, Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) represents the Southeast commercial troll fleet. Our members are professional hook and line salmon fishermen who deliver the highest quality salmon to markets, often providing the only access of our State's resource to residents without the means of harvesting their own. Alaska's troll fleet is 85% resident with a large number of our troll permit holders living in rural communities. The organization of ATA has been around nearly a century, illustrating our membership's long term dependence on the salmon resource.

ATA opposes the appointment and return of Carl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries. Several of our board members have had direct experience with him throughout the years and found him to be generally difficult and extremely biased in his decision-making. His concept of this board's purpose, and his role in it, is askew and unbecoming of the post he has been appointed to. Board of Fish decision impacts on our state's rural economies cannot be overstated and deserve due consideration.

ATA believes that the Board of Fisheries should be composed of deliberative members who carefully balance the facts and impacts before decisions are made, on behalf of the resource and all Alaskans. Predetermined outcomes demoralize the process and this unconfirmed appointment has clearly voiced his agenda in several recent op-ed pieces. We should hold our State's economy and resource decisions to a higher standard of circumspect.

It is further concerning that this important regulation-making body has become so clearly political. Implanting politics as the dominant feature in this board will bring instability to our small local economies of coastal Alaska and its families. ATA does not believe that was the original intention of the Board of Fisheries as regulations could be promulgated internally in ADFG, as done in other agencies. The Board of Fisheries was designed to minimize the influence of politics in its decisions.

We are only asking for balance and due consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Daugherty". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Amy Daugherty  
Executive Director

## **Matt Gruening**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 3:01 PM  
**To:** House Fisheries  
**Subject:** FW: Karl Johnstone

**From:** Kristi Larson <roughridermarine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 2:40 PM  
**To:** LIO Anchorage <Lio.Anchorage@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 listening to my comments and I hope the right decision is made.



## Matt Gruening

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**From:** poms@akleg.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 3:11 PM  
**To:** Rep. Louise Stutes  
**Subject:** New Pom:Boards & Commissions

Susan Reid  
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Please do NOT appoint Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries. He will not serve the Fishing Industry. Please DO appoint Gerad Godfrey who will represent commercial fisheries and the Alaskan coastal communities.

04.15.19

Good evening House Fisheries chair Stutes, Resource co-chairs Lincoln and Tarr including all combined committee members. Thank you for having this hearing and sacrificing your evening rest to hear the people's concerns.

I have submitted earlier testimony against Karl Johnstone for Senate Resource's.

Today I would like to add just one of many questionable process experiences that I have had with ex-Board chair Johnstone. In 2014 I remember that well into the Upper Cook Inlet Regulatory meeting process a board member generated proposal was submitted as a substitute proposal for one currently being debated by the Board. Considering that all written proposals from the public are due in early April of the previous year, any individual board member proposal submitted after a year and well into the deliberations phase of the meeting would completely subvert the public process.

After the untimely submission, I learned that Sports Division lead staff worked on and wrote this proposal at the bequest of chair Johnstone months before. When I asked why the Department did not present this before all the public submissions and testimony was given Mr. Johnstone concluded that the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) chair has the power to present a board member proposal whenever they so determine and without the public having prior knowledge of or any public release of the information contained within. No prior notice of an intent to submit or of the department's work on the proposal prior to the meeting.

*In my opinion this is a gross abuse of the defined public process and yet another example of the questionable ethics Karl Johnstone will pursue to obtain his objective.*

Please do not confirm Karl Johnstone to yet another term on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Thank you,

Paul A. Shadura II

  
Kenai, Alaska 99611



## **Matt Gruening**

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**From:** poms@akleg.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 2:42 PM  
**To:** Rep. Louise Stutes  
**Subject:** New Pom:Boards & Commissions

Dana Reid  
  


I urge you to appoint Gerad Godfrey to the Board of Fisheries. He is the only nominee representing Kodiak. Commercial Fishing is the lifeblood of our community and a huge contributor to our State coffers. Please do not reappoint Judge Johnstone.

## **Matt Gruening**

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**From:** uganikgirl 23 <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:22 PM  
**To:** Matt Gruening  
**Subject:** Concerning BOF Nominee Karl Johnstone

Members of the Alaska Legislature:

I am deeply opposed to Karl Johnstone's nomination to the Board of Fisheries. I am a 3rd generation commercial fisherman from Kodiak. I have called Alaska my home for my entire 31 years, and have been commercial fishing for almost 25. Six years ago I followed in my mom's footsteps & began captaining my own salmon purse seine operation. I intend to continue my passion for this lifestyle until I am too old to do so, make my living by it, & someday see my own children be able to experience fishing as I've known it.

Someone as anti-commercial fishing as Karl Johnstone is a threat to my livelihood & thousands of other fishermen's livelihoods throughout Alaska. His agenda aligns with only one group of fishermen. What we need on the BOF are representatives who have all groups of fishermen in mind.

Johnstone's vision for Alaska's fishermen is jaded & short-sighted. It has the potential of damaging the health & sustainability of our salmon resource where it will not be around for future generations.

Mr. Arizona needs to just stick to playing golf & leave the decision-making for the future of our fisheries to us true Alaskans.

**PLEASE OPPOSE KARL JOHNSTONE'S APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES.**

Thank you,  
Michelle Rittenhouse  
Owner/Operator of F/V Pamela Dawn Fisheries

## Matt Gruening

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**From:** Shawna Rittenhouse <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:50 AM  
**To:** Matt Gruening  
**Subject:** Letter concerning BOF nominee Karl Johnstone

*To the Members of the Alaska Legislature; I very strongly oppose the nomination of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries. I'm a second generation commercial fisherman, and I've been seining for 50 years in Kodiak. Fishing is my sole means of income as it is for thousands of other fishermen. My two daughters are just beginning they're salmon seining operations, and looking towards the future as fishing being they're primary source of income, as it has been for me during my lifetime. Salmon fishing is one of the great renewable resources in Alaska that is for all types of fishermen to enjoy, and have as a lifestyle. Its definitely not just about the money. Karl Johnstones views oppose all except an exclusive group of fishermen. If changes need to be made for the future of Alaska, it needs to include all fishermen. Why is someone that's living in Arizona being nominated to make decisions for us anyway? Thank you, Shawna Rittenhouse*

## Matt Gruening

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**From:** sue kuller <marty.kuller@alaska.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** Matt Gruening  
**Subject:** Karl Johnstone

Members of the Alaska Legislature,

My husband grew up in Alaska and started commercially fishing there when he was 15 years old. He has been commercially fishing in Alaska ever since. He is now turning 57. He moved to Washington state in 1986 which at that time there was prosperous commercial fishing on the Columbia River. There is an abundance of material that you could research about the conflicts on the Columbia River with the Commercial Fleet and the Recreational fleet. The end result is that the sports were successful at killing the commercial fishery. The board of fish in Washington and Oregon has anti commercial fisherman on the board. This is something that is very hard to fathom. Do you put an atheist to make decisions for the Catholic Church?? Do you bring in Castro to be the President of the United States?? We have thousands of dollars invested in commercial fishing and properties and in our community in Washington state that has now mostly come to have little or no value. It is not only the financial aspect of it but also the years of hard work that my husband put into this fishery not only as a fisherman but as an advocate for the fishery and spending his own time and money to do research and testing for the state and his co commercial fishermen. It is beyond words what the sports have done to the commercial fishery in Washington State. Now they have succeeded here and in other states so they are feeling larger than life and think that they can make the largest fisheries in the world all theirs in the great state of Alaska. In Washington they claimed they created more economic benefits than the commercial fishermen and brainwashed many with false conservation means. We intend to move back to Alaska in the near future and we have hundreds of thousands of dollars invested in the Alaska fisheries. We currently own three boats, are invested in another boat, own 5 permits, own land, and equipment. Our daughter grew up commercial fishing in Alaska. The values and work ethic this has taught her is immeasurable and has contributed to the amazing person she is today. She is 22 and graduated from ASU with a Business Administration Degree (which she paid for with her crew share) and she still fishes in Bristol Bay every summer and plans to start going to PWS as well. Miss Washington is a Bristol Bay fisherman, you should read her stories!!! I'm sorry to write a book but this is how important it is to oppose Karl Johnstone's nomination to the board. I cannot and will not ever understand how someone can have the mindset that they deserve the fish over someone else. Especially the sports over the commercial. Why is there even an argument over which group is more valuable. Fishing is sustainable in Alaska for the natives, the commercials, and the sports. It is valuable to all of us and all of us are valuable to the fishery and beyond. OPPOSE KARL JOHNSTONE'S APPOINTMENT

Sincerely,

Vicki Sue Kuller.

Wife of Marty Kuller, a commercial fisherman in Alaska for 39 years and counting

Mother of Whitney Kuller, a commercial fisherman for 11 years and counting

Best friends with too many commercial fisherman, cannery owners, cannery operators, cannery workers and fish distributors to list here.

Sent from my iPhone

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**NAME:** Alexander Reutov  
**REPRESENTING:** Self  
**BILL # or SUBJECT:** Board of Fisheries Confirmations  
**COMMITTEE:** HFSH **DATE:** 04-15-209-19

Hi, my name is Alexander I Reutov. I'm a commercial fisherman. I fished all my life in Cook Inlet. That's all I know is Cook Inlet drift fishing. It's a constant battle, poor runs and poor prices, and other things the last 25 years that I have been fishing. I always considered BOF to be fair. If I can't trust BOF who can I trust? I strongly oppose KARL JOHNSTONE!

Sincerely,  
Alexander I Reutov

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**Ardy Hanson**

310 Railroad Row

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Cordova, AK 99574

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April 15, 2019

Dear House Resources and House Fisheries Committees,

I am writing in opposition of your current Fisheries Board Appointees. I am a lifelong Alaskan who participates in hunting and fishing-commercial fishing, sport fishing and subsistence fishing.

I am against all 4 appointees, especially Karl Johnstone. These appointees unfairly sway the interests of the board when considering impacts upon one of the largest industries in Alaska which is commercial fishing.

I hope you will reconsider the appointees and balance the board members to reflect all user groups in Alaska. It will be difficult to make progress for any of the state's user groups with such an unbalanced board.

Sincerely,

**Ardy Hanson**



Amber Allen  
Karl Johnstone, Israel Payton Appointment  
Apr 14, 2019 at 8:26:41 PM  
HouseFisheries@akleg.gov, SenateResources@akleg.gov,  
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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 activity 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 predudice 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.

*I thought Mr. Johnstone did a great job answering many tough questions, at the hearing/interview on 4/15.*  
*After listening to the hearing and all the questions ~~at~~*  
*I am very convinced Johnstone and Payton are the best candidates.*

Ben Allen  
Millers Riverboat Service

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## **Matt Gruening**

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**From:** Chuck Lindsay [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 6:26 PM  
**To:** House Fisheries  
**Subject:** Written testimony in Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Board of Fisheries

Madam Chair and members of the Fisheries committee, my name is Charles Lindsay, I am from Homer, Alaska and am representing myself. I live in Homer, Alaska. I am a commercial fisherman and I also operate a small business delivering a portion of my commercial salmon catch directly to Alaskans. I ask you to oppose the nomination of Karl Johnstone to the Board of Fisheries because his past tenure on the Board of Fisheries and his opinion editorials published in the Anchorage Daily News show that he is strongly aligned against commercial fishing. Instead of Mr. Johnstone, we need members of the Board of Fisheries who are neutral and who will make sure that our fisheries are managed based on principles of law and science.

Thank you,  
/Charles R Lindsay/

Charles Lindsay  
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**NAME:** Spiridon Martushoff  
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I oppose Karl Johnstone.

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**NAME:** Calvin Anderson  
**REPRESENTING:** Self  
**BILL # or SUBJECT:** Board of Fisheries Confirmations  
**COMMITTEE:** HFSH **DATE:** 04-15-209-19

I think Karl Johnstone's nomination to be a representative should be revoked. Due to his past affiliations with the board of fish.

Please do not confirm his ballot to be a part of the Board of Fish. Thank you for your time.

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**NAME:** Dimitry Reutov  
**REPRESENTING:** Self  
**BILL # or SUBJECT:** Board of Fisheries Confirmations  
**COMMITTEE:** HFSH **DATE:** 04-15-209-19

I oppose Karl Johnstone

**From:** [Mark Vinsel](#)  
**To:** [Rep. John Lincoln](#)  
**Subject:** Board of Fisheries Nominees  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 16, 2019 10:34:05 AM

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Mark Vinsel  
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Juneau, AK 99801

April 16, 2019

Dear John Lincoln,

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

I think that the kind of fish politics that go on with the Kenai River Sportfishing Association looking to eliminate commercial fishing may be working up there (is it?) but it is the absolute wrong direction to apply to other parts of the state. KRSA should keep their work to the Kenai. I enjoy good sport fishing on the Juneau road system at very low cost because we have good cooperation with commercial fisheries here. Our very few rivers and creeks still have good wild trout and salmon fishing, in large part because our local DIPAC hatchery has established good king and coho salmon programs with shoreside fishing sites all around our road system. The hatchery operation was started and is mainly funded through commercial fisheries.

If you think that what is working so well on the Kenai is the best way to go for the whole state, then you might support Johnstone's confirmation and the rest of the KRSA bunch to dominate the BOF process for years to come. I think it is dead wrong. It is a proven road to decimation for salmon if we focus on fighting over the fish and eliminating other users. Only the combined benefits of vibrant commercial fisheries and sport, personal use, tourism and subsistence uses can carry enough weight politically and economically to provide a valid reason for choosing to maintain viable salmon.

Stand tall and strong. You do not need to blindly follow KRSA. Vote No on Karl Johnstone.

Thank you for your time.

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,  
Mark Vinsel