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From:

Jimmie Jack Drath <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 29, 2021 3:44 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I live in Soldotna, and our 2 lodges in Kenai guide the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers, and we have charter boats in Homer, Seward and Ninilchik.

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Jimmie Jack Drath

Email address: thejimmiejack@gmail.com

From: Sent: Edwin Tripp <via@krsa.com> Friday, April 30, 2021 8:05 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Edwin Tripp 11855 S. El Camino del Diablo Yuma

From: patrick vermillion <via@krsa.com>
Sent: patrick vermillion <via@krsa.com>

**To:** Sen. Joshua Revak

**Subject:** 2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 30, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I have been sportfishing Bristol Bay since 1990. I am an owner of two fishing lodges that depend on healthy salmon runs. We employ 23 people both seasonally and year round. Our lodges are the Royal Coachman Lodge, and the Copper River Lodge. We also help manage a small sportfishing camp through a native partnership out on the Alaska Peninsula.

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patrick vermillion po box 1144 dillingham 99576

Email address: pat@sweetwatertravel.com

From: Sent: Debbie Eckhardt <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 11:38 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I have been fishing the Kenai for over 30 years, my kids grew up fishing and now my grandchildren are learning how to fish. It's very important to me that generations to come have access to this wonderful opportunity for recreation and sustenance. I believe it will only be available for all if we keep a balanced management of Alaska fisheries!

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Debbie Eckhardt PO Box 249 Sterling 99672

Email address: debbie@eckhardt.com

From:

David Johnson <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 29, 2021 12:17 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I do not think the ones associated with Pebble mine should even be considered on the board, which is something that I saw on a story somewhere.

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David Johnson 8901 Peck Ave, apt 322 S Anchorage

From: Sent: Wayne McGee <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 11:03 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

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April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

My name Wayne McGee and I am the owner of Alaska Trophy Adventures Lodge on the Alagnak River of Bristol Bay, Alaska.

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Wayne McGee PO Box 31 Dyer 99613

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Phone number: 907 312 3836

From:

Mike Kasecky <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 2:18 PM

Sent: To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

**Subject:** 

Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I lived in AK from 1997 to 2004. I have returned each summer to fish. I stay on the Kenai Penninsula to fish the Kenai as well as the Cook Inlet. During my visit I spend thousands of dollars in the local economy. The fishing in the Kenai has really gone downhill in the last 5 yrs or so. Fewer people visit each yr. Obviously this hurts the local economy tremendously. The resource must be protected or everyone will lose in the end. The fishery needs board members who represent all end users.

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Mike Kasecky 13023 Parkbrook Way Ln Sugar land 77498

Email address: kasecky1@mail.com

From:

Ron Perry <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:08 PM

To: Subject: Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

April 30, 2021

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Ron Perry 4301 Leyden rd

From: Robert Timmins <via@krsa.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 4:24 PM

**To:** Sen. Joshua Revak **Subject:** Board of Fisheries

April 30, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I am a 30 plus year resident and wonder where the time has gone! Thirty years ago we had plenty of world class Kenai Kings and other varieties to sport fish. Halibut included. Now due to commercial fish interests the Kenai has been devastated and the sport fisherman has paid the price. The only way to turn the clock back and share the fishery as the constitution originally intended is through better fishery board leadership.

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From:

Richard Richardson <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 10:21 PM

Sent: To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

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Guide on the Kenai river for 40 years

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Richard Richardson Box 856 Soldotna 99669

Email address: duckeduck@outlook.com

From: Sent: Brianna Stuhr < via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:30 PM

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Francis Gallela <via@krsa.com>
Sent:

Francis Gallela <via@krsa.com>
Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:17 PM

**To:** Sen. Joshua Revak **Subject:** Board of Fisheries

April 30, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Hello Legislators, I am a 49 year resident of Alaska. Like a lot of Alaskans, I am an ardent conservationist, hunter, fisherman and politically involved citizen. I have been active in the building of Alaska as a lifelong practicing economist. I urge you all to support the Governor's nominees to the Board of Fish.

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Francis Gallela 2440 Tagalak Drive Anchorage 99504

Email address: fg@gci.net Phone number: 9078302436

From: Sent: Harold Hollis <via@krsa.com> Friday, April 30, 2021 12:19 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Board of Fish - Support for nominees

April 30, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Dear Legislators,

My name is Harold Hollis. I own a riverfront property on the Kenai River in Sterling. My family and I have fished and recreated on the Kenai River since 1982. The river and its fisheries are an important part of our lives as well as providing sustenance.

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Sincerely, Harold Hollis

Harold Hollis 35165 Betty Lou Drive Sterling 99672

Email address: hhollis51@gmail.com

From: Sent: Anthony Behm <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 1:28 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Board of Fish - Support for nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

As a lodge owner-operator on the Alagnak River in South West Alaska in the Tidal waters of Bristol Bay for the last 24 years, I have often been the victim of the belief of the local ADF&G biologist that he works for the commercial fishermen. Too often the commercial fishermen get to fish both tides for up to two consecutive weeks. The few salmon that get into the river are all net marked. The fact that approximately 98.6% of salmon harvested are commercial catch shouts out that something is badly wrong. The sharp reduction of king slamon is undeniable proof of the inability of ADF&G to actually do their job. Change is needed and we need a diverse and knowledgable Board of Fisheries to set things right. The control of the BOF by the commercial fishing industry has been unfair to all Alaskans and the fish that try to spawn here.

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Email address: TonyBehm@AlagnakLodge.com

Phone number: 907-287-1266

From: Sent: Theodore Bryant <via@krsa.com> Tuesday, May 4, 2021 5:25 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Board of Fish - Support for nominees

May 05, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I am an avid sport fisherman, as is my family. We live in Wasilla, but we fish all over the state. We fish locally on the Willow, Little Sue, and Montana Creek. We fish down on the Kenai River and Quartz Creek. We fish the waters of Prince William Sound and we fish in the rivers of Bristol Bay and Katmai National Park. So it is important to us that the board is balanced and representative. Personally, I think too much representation is allocated to commercial fishing.

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, and McKenzie Mitchell. 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 in fisheries across the state. I believe these nominees will serve Alaskans well.

However, I do NOT support Abe Williams. His past history as an employee to the Pebble Project and Pebble Mine is not compatible with a balanced board. He has too much influence with other board members to be a good choice. I believe it is too big a conflict of interest for Abe Williams to be fair and impartial in the decision making process. Alaskans have said over and over that we do NOT want the Pebble Mine, so I can not endorse someone who chose to work for Pebble.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort brings a remarkable mind to the board. She has a deep understanding of rural and commercial fisheries. Her experience working for the State, for the private sector, and for ANCSA regional and village corporations give her a great perspective into various stakeholder groups. These experiences also help her understand the impacts her decisions as a Board member have on user groups. Ms. Carlson-Van Dort has been a great Board member and should be confirmed.

Mr. Jensen has served Alaska for many years with distinction, both on the State Board of Fisheries and the Federal North Pacific Council. His experience and knowledge of Alaska's various fishery sectors is an asset to our state, and he should continue to serve on the Board.

John Wood has been an excellent Board Member. His ability to grasp a situation, and analyze it from multiple perspectives is likely due to his background as a lawyer – it's a trait that serves Alaska well. Mr. Wood actively works with various stakeholders at the Board of Fish meetings, and is known for bringing together stakeholders from different perspectives and encouraging them to find a solution they can all agree with.

The Governor's nominees are all hard-working Alaskans, and most of them have experience in Alaska's diverse fisheries. I look forward to the balanced and thoughtful perspectives they'll bring to Alaska's fisheries management.

Thank you for your hard work and continued dedication to Alaska. I hope you'll join me in supporting the nominees to the Board of Fisheries and cast your vote to confirm Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, and McKenzie Mitchell, but NOT Abe Williams.

I will reiterate that I vehemetly oppose the nomination of Abe Williams. He chose to work for Pebble and that is bad for

Bristol Bay fishing at every level, subsistance, sport, and commercial. Not to mention tourism, lodges, and the natural environment of Bristol Bay.

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From: Randy Lissey <randylissey@gci.net> Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 12:06 AM

Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Roger Holland; Sen. To:

Shelley Hughes; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. James Kaufman; Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Ken McCarty; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. David Nelson; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Calvin Schrage; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Liz Snyder; Rep. lvy

Spohnholz; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck

Subject: Board of Fish Confirmations

Dear Legislators,

I have relied on the dipnet fishery for my food consumption for over 50 years. Eagle River is my home.

For my best representation on the Board of Fisheries I recommend confirming the following appointees:

- 1. Marit Carlson-van Dort
- 2. John Jensen
- 3. Mckenzie Mitchell
- 4. Abe Willams
- John Wood

On the board these members will make the important decisions protecting Alaska salmon.

I believe they know the value Alaska residents have on salmon in necessary numbers that will supplement a family's annual food needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Lissey

From:

David Lindenmuth **3** <via@krsa.com>

Sent:

Monday, May 3, 2021 3:39 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Board of Fish - Support for nominees

May 03, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

To all who are concerned,

My name is David Lindenmuth. I live in Lincoln, WA. I have been coming to Alaska to fish the Kenai River, out of Seward and the Klutina River (and/or anywhere else I can drop a line) every year for the last decade. Many of my Alaska friends are recognized sport fishing guides and past commercial fisherman. I understand the importance of both but see the sports fishing side taking the back seat on many of the major decisions made in the past. I strongly support Governor Dunleavy and his nominees.

My son has now become an Alaskan resident and I plan on visiting Alaska more often along with many of my friends and family. I would like to see the fisheries return to the spectacular times of the past. Sincerely,

**David Lindenmuth** 

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Thank you for your hard work and continued dedication to Alaska. I hope you'll join me in supporting the nominees to the Board of Fisheries and cast your vote to confirm Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams.

David Lindenmuth **26713** Mill Dr E Lincoln 99147

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From: Sent: Michael Harvey <via@krsa.com> Monday, May 3, 2021 11:40 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

Follow Up Flag: Flag Status:

Follow up Completed

May 03, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I've lived in Alaska since 1972 and I've been an avid sports and substance fisherman the whole time. While I think commercial fishing has a place, I feel that commercial fishing is overly-represented already, given the overall contribution made to the State Revenues money-stream by that industry. I feel that industry receives an unfair advantage because of the amount of supporting infrastructure such as boat harbors/ports, fuel, and airports, at the fishing areas that are provided (subsidized) by the State, when that industry contributes a small fraction of the money the State needs to operate and perform critical maintenance on the State-owned facilities. The State at least makes some revenue from the taxes paid by Sport-fishers across the State, so the Board should have more Sport-fishing representation than Commercial-fishing representation. Thank You

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From:

Inbpeterson@gci.net

Sent:

Monday, May 3, 2021 11:30 AM

To:

Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Roger Holland; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. James Kaufman; Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Ken McCarty; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. David Nelson; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Calvin Schrage; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Liz Snyder; Rep. lvy

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Subject:

Personal Use Fisheries and BOG

#### Ladies and Gentlemen;

This mail is my recommendation to confirm of all five of Governor Dunleavy's five BOF appointees even though John Jensen has a history of strongly supporting the commercial fishing industry over the "little guys" who have a history of using the personal use fisheries (dip netting). The five are:

- 1. Marit Carlson-van Dort
- 2. John Jensen
- 3. Mckenzie Mitchell
- 4. Abe Willams
- 5. John Wood

I am a personal use "dipnetter" or "fish wheel" owner since1991 and a constituent. I rely on the personal use fishery to supplement my family's annual food supply and I feel these five appointees have proven they can set aside personal interests and see through the allocation fights, make decisions to protect our salmon runs and continue to value the ability of Alaskan residents to participate in resident only personal use fisheries and harvest salmon in numbers that truly supplement a family's annual food supply. To say the cost of using commercial fishing charters or purchasing the numbers of fish required to feed even a family of four is cost prohibitive to the average Alaskan is to belabor a point that should be obvious to anyone. Yet, the commercial fisheries folks keep clamoring for larger allocations of this resource enhancing only their "bottom line". I would submit that the commercial "take" of one single day probably exceeds the annual "take" for personal use in the South Central fishery. Us "little folks" truly value these personal use fisheries and urge your support in protecting this resource for the year 'round residents of the Great State of Alaska.

Respectfully; Lee S. Peterson 4867 East Alder Drive Wasilla, AK 99687

From:

Jane Quinn <via@krsa.com>

Sent: To: Saturday, May 1, 2021 7:20 AM

Subject:

Sen. Joshua Revak Board of Fisheries

May 01, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Good morning! I'm a lifelong Alaska lover, having lived here for over 40 years. I've spent many of those years as a commercial fisherperson in Bristol Bay and always enjoyed sport fishing too. Recently, I have had the pleasure of learning to dip net! What a wonderful benefit of living in the most beautiful state in America.

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Jane Quinn 30723 Kuparuk Avenue Eagle River

From: Sent: Kim Mazzolini <via@krsa.com> Saturday, May 1, 2021 6:07 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Board of Fish - Support for nominees

May 01, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Our family has lived in anchorage since 1984 and over the years have fished all over Alasla especially on the kenai peninsula. We need a well balanced fisheries board to protect the sports fisherman accessibility to our fish.

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Kim Mazzolini Anchorage 99502

From: Sent: William Cohen <via@krsa.com> Friday, April 30, 2021 4:03 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

Board of Fish - Support for nominees

May 01, 2021

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I was born and raised in Alaska. I live on the Kenai River. I have sport fished throughout Alaska my whole life.

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William Cohen 35540 Slack Water Dr. Soldotna 99669

From: Sent: Randy Bowen <via@krsa.com> Friday, April 23, 2021 7:49 PM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

Subject:

2021 Board of Fish Nominees

April 24, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Salmon returns have diminished through out Alaska. Commercial fishing is one cause. This includes commercial fishing in the salt water and commercial fishing in the rivers. How do you expect a King run to sustain itself when salt water commercial fisherman net them on by catches and river guides are allowed to fish 4 to 8 clients a day. The tax paying recreational fisherman is allowed to keep 2 Kings per year. Either begin enhancing the run or strictly limit the commercial fishing both salt and fresh water.

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Email address: bowenellis@prodigy.net

From: Sent: Donna Kessler <via@krsa.com> Thursday, April 29, 2021 11:24 AM

To:

Sen. Joshua Revak

**Subject:** 

Board of Fish - Support for nominees

April 29, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Fishing IS Alaska. Commercial fisherman are destroying the fisheries throughout Alaska. Salmon fishing and halibut are very important to me, something I have enjoyed for 40 years. On the kenai peninsula, It is being ruined and mismanaged. Please appoint board members who support maintaining the fisheries and bringing back the king salmon in the kenai River.

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