

Senate Resources Meeting 4.16.21

Board of Fisheries: Gov Appointee's

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- **Letters of Support for McKenzie Mitchell**

George Anderson-Chignik Intertribal Coalition

Andrew Anderson, Mayor of Chignik

- **Letters of Support for Abe Williams**

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- **Letters of Support for John Wood**

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- **Combination Letters of Opposition to Multiple Appointees**

Dennis Zadra

David Martin

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April 13, 2021

Senate Resources Committee
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Subject: SENATE RESOURCES CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

Dear Members of the Senate Resources Committee:

I write to express our support for your confirmation of McKenzie Mitchell's appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

McKenzie Mitchell is an avid sport fisherman. Her background in sport fisheries throughout Alaska will bring a necessary and important perspective to the Board. Her academic background in resource economics and practical experience in business is also a crucially important perspective to add to the Board's expertise. As you know, many of the Board's decisions have significant economic impacts throughout Alaska. Her familiarity with those impacts, and with economic principles and issues in general, will be a welcome addition to the Board's scope of expertise. Ms. Mitchell's participation in Board matters thus far demonstrates her dedication to doing the work to understand the complex relationships between Alaska's commercial, sport, subsistence, and personal use fisheries. She will be an excellent addition to the Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

George Anderson

Chignik Intertribal Coalition, President

Dear members of the Senate Resources Committee:

The City of Chignik would like to express its support for the appointment of McKenzie Mitchell to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

McKenzie Mitchell is an avid sport fisher. Her background in sport fisheries throughout Alaska, and in particular in Interior Alaska, will bring an important perspective to the Board. Her academic background in resource economics is also a crucially important perspective to add to the Board's expertise. The Board is tasked with making hard decisions, most of which are allocative in nature, and as such many of the Board's decisions have significant economic impacts throughout Alaska's many fisheries. Her familiarity with those impacts, and with economic principles and issues in general, will be a welcome addition to the Board's scope of expertise. Ms. Mitchell's participation in Board matters thus far demonstrates her dedication to doing the work to understand the complex relationships between Alaska's commercial, sport, subsistence, and personal use fisheries. She will be an excellent addition to the Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Anderson", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Andrew Anderson, Mayor, City of Chignik

Dear members of the Senate Resources Committee:

The City of Chignik would like to express its support for the appointment of Abe Williams to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

As a life-long, native-Alaskan fourth generation Bristol Bay commercial fisherman and subsistence user, and a former Director and President of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association (BBRSDA), Abe Williams is a highly qualified candidate for the Board of Fisheries. Not only does Abe possess the ability to draw upon his vast knowledge of the Bristol Bay region, which is home to the most unique sockeye salmon fishery in the world, but he also appears to have the dedication and willingness to work to understand the many different fisheries of the State of Alaska that the position requires.

Despite the attempts by some to paint his position with the Pebble Partnership as a detriment to his ability to serve on the Board of Fisheries, that position does not automatically disqualify him as many have been led to believe. In reviewing the kinds of proposals that most often come before the Board there does not appear to be a conflict of interest with regard to his position with Pebble. In the unlikely event one does arise then he can be recused from participating on those issues, just as he did while serving on the BBRSDA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Anderson", written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Anderson, Mayor, City of Chignik

House Fisheries and Resources Committees

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Letter in Support of Abe Williams Appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear members of the House Fisheries and Resources Committees:

I write to express my support for the appointment of Abe Williams to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Abe Williams has been serving on the Board since July 1, 2020. As a fourth generation Bristol Bay fisherman, Abe Williams certainly has credibility as a candidate for the Board of Fisheries. He appears to have the dedication and willingness to work to understand the many different fisheries of the State of Alaska that the position requires. His position with the Pebble Partnership does not automatically disqualify him as many seem to think. In reviewing the kinds of proposals that most often come before the Board there does not appear to be a conflict of interest with regard to Pebble and if one does arise then he should be recused from participating on those issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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April 13, 2021

Senate Resources Committee
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Subject: SENATE RESOURCES CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

Dear Members of the Senate Resources Committee:

I write to express our support for the reappointment of John Wood to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

John Wood is a quick study of complex management issues and has demonstrated a consistent willingness to view issues from an independent point of view. He is an excellent listener, can get to the core of the complicated issues presented to the Board with precision, speed, and clarity, and is skilled in achieving reasonable and equitable management compromises. The Board of Fisheries needs intelligent, perceptive, and fair-minded individuals like John Wood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

George Anderson

Chignik Intertribal Coalition, President

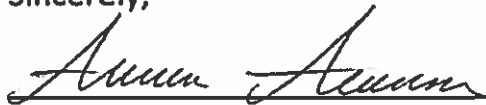
Dear members of the Senate Resources Committee:

The City of Chignik would like to express its support for the appointment of John Wood to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

John Wood is a remarkably quick study of complex management issues and has demonstrated a consistent willingness to view issues from an independent point of view, which is greatly appreciated by the City of Chignik and our fishing fleet. He is an excellent listener, can get to the core of the complicated issues presented to the Board with precision, speed, and clarity, and is skilled in achieving reasonable and equitable management compromises. The Board of Fisheries needs intelligent, perceptive, and fair-minded individuals like John Wood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Andrew Anderson, Mayor, City of Chignik

Betty Tangeman

From: Sen. Joshua Revak
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Betty Tangeman
Subject: FW: Board of Fish Confirmations

From: dennis@idohuntak.com <dennis@idohuntak.com>

Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 7:55 PM

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Subject: Board of Fish Confirmations

Dear Alaska Legislators,

My name is Dennis Zadra and I have been a commercial fisherman in this State for 31 years. I live in Cordova and have participated in the Board of Fish process for the last 15 years. I would like to oppose the confirmation of Abe Williams, McKenzie Mitchell

and Marit Carlson Van-Dort to the Board of Fish. Abe Williams has a huge conflict of interest by being employed by the parent company of the Pebble Mine project. This project is at complete odds with the largest wild sockeye salmon run in the world in Bristol Bay. McKenzie Mitchell has virtually no experience with the Board Process or commercial fishing, but will be voting on proposals that will affect the livelihoods of thousands of Alaskans. Marit Carlson Van-Dort claims to be a supporter of commercial fishing interests but her record of voting shows otherwise.

Commercial Fishermen are very under-represented on the Board of Fish. John Jensen is the only Board member from a rural coastal community. Governor Dunleavy has further widened this gap with these appointments, but also with his cuts to the Alaska Marine Highway System that have devastated communities like Cordova with no access to the road system. Commercial Fishermen, especially salmon fishermen are struggling and this Board process that is intended to give everyone a voice has become very lopsided. Sport and Personal Use interests continually fight to take allocation away from the Commercial interests. That is not right. We need appointments that represent all Alaskans, not just the interests of Anchorage, Mat-Su and Fairbanks.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my point of view.

Sincerely,

Dennis M Zadra

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Betty Tangeman

From: Sen. Joshua Revak
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 3:06 PM
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Subject: FW: BOF confirmation hearing for 2021

From: David Martin <dmartin4091@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 10:42 AM

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Subject: BOF confirmation hearing for 2021

Dear Legislators,

I strongly oppose the confirmation of John Wood, John Jensen, Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Abe Williams and McKenzie Mitchell.

Alaska is fortunate to have abundant renewable fisheries resources that provide thousands of jobs and millions of high protein meals for commerce and National food security. Unfortunately the BOF members and appointees are not and have not been using science and biology to make management plans to sustain our fisheries resource and the fishing

industries. Management plans are structured for allocation and political agendas as proposed by special interest groups. This is not sustainable and results in millions of dollars of lost harvest and financial harm to the fishing industry and communities. The salmon disaster declarations are increasing at an alarming rate. Fishermen, Processors, support businesses and some coastal communities are going broke. In the Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery alone, these BOF members in 2020 closed hundreds of square miles of prime fishing area that have traditionally and historically been open since fishing started. This was done strictly without scientific data and objections from the commercial fisheries and communities. Unfairly and illegally treating people differently. The result was another economic disaster and millions of salmon going unharvested. A good litmus test to conduct on the confirmation of BOF members is: If the Kenai River Sportfishing Association lobbies for them then they will make management plans that are political and allocative and void of science, biology and Maximum Sustained Yield and the fisheries , communities and resource itself will be harmed and not sustainable.

Thank you,

David Martin

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Board of Fisheries: Gov Appointee's

Combination letter of support for some appointees and oppose others:

Thomas Tilden-Curyung Tribal Council

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April 15, 2021

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RE: Board of Fisheries Appointees

Dear Alaska Legislature,

The Curyung Tribal Council held our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 13th where we deliberated on nominees to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

As such, the Curyung Tribal Council supports the nominations for Ms. Märit Carlson-Van Dort and Mr. John Wood, and supports their confirmation by the Alaska Legislature.

The Curyung Tribal Council continues to strongly oppose any nomination of Mr. Abe Williams.

Curyung thanks you for your service to the people of Alaska, as well as the opportunity to present our position on the nomination of candidates to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact our Tribal Administrator, Courtenay Carty at 907-842-2384 or via email: tribaladmin@curyung.com

Sincerely,



Thomas Tilden
First Chief

Curyung