

Senate Resources

Board of Fisheries- Appointees

Letters of Opposition-

Marit Carlson-Van Dort:

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From: Dugan Daniels <pacificbounty@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 12:18 PM
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Subject: Oppose Carlson Van Dort

Hello my name is Dugan Daniels. I am writing to say I am against appointing Carlson-Van Dort to the Alaska Board of Fish.

Thank you Dugan Daniels
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From: Abigail Turner <abigail.jeannette@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 1:14 PM
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Esteemed Senators,

My name is Abigail Turner-Franke, I am a resident of Soldotna, Alaska. I make use of a trail behind my home to the Kenai River every summer to fish in a sweet spot with friends and family. I also have friends that are sports guides, charter fishermen, and whose small businesses depend on revenues from visitors to Alaska every year. I do not discount the role of tourism, sport and personal use fisheries in our state.

However, equally important are revenues from commercial fishing directly through taxes, fees, or indirectly through resident fishermen that spend their money in communities around the state maintaining their businesses (vessel maintenance, port storage, improvements, medical), feeding their kids on school field trips, buying supplies for home improvement projects, groceries and locally made Christmas gifts. Frankly, sport business owners that live here do the same, but there are simply more resident commercial fishing operators and deckhands.

Commercial fishermen have been discounted and villainized over the last several years. Your guess is as good as mine why this shift has taken place in Alaska and why the Board of Fish is so grossly out of balance. Marit Carlson-Van Dort was presented as a fair and balanced candidate for the Board of Fish with rural, coastal roots. Her record on the Board of Fish has shown that she votes almost exclusively with sport interests, UNLESS a proposal or action impacts her home community of Chignik where she serves as president of the Chignik Village Corporation, Far West, Inc. Her blatant bias cloaked as a conservation concern is troubling.

Let's not pretend. State fisheries management has done, for the most part, an exceptional job just about everywhere, but the Cook Inlet over the last several decades. The political pressure from all sides in the Inlet has ruined several fisheries. And then there are natural cycles, and we certainly should be dealing into what is going on to try and prevent future events like what has happened in Chignik. But a pound of flesh from a neighbor will NOT bring back salmon runs. That Cook Inlet "eye for an eye" type of management is creeping into other parts of Alaska. Allowing "legacy" advocates or tactics, again on all sides, to continue driving the bus is the definition of madness.

Please do not confirm Marit Carlson-Van Dort. In a world where documentaries villainize anyone harvesting a fish are applauded all over the world (Seaspiracy on Netflix), let us get on track to true maximum sustainable yield for everyone. Our great state's constitution calls for this and has made us a uniquely successful region in the world. A balanced Board of Fisheries is a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your time,

Abby

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From: tyone raymond <tyone@rocketmail.com>
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I'm a Bristol Bay Salmon fisherman, and I oppose the nomination of Carlson Van Dort. A person with a long history of working for the Pebble Partnership should NOT be a consideration for a position on the Board of Fish for the most obvious of reasons as it's a clear conflict of interest.

Thank you!

Tyone Raymond

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From: Emilie Springer <esspringer@alaska.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 3:42 PM
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Hello Alaska Senators,

I got my email memo a little late to voice opposition to Carlson Van Dort. I feel like I need to spend more time looking into her various involvements in the state but any affiliation with Pebble Mine or KRSA catches my attention. I hold a lower CI seine permit and my husband and I typically fish in PWS with his seine permit. I am definitely more interested in support for commercial rather than sport fisheries and the Cook Inlet area is extremely controversial in salmon issues. Pebble Mine could hold enormous consequences for Bristol Bay and anyone who supports that development should not be participating in the Alaska Board of Fish.

Thank you,
Emilie Springer

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From: Brian Kraft <bkraft@alaskasportsmanslodge.com>
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Board of Fish

Senator Revak-

I am in your district. There is no way you can support Abe Williams nomination to the Board of Fish. Just like you would not be expected to support someone that worked for PETA to the Board of Game. There is too much conflict of interest. There are many other highly qualified non-controversial people the Governor can nominate that do not have the conflict of interest. I hope you vote in negative and do not confirm Abe William's to the BOF.

Thank you!

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