

Senate Resources

Board of Fisheries-Gov Appointees

Letters of Support- Combination

Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Jensen, John Wood, MacKenzie Mitchell, Abe Williams

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Tlingit + Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

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April 20, 2021

Senate Resources; Senate Finance

Re: Support for Board of Fisheries Nominees

Dear Senators,

Southeast Alaska Guides Organization (SEAGO) is a non-profit trade association representing the interests of Alaska's guided saltwater sportfishing industry.

We'd like to voice support for the following Board of Fisheries appointments:

John Jensen
John Wood
Marit Carlson-Van Dort
Mackenzie Mitchell

John Jensen has a long tenure on the Board and holds broad support from a variety of user groups. He's made himself personally available to our organization in the past to work through Southeast management issues involving resident sport, non-resident sport, and commercial resource access. We'd like to see him participating in a Board capacity at the upcoming Southeast Finfish meeting rescheduled for January of 2022.

Both John Wood and Ms. Carlson-Van Dort have shown a strong aptitude for Board service. SEAGO personally attended Lower and Upper Cook Inlet meetings during the 2019-2020 Board cycle when they were fresh and found both to be very capable of navigating difficult fishery management issues. Both appeared well prepared to discuss proposals, took an earnest approach to drilling down on core principles, and each seemed independent in their questioning and thinking.

Ms. Mitchell's academic background in economics and field experience in the sport fishery should lend well to Board service. Although she's had little prior involvement with the Board of Fisheries, she's conducted herself well in two sets of confirmation hearings and shows the stamina and eagerness to dig into a position on the Board.

We encourage you to approve each of these appointments to the Board of Fisheries.

Respectfully,

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Betty Tangeman

From: Steve O'Hara <via@krsa.com>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:50 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Support the Gov's Fish Nominees

May 01, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I live in Anchorage and fish for sport. I regularly fish the Russian and the Kenai. I also fish Montana Creek.

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams. 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.

The Governor's nominees are all hard-working Alaskans, and each of them has 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, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams.

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Betty Tangeman

From: Neil DeWitt <via@krsa.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Board of Fisheries

May 02, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

I sit on both the Anchorage and Mat-Su AC's. I own property in Trapper Creek. I rent a place in Eagle River. I used to fish Parks Hwy Streams but for years because of ADF&G's mismanagement I don't fish at all. It sure would be nice to put fish back into the Parks Hwy Streams. I think it could change the lack of returning salmon and our population escapement goals could be met again.

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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.

Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, and John Jensen have already established a track record of service on the Board of Fisheries. Each of them has shown a willingness to work with a large variety of stakeholders in an effort to seek fair and equitable changes to Alaska's fisheries. While the three don't always agree with one another, taken in total their service on the Board has shown their willingness to make decisions based on science, their encouragement of precision in fisheries management when possible, and their respect for historic and emerging user groups in the fisheries.

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.

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.

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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.

Betty Tangeman

From: Jack Timm <jacktimmm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 3:00 PM
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. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck
Subject: Board of Fish confirmations

I am writing in support of the Governor's appointees for Board of Fish. I am a personal use dipnetter and sport fisherman. I rely on these fish to supplement my families' food.

Marit Carlson-van Dort
John Jensen
Mckenzie Mitchell
Abe Williams
John Wood

Thank you
Jack Timm
Wasilla
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Betty Tangeman

From: Gsbalvanz <gsbalvanz@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Robert Myers; Rep. Mike Cronk; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Adam Wool; 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. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck
Subject: Board of Fish confirmations

Dear Elected Representatives,

I am an Alaskan who enjoys the wildlife bounty that God has placed here for our enjoyment and sustenance. Personal use dipnetting is the cornerstone of my family's diet, year round.

I feel that all 5 of the governors appointees, Marit Carlson-van Dort, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, Abe Williams and John Wood have the ability of navigate the difficult balances inherent in fishery management.

Please consider this a personal endorsement for their confirmation.

Greg Balvanz

Betty Tangeman

From: John Joseph <via@krsa.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 2, 2021 7:36 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Board of Fisheries

May 03, 2021

Dear Senator Revak,

Retired. Former teacher and Kenai River guide. Watched the decline in King salmon the past 35 years. We need a board of fisheries that will evenly balance the resource.

I'm writing in support of Governor Dunleavy's nominees to the Board of Fisheries: Marit Carlson-Van Dort, John Wood, John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, and Abe Williams. 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.

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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.

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Betty Tangeman

From: Laurie Thorpe <lthorpe@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:44 PM
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
Subject: Board of Fish Confirmations

I am a personal use dipnetter and a constituent and I rely on the dipnet fishery to supplement my family's annual food supply.

I feel these five appointees

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

have proven they can see through the allocation fights and make decisions to protect our salmon runs. They value the ability of Alaskan residents to participate in Alaskan resident only personal use fisheries to harvest salmon in numbers that truly supplement a family's annual food supply.

Please do the right thing for personal use dipnetters. You were voted in to protect my rights as a citizen of Alaska and I expect you to do the right thing to protect my primary source of healthy protein. Commercial fishing interests are raping the salmon supply and our salmon runs, leaving nothing for me.

Thank you for protecting the salmon runs and my personal use dipnetting salmon harvest.

Sincerely,

Laurie S. Cadzow-Thorpe

Betty Tangeman

From: Keith Genter <akkgenter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 2:13 PM
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. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck
Subject: Board of Fish confirmations

Good afternoon,

Referring to our Governor's recommendation for the BOF nominees, I agree with his choices. I am a personal use dipnetter and a constituent and rely on the dipnet fishery to supplement my family's annual food supply and I feel these five appointees have proven they can see through the allocation fights and make decisions to protect our salmon runs and value the ability of Alaskan residents to participate in Alaskan resident only personal use fisheries to harvest salmon in numbers that truly supplement a family's annual food supply.

Betty Tangeman

From: Justin Boots <theboot92@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 4:47 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Board of fish confirmations

Please accept all the governors appointees

Sent from my iPhone



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April 30, 2021

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Senator Click Bishop
Senator Gary Stevens
Senator Natasha von-Imhof
Senator Scott Kawasaki
Senator Jesse Kiehl

RE: Tlingit & Haida Letter of Support – Reappointment of Märit Carlson-Van Dort to Alaska Board of Fish

On behalf of Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, I am pleased to write this letter of support for Märit Carlson-Van Dort to be reappointed to the Board of Fish.

Ms. Carlson-Van Dort is a former commercial fisherwoman and has a strong understanding of the cultural and traditional importance of subsistence fishing. Her work experience, understanding of Alaska fisheries, and her ability to understand multiple perspectives on an issue will make her an excellent addition to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Gunalchéesh / Háw'aa, thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: rpeterson@ccthita-nsn.gov or 800.344.1432

Sincerely,

Richard J. Peterson,
President