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Board of Fisheries: Gov Appointee's

Letters of Opposition to Abe Williams

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Betty Tangeman

From: ander01968@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bruce Anderson <ander01968@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Dear Alaska Senate 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,
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Betty Tangeman

From: Michelle Kiel <mmkeil22@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Oppose Abe Williams' confirmation ensure the fisheries we rely on are healthy for generations to come.

Please vote to Oppose Abe Williams confirmation and ensure the fisheries we rely on are healthy for generations to come.

After reading reports on Mr. Williams, many stating that he 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, Mr. Williams has filed a meritless lawsuit funded by the Pebble Limited Partnership against fellow commercial fishermen, consistently mischaracterized the overwhelming views of commercial fishermen and local communities in the region that oppose the mine, and has testified dozens of times in support of developing the project despite the fact that it would permanently destroy between 105 miles and 300 miles of rivers and streams in the region. He is part of a corporate culture that has lied to advance its own interests and does not respect the people of Bristol Bay. He has proven time and again that he will put a mine ahead of a major fishery.

And that allowing Mr. Williams to serve on the board would undermine its role in conserving and developing Alaska's fisheries and call into question the board's ability to responsibly manage fisheries in Bristol Bay and throughout the state.

The Legislature must act to deny Mr. Williams appointment to the board to ensure the fisheries we rely on are healthy for generations to come.

The current Board of Fish members should retain their seats until new appointees can be properly vetted by legislators and the public.

Konrad Schaad has fished commercially in Bristol Bay since 1985 and lives in Homer.

Mike Bianchi is a Bristol Bay remote rafting guide, former commercial fisherman and lifelong Alaskan living in Homer.

Wassiliisia "Deedee" Bennis is a subsistence fisher, a former commercial setnet fisher and life-long Bristol Bay resident. - ADN report

Thank you for your support of maintaining Alaska's fisheries for future generations to come, in Bristol Bay and throughout Our Great State of Alaska.

-The Keil Family

Betty Tangeman

From: rustical3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Russell Miller <rustical3@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:46 AM
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We have a sustainable fishing industry unlike anywhere else on this planet. Jeopardizing this resource in any way is plain stupid. I've worked in mining and oil and can tell you it is as dirty as you can find. Want to foul something up? Let mines or oil get involved. Russell Miller 20 years commercial helicopter pilot.

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Sincerely,
Russell Miller
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Betty Tangeman

From: Sharon Hanna <sah7209@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 9:50 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Abe Williams

How is it possible that a former Pebble Mine employee is about to be appointed to the Board of Fish? Sounds like Monsanto, i.e., send their people to USDA to get glyphosate passed for usage on crops. So one of Pebble's people comes over to Board of fish to get Pebble pushed through and then he goes back to Pebble. What is wrong with that picture???? That IS what's going on here.

Please do not appoint Mr Williams to the Board. A disastrous mistake.

Thank you,
Sharon Hanna
Kenai, Alaska

Sent from my tiny iPhone

Betty Tangeman

From: Keith Wilson <naknekbambino@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Not-so-honest Abe

I hope this message finds you well, but I will jump right to the point.

Placing an employee of Pebble Limited Partnership on the Alaska Board of Fisheries is not a mere Trojan Horse. It's like the Trojan Horse had "Hey! A bunch of armed enemies are inside here" painted on the side of it.

We all know that Abe Williams will push the decisions toward developing the Pebble Mine. He will push it in this direction at any cost, including the disappearance of the salmon we depend on. Yes, he is a fisherman. That won't matter to him when he is paid enough by Pebble.

If you have questions about the character of this man, please ask Bristol Bay locals. He is not to be trusted.

KCW

Betty Tangeman

From: Cindy Lelake <lakecindy60@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: In opposition to the appointment of Mr. Abe Williams

Dear members of the Senate Resources Committee:

I am writing to express my opposition to the appointment of Abe Williams to the State Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Williams' role as a former Pebble employee presents a clear conflict of interest. Further, he continues to advocate for Pebble's advancement to the detriment of Bristol Bay's fisheries and communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cindy Lelake
Anchorage

Betty Tangeman

From: Ingrid Taylor <ingridmtaylor@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Mr. Williams Board of Fish appointment

Mr. Abe Williams is not the right choice for this position. It appears there is a conflict of interest due to his former employment and strong support of Pebble Mine. I urge the committee to listen to local residents who have to live by the decisions of board members.

Moreover, what happens in Bristol Bay will affect all Alaskans. I am one of them who values clean water, clean air and healthy constituents over predominantly materialistic considerations.

I strongly urge you to not appoint Mr. Williams!

Ingrid Taylor

Fairbanks

Betty Tangeman

From: Brad Angasan <bangasan@alaskapeninsulacorp.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Support for Abe Williams Alaska Board of Fisheries confirmation

Dear committee members- I have known Abe for most of my life. In that time I have known Abe to be transparent, professional and extremely dependable. Abe's level of professionalism is impressive and appreciated considering today's emotional environment the Bristol Bay fishery exists in. We are confident that Abe's integrity and overall willingness to stand up for his personal values will lend significantly to the successful management of Alaska fisheries, and we support his confirmation with complete confidence.

Respectfully,



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From: norwejohn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Jensen
<norwejohn@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Senate Resources
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I commercially fished Bristol bay for 13 years and have been a sport fisherman in Alaska since 1950. I also have done personal use fishing and subsistence fishing.

Sincerely,
John Jensen
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Betty Tangeman

From: DONALD MACK <pmack@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: ABE WILLIAMS

Please do not appoint Abe Williams to the board of fish. As a life long Alaskan growing up in the Bristol Bay Area I do not think that the State board of fish is making a sound, just decision in appointing a pebble employee to the board of fish. This is a direct conflict of interest and our governor should be recalled for his efforts in attempting to STACK THE DECK in such an obvious attempt to move the pebble project forward in spite of so many opposing it!!

Betty Tangeman

From: Dawn Nixon <dawnmnixon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: ABE WILLIAMS

To Senate Resources

ABE WILLIAMS DOES NOT BELONG ON THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES!!!

WHAT AN ASS OF AN IDEA!! THIS IS A TOTAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND STINKS 🤢 OF CORRUPTION!

PLEASE DO NOT PUT THIS PERSON ON THE BOARD OF FISHERIES!!!!

ALASKA RESIDENT
DAWN NIXON

Betty Tangeman

From: thetus@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thetus Smith
<thetus@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:59 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Dear Alaska Senate Resources Committee,

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.

IT WOULD BE A CLEAR CONFLICT OF INTEREST TO PUT WILLIAMS ON THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES. ANY REASONABLE PERSON KNOWS THAT. PLEASE, DO NOT VIOLATE ALASKANS' TRUST IN OUR STATE GOVERNMENT BY PUTTING A "FOX IN THE HENHOUSE!"

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Sincerely,
Thetus Smith
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thetus@gci.net

Betty Tangeman

From: Wayne McGee <atalodge.wayne@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:20 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Opposition Regarding Abe Williams Appointment to the Board of Alaska Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy

To whom it may concern

My name is Wayne McGee and I am the owner of ATA Lodge on the Alagnak Wild River of Bristol Bay. It is my understanding that Abe Williams, a current Pebble Limited Partnership employee, has been appointed to the Board of Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy. I believe this goes against the very nature of what the board of fisheries is supposed to represent. How can a Pebble employee sit on a committee tasked with overseeing the management of our state's fisheries? There is a clear conflict of interest with this appointment! There is no way as an Alaska Business depending on the state's fisheries that we can trust Mr. Williams' commitment to sustaining those same fisheries as an employee of Pebble. I oppose Williams' appointment, called called on the legislature to appoint someone else more suitable for the position.

Kind Regards

Wayne McGee
Owner ATA Lodge

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Betty Tangeman

From: sharon vrla <sharonvrla@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Abe Williams

I adamantly oppose Abe Williams being on the Board of Fish!

Betty Tangeman

From: T. Tallant <tallant57@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:54 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Opposition to Abe Williams Nomination

I am an Alaska resident writing to oppose the nomination of Abe Williams to the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Williams is the Pebble Limited Partnership's director of regional affairs. He has championed the Pebble Mine project for many years. Please note that the majority of Alaskans oppose the Pebble Mine project.

Furthermore, this appointment reduces rural representation in state fisheries management decisions by handing the seat traditionally held by a Bristol Bay resident over to an Anchorage resident.

Mr. Williams cannot serve the residents of Alaska responsibly or fairly. He should not be allowed to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I urge you strongly to oppose his nomination.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tallant
Anchorage

Betty Tangeman

From: Indy Walton <indywalton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Oppose Abe Williams for the BOF

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Dear Senate Resource committee members,

My name is Indy Walton and I am a Bristol Bay business owner. Having built my business around the healthy fishery, I depend on this resource being sustained to support myself and contribute to Alaska's regional sportfishing and hunting economy.

I am writing today to oppose the nomination of Abe Williams to the Board of Fisheries. His employment with the Pebble Limited Partnership shows a clear conflict of interest with a position that is intended to oversee the management of the state's fisheries. His support of a project that was incompatible with science, local economies and opposed by the overwhelming majority of the Bristol Bay region (as well as Alaskans statewide) shows that he is out of touch with priorities for the future of our fisheries.

On behalf of my business and the Bristol Bay fishery, I urge committee members to vote against the confirmation of Abe Williams to the Board of Fisheries, and request the Governor put forward a new nominee.

Thank you,
Indy Walton

Sent from my iPhone

Betty Tangeman

From: message.maryhayden@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Hayden
<message.maryhayden@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Senate Resources
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Sincerely,
Mary Hayden
38802 Fritz Creek Valley Dr Homer, AK 99603-9519 message.maryhayden@gmail.com

Betty Tangeman

From: Rob Lund <summersong@alaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 3:29 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Abe Williams

Abe Williams' association with Pebble Mine constitutes an unacceptable conflict of interest with a position on the Board of Fisheries. Please do not appoint him to this position.

Thank you.

Rob Lund
Homer, Ak.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Betty Tangeman

From: DG Van Arsdale <dgvanarsdale@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I oppose Mr Williams appointment !!

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Cal sportfisher,
D.G. Van Arsdale

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Betty Tangeman

From: mike liston <listonmike@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:23 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Pebble Mine

Why in the world would Alaska want a person who is not pro-fisheries on a fisheries council? Please do the right thing,
Guy Liston

Betty Tangeman

From: bristolbayexchange@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jack Mardesich
<bristolbayexchange@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:00 PM
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Sincerely,
Jack Mardesich
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Betty Tangeman

From: Bovidae_2001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Halpin <Bovidae_2001@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Dear Alaska Senate Resources Committee,

Please nullify Mr Williams consideration effective immediately.

I implore you to speak my will and vociferously object to this mans consideration.

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Sincerely,
Robert Halpin
4628 Grumman St Anchorage, AK 99507-1514 Bovidae_2001@yahoo.com

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From: shanahrstone@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shoshanah Stone
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Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:17 PM
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From: c_balluta@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristy Jeffries
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Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Dear Alaska Senate 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,
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From: cmbyl.ak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine Byl
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Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Senate Resources
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Sincerely,
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Betty Tangeman

From: Sue Sprinkle <suesprinkle@alaska.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 6:16 PM
To: Senate Resources
Cc: Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Bart LeBon
Subject: Pebbles' Abe Williams does not belong on Alaska's Board of Fisheries

To all,

I am writing to express my concern about Mr. Abe Williams' nomination to the Board of Fisheries by Governor Dunleavy, and to encourage the Legislature to reject his nomination.

Mr. Williams is the Pebble Limited Partnership's director of regional affairs, and has been an ardent champion of the Pebble project for a decade. His nomination is a reflection of Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy's work to promote Pebble despite Alaskans' wide-spread opposition. Mr. Williams' role at Pebble is an alarming conflict of interest, and he has proven that he will continue to promote this toxic mine despite its severe costs to our fisheries and communities in Bristol Bay. He even went so far as to file a lawsuit against UTBB, the BBRSDA, and others regarding our work to stop Pebble that a judge ultimately dismissed and called "absurd."

This appointment also further reduces rural representation in state fisheries management decisions by handing the seat traditionally held by a Bristol Bay resident over to an Anchorage resident.

Thank you,

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Betty Tangeman

From: jmbschaaf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeanne Schaaf
<jmbschaaf@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:12 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Dear Alaska Senate Resources Committee,

I urge you to reject the nomination of Mr. Abe Williams to the Board of Fisheries.

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I urge you 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,
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Betty Tangeman

From: T. B. <yahwehshalljudge@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:34 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: My Obvious Opposition To A Board Of Fisheries "Candidate"

To Whom it may concern, The big bucks in Alaska obviously has it's rainbow provided by the very wealthy corporate oil and gas and mining industries, however, many Alaskans get by living a very humble life and a very fiscally conservative lifestyle, often not by choice, but by God's providence. The good Lord also provides an abundance of varieties of fish here in Alaska and in my opinion, in spite of other, later, financially viable resource development, fishing rules in Alaska and will continue to do so, as a matter of cultural preference and precedence for most Alaskans. With all due respect for Mr. Abe William's favoritism of the mining industry, manifested by his decision to be a director, regarding the antithesis of cultural norms, (e.g. the fishing culture and it's kingship, as a manageable renewable resource here in Alaska,) referring to his lengthy employment by Pebble Partnership, (his free choice to make in his past employment history), and as a result, I oppose his being selected to "direct" any decisions, regarding, his having an active decision making role on the Board of Fisheries, here in Alaska. I'm sure that there are many employment options for him in Canada. Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Respectfully, Ted Bartko

Betty Tangeman

From: Dsherba@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dayle Sherba
<Dsherba@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:41 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

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Sincerely,
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Betty Tangeman

From: Tyler Henegan <tyler.henegan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:31 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Opposition to Abe Williams to Board of Fish

Dear Alaska State Legislature,

I am writing to you this evening as an Alaskan resident, and voting member of your constituency in order to voice my opposition to Abe Williams to the Board of Fish.

As an avid outdoorsman, flyfisherman, and biologist, I find it mind-boggling that Mr. Williams would even be considered for the board. As I'm sure you know, Mr. Williams is the Pebble Partnership's director of regional affairs, and his nomination is not only a slight in the face of dedicated Alaskan fishermen, but also reeks of a massive conflict of interest. It is time for the Pebble Partnership and the Dunleavy administration to stop playing games with the livelihood of our homes, economy, and great playgrounds. Surely we can find a dedicated Alaskan who can fill this important role in protecting our fisheries.

Again, I urge you to OPPOSE Abe Williams nomination to the Board of Fish. I would ideally like to call in to further voice my opinion during public testimony, however I will be on a flight from the North Slope where I have worked the past week as a volunteer with a youth outreach program. Please let this email serve as my official public testimony in opposition to Mr. William's nomination.

Thank you,

Tyler Henegan
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Anchorage, AK 99507

Betty Tangeman

From: 1norcoast@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Steffen
<1norcoast@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:02 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Dear Alaska Senate Resources Committee,

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Sincerely,
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Betty Tangeman

From: davebaird17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Baird <davebaird17@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 12:05 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

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Sincerely,
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Betty Tangeman

From: Blanche Murphy <Blanche.Murphy@tananachiefs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Abe Williams appointment

Please do not approve Abe Williams' appointment to the State Board of Fish. I do not believe Mr. Williams is qualified for the position and actively opposes the Bristol Bay lifestyle of subsistence and commercial fishing. This position needs to be filled by an individual with a strong understanding of salmon and the role it plays in Alaska; as well as other seafood/fisheries. Alaska is very dependent on the seas and her bounty for survival – subsistence and fiscal.

Thank you.

Blanche Murphy

Betty Tangeman

From: Thorey Munro <thorey.rk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: BoF appointee

To The Senate Resources Committee,

I am writing in regards to the meeting that will be held this Friday about the appointees to the Board of Fish. I am a resident of Homer, and a drift fisherman in Bristol Bay.

I strongly oppose the nomination of Abe Williams to the Board of Fish for several reasons. First, I am concerned that he will be representing Bristol Bay, but is not a Bristol Bay resident. Overall, I am concerned that the appointees have been shifted away from coastal communities, and believe this will have a detrimental effect on our fish policies if the decision makers are not embedded in the communities they represent. Historically, appointees have all lived in Bristol Bay and I do not believe we should change that precedent for this nominee that lives in Anchorage.

My primary concern with Abe Williams' appointment is his employment and sympathy with Pebble Mine's effort to launch the largest open pit mine in North America at the headwaters of our wild fishery. He is under payroll with Pebble which I believe to be a conflict of interest. Furthermore, he has sued the BBRSDA for their efforts to counter the mine and preserve salmon habitat. The majority of Alaskans and the majority of Bristol Bay residents strongly and vehemently oppose Pebble Mine, and I believe our Board of Fish representative should reflect that sentiment and not be actively working for the mine.

I gave testimony last August and was struck by the overwhelming majority of comments opposing Abe Williams' appointment. In fact, the only person in support was another employee of Pebble Mine.

I ask that you not approve Abe Williams' nomination to the Board of Fish.

Thank you,
Thorey Munro

Betty Tangeman

From: jackal051@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robert Bergan <jackal051@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:03 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I am writing to you today regarding a very important issue

Dear Alaska Senate Resources Committee,

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Sincerely,
Robert Bergan
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Betty Tangeman

From: Catie Bursch <catie.bursch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:17 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fish confirmation comment

I am opposed to confirming Abe Williams to the Board of Fish.

I have participated in Board of Fish process over the years and I feel that the Board of Fish meetings are already quite contentious so why should we have one of the most contentious people in the state, Abe Williams, serve on this board? The job of the board is to move regulations along and have civil discourse, not to pour fuel on the fire and never get anything done. Nominees should have skills of de-escalation and listening. I do not see these qualities in Abe Williams.

Catie Bursch
Commercial Fisherman

Betty Tangeman

From: Dagen Walton <dagen19@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:05 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Oppose Abe Williams for the Board of Fisheries

Dear Senate Resource committee members,

My name is Dagen Walton and I am a Bristol Bay business owner. Having built my business around the healthy fishery, I depend on this resource being sustained to support myself and contribute to Alaska's regional sportfishing and hunting economy.

I am writing today to oppose the nomination of Abe Williams to the Board of Fisheries. His employment with the Pebble Limited Partnership shows a clear conflict of interest with a position that is intended to oversee the management of the state's fisheries. His support of a project that was incompatible with science, local economies and opposed by the overwhelming majority of the Bristol Bay region (as well as Alaskans statewide) shows that he is out of touch with priorities for the future of our fisheries.

On behalf of my business and the Bristol Bay fishery, I urge committee members to vote against the confirmation of Abe Williams to the Board of Fisheries, and request the Governor put forward a new nominee.

Thank you,
Dagen Walton
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Dagen Walton

Betty Tangeman

From: Skookums Sonnenschein <skooksharp@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:32 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Board of Fisheries

Dear Sirs,

What an oxymoron to have a pro-Pebble person, Mr. Williams, on the Board of Fisheries! No way! We must protect our precious Bristol Bay salmon; it's the last wild fishery left in the world.

Thank you!

Sincerely, constituent Skookums Sonnenschein, a 52 year resident

Betty Tangeman

From: Bob Marshall <marshall.bob2@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:41 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Abe Williams nomination

Sirs,

I cannot strongly enough oppose Mr Williams nomination to the Board of Fish. As a retired Alaskan fisheries professional I must speak out and tell you that such a highly biased, resource development lobbyist has no place on a healthy Board of Fisheries. Mr Williams role in the Pebble project should absolutely disqualify him. Our fishery resources deserve a much better representative.

Robert Marshall, PhD
Juneau Alaska