



April 13, 2023

Representative Sarah Vance, House Fisheries  
Representative Tom McKay, House Resources  
State Capitol Room 106 Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Alaska Board of Fisheries nominations

Dear Chairs Vance and McKay and members of House Fisheries and Resources,

Southeast Alaska Guides Organization (SEAGO) is the primary voice of the saltwater guided recreational fishery in the Southeast region of the state.

SEAGO supports all of the Governor's nominations for the Board of Fisheries- Greg Svendsen, Gerad Godfrey, Stanely Zuray, and Mike Wood.

Not having had interactions with each candidate, we reached out to stakeholders across the state representing both sport and commercial interests, and don't have any concerns about the Governor's nominations. We believe the Board of Fisheries process will be well and fairly served by these appointments.

We do have personal experience working with Gerad Godfrey during the last Southeast Board of Fish cycle on a high-profile management proposal involving both sport and commercial interests. He made himself available to our industry, listened intently to our needs and concerns, and weighed in fairly on both deliberation and vote on the proposal.

We also managed to communicate recently with Greg Svendsen and found him very approachable and in possession of the spirit and skill set to make sound contribution to the Board.

We urge your committees to move forward each of these candidates for confirmation.

Respectfully,

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