From: Stephanie Quinn-Davidson To: House Fisheries; House Resources

Cc:

Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. John Lincoln; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. David Talerico; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Chuck Kopp; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Mark Neuman; Marna

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Subject: BOF appointments - TCC letter and public testimony

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 3:28:11 PM Attachments: SOD TCC testimony Sept 2020.docx

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Dear Members of the House Fisheries and Resources Committees,

As previously provided to the Senate Resources Committee, I'm attaching the letter from President Victor Joseph.

I've also attached the testimony I provided on the phone today on behalf of Tanana Chiefs Conference. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Board of Fisheries appointments.

Quyana/Mahsi'/Baasee'/Maasee'/Dogedinh/Thank you, Stephanie

Stephanie Quinn-Davidson, Ph.D. (she/her/hers)

Director of Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Tanana Chiefs Conference

Phone: 907.328.8088

President, American Fisheries Society – Alaska Chapter

Dena'inag elnen'ag' gheshtnu ch'g'u yeshdu (I live and work on Dena'ina land)

Thank you. My name is Dr. Stephanie Quinn-Davidson and I am a fisheries scientist. I previously worked as a research biologist and then fishery manager for ADFG on the Yukon River and am currently the Director of the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission for Tanana Chiefs Conference. I am testifying in my official capacity in that position today. Our Fish Commission represents over 30 federally recognized Tribes along the Yukon River. The decisions made by the BOF directly impact the livelihood and physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of our people. These decisions need to be taken seriously and I have concerns with some of the responses you received from these appointees today that showed woeful inexperience with and knowledge of the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim fisheries. The AYK region is the largest subsistence region in the state. On the Yukon River this year, our salmon did not return. Not just king salmon – our chum salmon and silver salmon also did not return. Our people do not have the food that they depend on... that they have depended on for generations. I had to purchase salmon from Bristol Bay this year so that we can distribute it to our elders and those most in need so that they have some food this winter. The decisions made by the Board are not just important. They are vital.

And our Tribes and rural communities are already at a disadvantage of participating in the Board's public process. Our Advisory Committees, who advise the Board, meet fewer times on avg than urban or road system advisory committees due to our remote locations, canceled flights, bad weather, and phone connectivity problems. To prepare for and participate in a BOF meeting, it costs our Fish Commission \$100,000 to have our advocates participate in a weeklong meeting in Anchorage or Fairbanks.

\$100,000 for one meeting.

We believe the legislature should send the administration back to the drawing board. Appoint someone who is knowledgeable of and has experience in the largest subsistence region of the state. Appoint someone who is actually qualified, not someone who has simply floated by or flown in to our communities. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.



August 27, 2020

RE: Board of Fisheries Nominations

Dear Members of the Senate Resources Committee,

Tanana Chiefs Conference is an Alaska Native non-profit corporation, organized as Dena' Nena' Henash or "Our Land Speaks." We are charged with advancing Tribal self-determination and enhancing regional Native unity for our 37 federally recognized tribes within 42 communities. Our Mission is to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development, and culture of the Interior Alaska Native people. Our communities have relied on Yukon River fisheries to sustain them for generations. We regularly engage in the Board of Fisheries (Board) process as decisions made by the Board directly impact the livelihoods of our communities.

The Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers comprise the largest subsistence area in the state of Alaska. Hundreds of thousands of salmon are necessary – as outlined by Amounts Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) by the Board – and are harvested each summer for subsistence purposes. The lower Yukon supports a commercial fishery that provides some of the only economic opportunity to the region. The lower Yukon commercial fishery employs over 500 individuals in the region and, at times, over 100 commercial fishermen, amounting to millions of dollars injected in to the rural economy.

The complexity of these river systems – with overlapping species runs, mixed stocks, long salmon migrations and remote locations – present unique and challenging management scenarios for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. While there is public opportunity to participate through the Advisory Committee (AC) process, we know that that process does not always work as well and efficiently as we hope for rural Alaska. Weather, distance between villages, and funding capacity make it challenging for our regions to meet in-person and to engage as fully and effectively as regions on the road system¹. Our regions lag behind in the number of AC meetings held (Figure 1). This is a clear disadvantage for our region, at no fault of our own.

For these reasons, we believe it is imperative that two of the Board of Fisheries appointees reside in or are extensively familiar with the Yukon region and the Kuskokwim region. Five of the seven Board members and appointees currently reside in or represent Southcentral Alaska. Living in Southcentral Alaska would not necessarily preclude support from our organization; however, none of the Board members or appointees have any experience with Yukon and Kuskokwim fisheries issues. While one nominee resides in the Interior, they have no education or experience that relates to any of the Yukon or Kuskokwim fisheries. Furthermore, as the largest subsistence region in the state, we are concerned that none of the

¹ Langdon, S., T Brelsford, and J. Fall. 2018. State of Alaska's Salmon and People (SASAP), Governance and Subsistence. Alaska Forum for the Environment, Session 1 AFE Salmon Track R1, Slide 38. Anchorage.



Board members or appointees is a self-identified subsistence user; most identify as a sport or commercial fisherperson first, and list subsistence secondarily, and none reside in rural Alaska.

We urge the Senate Resources Committee to respectfully request that the Dunleavy Administration replace two of the four Board appointees with experts from the Yukon and Kuskokwim region.

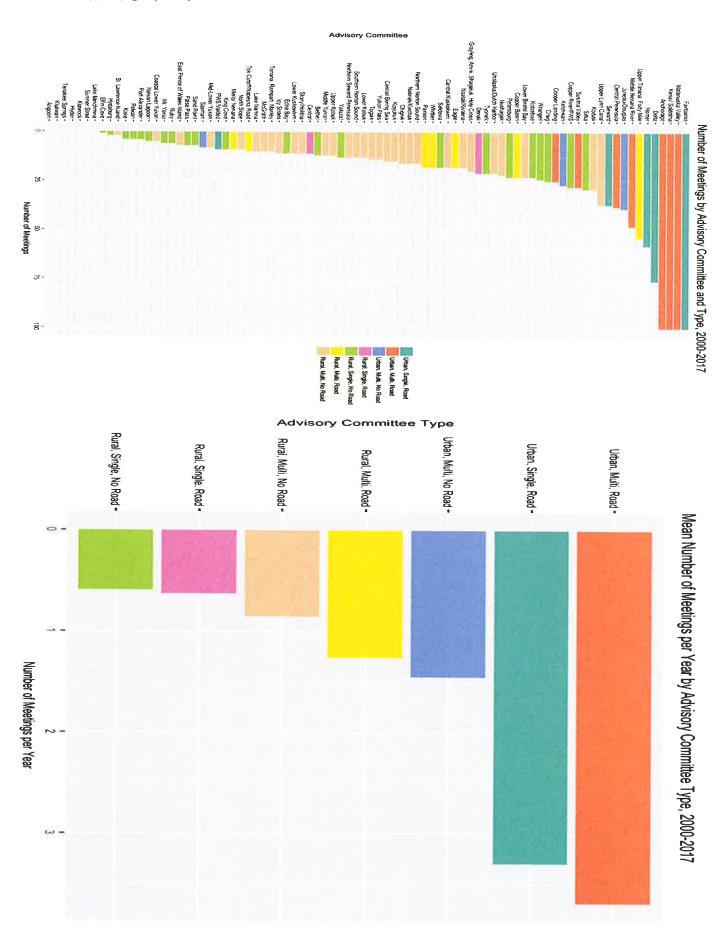
Sincerely,

Tanana Chiefs Conference

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Victor Joseph Chief/Chairman

Figure 1. Number of meetings held for each AC between 2000 and 2017 (left panel) and mean number of meetings per year for AC types (right panel).



From: galin

To: Rep. Harriet Drummond; House Resources

Cc: <u>galin@gci.net</u>

Subject: Abe Williams appointed to the Board of Fisheries?? **Date:** Thursday, September 3, 2020 12:03:57 PM

Representative Drummond,

Just a short note to comment, strenuously protest, and question WHY would the Governor of Alaska appoint an individual with a 'vested' interest in the Pebble Mine (an individual who is on Board of Directors) to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.?

This totally defies logic, and is an absurd conflict of interest.

The Governor stated, through his spokesman in today's September 3rd ADN article that "Williams will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience about the Bristol Bay Region and Alaska's commercial Fishery".

Balderdash!

Any logical, thinking person comprehends that Mr. Williams allegiance is to the Pebble Limited Project.

Ludicrous, let's just send the Fox to guard the Henhouse, Pathetic..

How is it that 'Williams broad backround in commercial fishing & leadership roles is an asset' relating to the controversy of the Pebble Mine Project?

It's a obviously a foregone conclusion Williams is only concerned with Pebble's interest and illogical wrong-headed mindset to building the largest open pit mine in the world on an active earthquake fault/zone which egregiously endangerous the viability, sustainability of the last, largest, wild salmon fishery and balanced ecosystem on the Planet.

It's reprehensible that Governor Dunleavy has already appointed another (former)Pebble Mine Director, (Carlson-Van Dort) to the Board of Fisheries, and now he wants to double down on this!

Both these two individuals should be replaced on the Board with individuals that offer true veracity.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Galin Anchorage, (Turnagain) Alaska

Jonathan Galin galin@gci.net

From: Molly Zaleski

To: House Fisheries; House Resources

Subject: Board of Fish appointments

Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 10:34:48 AM

Dear Chairwoman Stutes, Chairman Lincoln, Chairman Tarr, House Fisheries Committee members, and House Resources Committee members,

I am writing to ask you to reject the nominations of Board of Fish appointees Abe Williams, John Wood, and McKenzie Mitchell.

Abe Williams has a massive conflict of interest as the director of regional affairs for the Pebble Partnership. It is clear that he is aligned with outside interests (Northern Dynasty) and not the values of Bristol Bay residents and Alaskans as a whole. And it is clear from yesterday's hearing that he does not respect Alaskan's wishes and he does not take seriously the public comments against his appointment and Pebble Mine. He tried to laugh off and reduce the petitions to bots and outsiders, which is condescending, offensive, and hypocritical. The loudest voices are from Alaskans from the Bristol Bay region, and people elsewhere in the country have a right to defend the public resource of the largest sockeye salmon run in the world. He is not fit for this job. He will not represent Alaskans and protect our freshwater and marine resources. He will only serve himself by lining his pockets with Pebble money.

To that end, John Wood's earlier appointment to the BOF as a former Pebble employee should be reviewed and any decisions based around Bristol Bay (and Cook Inlet) should be examined to make sure he has not had undue influence in favor of Pebble Mine. Remember, the mine plans will impact not only Bristol Bay, but Lake Iliamna and Cook Inlet.

McKenzie Mitchell is less of a concern but still does not seem fit for the job. She lied on her resume calling herself a professor even though she is not listed as a professor with UAF and has attained a Master's degree but not a PhD. It raises questions on what else she may have lied about or misled on her resume. She also lacked some fundamental fisheries knowledge that, were this a regular job interview, would likely disqualify her (example: not knowing what CDQ stands for and means). It's unclear why someone so inexperienced was tapped for a role on the BOF, but it's safe to say it's not because of her fisheries expertise.

Thank you for taking public comment on these appointments. I hope the outpouring of public comments against Pebble Mine, and Abe Williams' appointment in particular, will guide your decision making.

Sincerely, Molly Zaleski Juneau resident From: <u>Mariel Terry</u>
To: <u>House Resources</u>

Subject: Finished Testimony Opposition to Abe Williams

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 2:35:38 PM

To the House Fisheries Committee,

I was unable to finish my testimony during the confirmation hearing and I would like to submit my full statement here. The last paragraph, in bold, is what I had to omit from my oral testimony and also a point that I have not heard be made yet:

Good afternoon, my name is Mariel Terry, I am calling on behalf of myself as a concerned citizen. I am, in fact, not a robot but a flesh and blood Alaskan born and raised. My residency is in Anchorage but I split my time between Anchorage and Bristol Bay where I work as a fisheries scientist. I am calling to voice my opposition to the appointment of Abe Williams to the Board of Fish. I am greatly concerned by the prospect of someone who is receiving payment and employment by out-of-state and international corporate interests that are misaligned with the majority view of the region to which he would be tasked to represent. The Board of Fish was established for the purposes of conserving and developing fisheries resources around Alaska. The entity that Williams is employed by, the Pebble Partnership, is attempting to permit a development project that the Army Corps of Engineers recently admitted would likely result in significant adverse effects on the aquatic system, that is to say a project in direct conflict with the mission to conserve and develop the fisheries resources of the region.

There is a grand and lengthy body of evidence to suggest that Abe Williams has a very clear and targeted agenda. I watched an interview recently, one of many that I have seen and read while doing research on Mr. Williams, that was dated seven years ago, in 2013, where Williams vehemently advocates for the development of the pebble mine under the pretext that it would be would bring economic growth to communities in Bristol Bay. At the time he sounded like a great candidate to hold a paid position with the Pebble Partnership which he now coincidentally does as the Director of Regional Affairs. Considering what is now public information about how the Pebble Partnership goes about furthering it's agenda, for example a promised multi million dollar payout to its CEO if the mine were to successfully become permitted, it could be inferred that Williams is now being paid a significant salary to systemically advocate on behalf of the mine. It is greatly concerning to me that an individual in such an overtly political position would be tasked with objectively synthesizing and incorporating scientific assessments provided by scientists with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. It is also greatly concerning to me that a person tasked with ensuring the success of a large scale mine that according to the Army Corps of Engineers would have would likely result in significant adverse effects on the aquatic system or human environment would be selected to represent a community that a recent poll found opposes the mine by 77% (commissioned by <u>United Tribes of Bristol Bay</u> and conducted by Hays Research Group).

According to an article published by Alaska Public Media this morning https://www.alaskapublic.org/2020/09/03/testimony-pans-pebble-employee-for-board-of-fish/, Williams has previously stated during his senate confirmation hearing that he would recuse himself from voting on matters pertaining to Bristol Bay. So essentially, if Williams were to be appointed and he were to adhere to this protocol, the Board of Fish would then only have 6 voting members when it came to matters affecting this immensely important fishery. As a resident, I would much prefer to have seven fully functioning member on the board. I urge the House committee to reject the appointment of Abe Williams to the board in favor of someone without the conflicts of interest that he brings to the table and better suited to carry out the mission of the Board of Fish. I echo the sentiment of others who have testified that I would like to see increased representation from rural, coastal, fishing communities. Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify.



Pebble employee for Board of Fish? Critics say no. - Alaska Public Media

Appointees have been serving without a confirmation vote in the Legislature, which drew a lot of criticism in public testimony. Susan Doherty is the executive director of the Southeast Alaska ...

www.alaskapublic.org

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

Mariel Terry Anchorage, AK **From:** <u>pharlowr@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Pete Robinson</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 5:42:54 PM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

I have commercial fished in Bristol Bay for eight years and spent a few months in Lake Clark area recreating. I am writing to express my significant concerns about Mr. Abe Williams' nomination to the Board of Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy, and to encourage the Legislature to reject his nomination.

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Mr. Williams has spent much of his career working to promote the proposed Pebble mine, which risks severe impacts to the sustainability and profitability of one of our state's most important fisheries. In recent years he has filed a lawsuit funded by the Pebble Limited Partnership against fellow commercial fishermen, consistently mischaracterized the overwhelming views of commercial fishermen and local communities from the region on the proposed mine, and testified dozens of times in support of developing the project despite the fact that it would permanently destroy between 105-300 miles of rivers and streams in the region. His long-standing commitment to the proposed Pebble mine and willingness to cast aside the undeniable harm it would cause to the local fisheries raise grave concerns and unresolvable conflicts with his ability to fulfill the responsibilities of the Board to conserve and develop Alaska's fisheries.

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We urge the legislature to reject the nomination and encourage the Governor to find a more suitable candidate that has the faith of fishermen in fulfilling the Board's important role in managing our fisheries.

Sincerely,
Pete Robinson
14936 Canyon Rd Anchorage, AK 99516-6979
pharlowr@mooseak.com

From: <u>calicospeaks@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Alexandria Cantrell</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 8:27:06 AM

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Sincerely, Alexandria Cantrell 1379 E Cobble Creek Rd Salt Lake City, UT 84117-6839 calicospeaks@Gmail.com From: <u>ricefish1@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>kim rice</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:23:47 AM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

My name is Kim Rice, I have fished Bristol Bay for 34 <a href="https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__years.im&d=DwIFaQ&c=Q8iJasR7RZ-J0Fd9RXD9ZA&r=t3ayrx_v9-GiI0QSDxgD6Z4kpWo5ivnq0e_JimhqwLU&m=8X6dPxki1tgB2tHeK66BbimmRR9qPDCnBywy-T-DZzM&s=pDBdCi00JvgzrA0XZci5JTzgPzG8rCWhQ57y3ekLhXk&e= a setnet fisher with my family. I am a member of the Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Board for over 10 years. Our advisory board is against the Pebble project like the rest of Bristol Bay. I have missed only a few Board of Fisheries Meetings in my 34 years. We need a Bristol Bay Resident on the Board. Mr. Williams is a direct conflict of interest. Our Family request that you do not support the nomination of Mr. Williams. We agree with the statements Below. thank you

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Sincerely, kim rice PO Box 331 Girdwood, AK 99587-0331 ricefish1@gmail.com From: <u>liquidearth2@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Hal Meyer</u>

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Sincerely, Hal Meyer 4250 Aspenwood Dr Fairbanks, AK 99709-2131 liquidearth2@gmail.com From: <u>twilkpsu@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Tom Wilk</u>

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Sincerely, Tom Wilk 940 Windhill St Onalaska, WI 54650-2075 twilkpsu@gmail.com From: <u>laurawest4997@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Laura West</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:24:06 AM

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Sincerely, Laura West 1540 E Trenton Ave Orange, CA 92867-3903 laurawest4997@sbcglobal.net From: <u>czharoff@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Casey Zharoff</u>

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Sincerely,
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czharoff@gmail.com

From: <u>liquidearth2@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Carol Meyer</u>

To: House Resources

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To: House Resources

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Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:24:28 AM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

To quote a famous fable, do NOT put the "Fox in charge of the henhouse". Not only is it a conflict of interest, it's just NOT a prudent thing to do, for ANY reason.

Obviously, I have significant concerns about Mr. Abe Williams' nomination to the Board of Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy, and I encourage, no implore, the Legislature to reject his nomination!

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Again, I URGE the legislature to reject the nomination and encourage the Governor to find a more suitable candidate that has the faith of fishermen in fulfilling the Board's important role in managing our fisheries.

Sincerely, Susan Smith TALKEETNA SPUR Rd Mile 65 Talkeetna, AK 99676 ssalasky@chugachschools.com From: <u>charleswbingham3@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Charles Bingham</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:24:39 AM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

We are writing to express our significant concerns about Mr. Abe Williams' nomination to the Board of Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy, and to encourage the Legislature to reject his nomination.

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Sincerely, Charles Bingham 405 Marine St Apt NO6 Sitka, AK 99835-7345 charleswbingham3@gmail.com From: <u>awileycoyote@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Ann Wiley</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:24:40 AM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

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I urge the legislature to reject the nomination and encourage the Governor to find a more suitable candidate that has the faith of fishermen in fulfilling the Board's important role in managing our fisheries.

I currently live in Florida but grew up in Seattle. My father, still living in Seattle, travels north to fish every summer near Bristol Bay, even last summer at 90 years old! Our entire Nation, from Alaska to Florida, is DISGUSTED that such a destructive, damaging mine operation is even being considered. To nominate an active promoter of the Pebble Mine to the Board of Fisheries is unethical. I ask you reject his nomination and reject the Pebble Mine. Please know millions of people are watching this story unfold from across the country and around the world.

Sincerely, Ann Wiley 1600 SW 5th St Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312-7508 awileycoyote@earthlink.net From: <u>euniceholbert@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Eunice Holbert</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 5:36:55 PM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

We are writing to express our significant concerns about Mr. Abe Williams' nomination to the Board of Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy, and to encourage the Legislature to reject his nomination.

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Sincerely,
Eunice Holbert
43 Woodlands Dr Black Mountain, NC 28711-2591
euniceholbert@gmail.com

From: <u>sacastig@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Scott Castiglione</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:24:40 AM

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We urge the legislature to reject the nomination and encourage the Governor to find a more suitable candidate that has the faith of fishermen in fulfilling the Board's important role in managing our fisheries.

Sincerely, Scott Castiglione 3686 Wren Ave Concord, CA 94519-1764 sacastig@aol.com From: <u>d.searls@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>David Searls</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:24:48 AM

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Sincerely,
David Searls
1534 W 15th Ave Anchorage, AK 99501-4908
d.searls@me.com

From: <u>j.rashea@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Jordan Rashea</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:24:56 AM

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Sincerely, Jordan Rashea 221 Red Leaf Cir Anchorage, AK 99504-1587 j.rashea@outlook.com From: <u>jeannemena@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Jeanne Parker</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:43:38 AM

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Sincerely, Jeanne Parker 866 Linda Ct Homer, AK 99603-7222 jeannemena@gmail.com From: <u>gene4deb14@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Eugene Brusin</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 11:01:46 AM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

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Sincerely, Eugene Brusin 73 Edison St Quincy, MA 02169-5638 gene4deb14@comcast.net From: <u>oceanawills@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Oceana Wills</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 12:01:27 PM

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Sincerely, Oceana Wills PO Box 382 Homer, AK 99603-0382 oceanawills@gmail.com From: <u>joejacob@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Joseph Jacob</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 1:29:36 PM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

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Sincerely, Joseph Jacob PO Box 76 Clam Gulch, AK 99568-0076 joejacob@mindspring.com From: <u>Lorraine@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Lorraine Foster</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 3:01:46 PM

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Sincerely, Lorraine Foster PORTLAND Portland, OR 97202 Lorraine@spiretech.com From: <u>mattphotos@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Kimberly Seater</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 5:08:43 PM

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Sincerely, Kimberly Seater 4501 SW 100th St Seattle, WA 98146-1056 mattphotos@quidnunc.net From: <u>fishtree 2@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>jerry frederick</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

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Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:34:11 PM

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Sincerely, jerry frederick PO Box 795 Homer, AK 99603-0795 fishtree 2@yahoo.com From: <u>dubay.rene@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>René Dubay</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 5:17:28 PM

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Sincerely, René Dubay 13740 36th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125-3713 dubay.rene@gmail.com From: <u>kalei.lw@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Lynn Wilbur</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:38:24 AM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

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Sincerely, Lynn Wilbur 617 Katlian St Unit A7 Sitka, AK 99835-7322 kalei.lw@gmail.com From: <u>owen@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Owen Kindig</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 2:32:13 AM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

I don't know Abe Williams but I know some of you... and I know that appointing a Pebble mine official to be on the Board of Fish is the very definition of political corruption and abuse of power.

Please use your power to block this cynical action by the Governor.

The Bristol Bay salmon fishery, and all that it means to the people of Alaska and the world, is at stake here.

With sadness and mounting anger at this pernicious threat to the life blood of Alaska...

Sincerely, Owen Kindig 2703 Halibut Point Rd Sitka, AK 99835-9671 owen@owenkindig.com From: <u>georgeesveldt@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>George Esveldt</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:55:11 PM

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Sincerely, George Esveldt 3250 Sherman St Port Townsend, WA 98368-4829 georgeesveldt@gmail.com From: <u>mmarinkovich@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Mason Marinkovich</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:55:12 PM

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Sincerely, Mason Marinkovich 401 1/2 Front St Cordova, AK 99574 mmarinkovich@yahoo.com From: <u>tuckerrobin@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Roberta Tucker</u>

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Sincerely, Roberta Tucker PO Box 524 Kodiak, AK 99615-0524 tuckerrobin@hotmail.com From: <u>mmarinkovich@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Mason Marinkovich</u>

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Sincerely, Mason Marinkovich 401 1/2 Front St Cordova, AK 99574 mmarinkovich@yahoo.com From: <u>bronsonconsulting@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Michael Bronson</u>

To: House Resources

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Date: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:55:23 PM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

Veto Mr. Williams on the Board of Fisheries. Allow no financial conflicts of interest in state government.

Veto Pebble.

Sincerely, Michael Bronson 2428 Tulik Dr Anchorage, AK 99517-1133 bronsonconsulting@gci.net From: <u>cllevy915@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Christopher Levy</u>

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Sincerely, Christopher Levy 3117 Caves Rd Owings Mills, MD 21117-2911 cllevy915@hotmail.com **From:** <u>gdhog79@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Nathan Sabo</u>

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Sincerely, Nathan Sabo 46 Pinehurst Rd Asheville, NC 28805-2338 gdhog79@yahoo.com From: <u>jmabwalker@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Joan Walker</u>

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Sincerely, Joan Walker 2815 Sierra Vista Way Bishop, CA 93514-3035 jmabwalker@yahoo.com From: <u>awpaige@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Amy Paige</u>

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Sincerely, Amy Paige 592 Seater St Juneau, AK 99801-1448 awpaige@alaska.net From: amanda.zharoff@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Zharoff Roberts

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Sincerely, Amanda Zharoff Roberts 1751 E 57th Cir Anchorage, AK 99507-1952 amanda.zharoff@gmail.com From: <u>becky2becky@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Becky Hutchinson</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

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Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 11:42:09 AM

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Sincerely, Becky Hutchinson 36970 Hakala Rd Soldotna, AK 99669-6803 becky2becky@icloud.com From: <u>lukas.g.strickland@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Lukas Strickland</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 2:19:46 AM

Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

It is absolutely unacceptable to appoint a Pebble employee to the board of fish. The conflict of interest is so obvious it's painful. Please listen to the voice of your hard working fisherman constituents and block this appointment.

Thanks.

Sincerely, Lukas Strickland 15005 E Lazy Lady Ln Palmer, AK 99645-8741 lukas.g.strickland@gmail.com From: Thomas Tallant
To: House Resources

Subject: Opposition to Abe Williams

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 4:01:00 PM

Dear Members of the House Resources Committee,

I urge you to oppose the nomination of Mr. Abe Williams to the Alaska State Board of Fisheries. As a Pebble Limited Partnership employee, Mr. Williams has an obvious conflict of interest and should not be allowed to serve on any committees that oversee environmental or wildlife concerns.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tallant 2287 Sorbus Way Anchorage, Alaska From: <u>Donna Rae Faulkner</u>

To: House Fisheries; House Resources; Senate Resources; Rep. Sarah Vance; Sen. Gary Stevens

Subject: We are Alaskan residents who respectfully and strongly oppose the appointment of Abe Williams to the Board of

Fisheries

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 2:22:55 PM

Dear Alaskan Legislators,

In these very stressful times, we believe that Alaskans (and Americans) don't need more drama and controversy.

We don't know Abe Williams personally and he may have great integrity, he certainly sounds like an active community member and we appreciate people who participate in community, in public service, and who are willing to step up. We listened to much of the meeting today and signed up to speak on the phone with the committee (though it is possible that time won't permit us to speak.)

We DO NOT support the appointment of Abe Williams to the Board of Fisheries. It is clear to us that anyone who is the Director of Regional Affairs for the Pebble Limited Partnership naturally has a conflict of interest if they serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries and though they might recuse themselves from some votes or discussions, their appointment is not appropriate.

We need to be <u>building</u> trust with each other in this state/country. Not making appointments that are controversial from the start.

It was insulting to us, as Alaskans, that the Governor would make such an appointment (as his appointments of anyone closely associated with the projected Pebble Mine.)

Whether we like it or not, this is a highly charged political environment and appointment. Enough.

Why muddy the waters and sow more distrust in the leadership and process? Please reject the appointment of Abe Williams.

He can still participate, as we do, as a public citizen. He will, no doubt, be participating as a Pebble Mine director/employee.

We thank you for your service and listening to Alaskans. We love Alaska and we believe that you do too.

Sincerely, Donna Rae and Don

Donna Rae Faulkner and Don "Iceman" McNamara
Oceanside Farms
58508 East End Road
Homer, AK 99603
(907) 235-SURF and (907) 299-SURF
https://oceansidefarms.weebly.com/

From: <u>nnglad.nj@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Nancy Gladfelter</u>

To: House Resources

Subject: *****SPAM****** I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2020 9:24:39 AM

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Sincerely, Nancy Gladfelter 24 Wax Myrtle Rd Amelia Island, FL 32034-6528 nnglad.nj@gmail.com From: <u>2reachdc@everyactioncustom.com</u> on behalf of <u>Doug Cannon</u>

To: <u>House Resources</u>

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Dear Alaska House Resources Committee,

As a refrigeration tech it is my honor to participate in the Bristol bay fishery. As a mechanic and a small business owner I am usually Opposed to government interventions. That being said I also appreciate the rule of law and restrictions to protect the environment in order to ensure that things like the best wild fishery in the world is kept sustainable! In order for vessels to participate in this fishery they must do 3 primary things (mechanically) Float, Drive and chill, or can not or should not participate. As a refrigeration tech It is my honor to add my skills and knowledge to the fleet so that the very best salmon make it to market. Participation in this fishery is not just how I make my money it's also an ethical choice and responsibility. If I don't do my job well then hundreds of thousands of pounds of salmon spoil and or waste of the resource. I have personal experience with Abe Williams companies and craftsmanship and I can tell you he does not care about Fisherman he installs equipment with zero care on whether it actually works or not and refused to fix it for his customers after it was proven to not work. He is absolutely unethical and has no business sitting on the board of any government Body that's sole purpose is the ethical and sustainable management of a fishery Mr. a Williams is about profit and profit alone that's why he works for pebble mine. Mr Williams does not care about the ethics of what he's doing. I say this based on the evidence of the work that he and his company have provided to Fisherman.

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