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(L. Edfelt,

Et al)



Alaska State Legislature

SENATE

Official Business

REPORT ON CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS

State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182
(907) 465-3701

March 30, 1992

The Honorable Richard I. "Dick" Eliason
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear President Eliason:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Resources Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Board of Fisheries
Trefon Angasan, Jr.
Larry Edfelt
Thomas M. Elias

There were no stated objections to the named individuals. However, this does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against any of the appointments during any further sessions.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Senator Jones, Chair

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Senator Eliason

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Senator Halford

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Senator Zharoff

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Senator Cotten

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Senator Frank

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Senator Menard

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RESUME OF THOMAS M. ELIAS

I WAS BORN JANUARY 19TH. 1949 IN ST. PAUL. MN.
EDUCATION;

GRADE SCHOOL	PRSPERITY HEIGHTS	ST. PAUL, MN.
JUNIOR HIGH	SACRED HEART	ST. PAUL, MN.
HIGH SCHOOL	HILL HIGH SCHOOL	ST. PAUL, MN.
COLLEGE	MANKATO STATE UNI.	MANKATO, MN.
BS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY		

WORK HISTORY

1971 OWNER OF THE DRAKE BAR IN NICOLLETT. MN. BEFORE I GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE. OWNED THE BAR FOR THREE YEARS. I STARTED TAXIDERMY AS A HOBBY IN 1970 WHILE TENDING BAR AND GOING TO SCHOOL. IN 1974 I MOVED BACK TO ST. PAUL AND WORKED FOR MY FATHER FOR A WHILE IN HIS SEWING MACHINE BUSINESS WHILE BUILDING MY TAXIDERMY BUSINESS PART TIME. IN 1976 I WENT INTO TAXIDERMY FULLTIME IN PRIOR LAKE, MN. I STAYED THERE FOR THREE YEARS BEFORE MOVING TO AITKIN, MN. IN 1979. WHILE IN AITKIN I HAD A FULL TIME TAXIDERMY SHOP AND ALSO TAUGHT TAXIDERMY AT THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF TAXIDERMY IN NISSWA. MN. IN 1979 I WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE MN. TAXIDERMY GUILD AND HELD THAT POSITION UNTIL I MOVED TO ALASKA IN 1983. I MOVED TO ALASKA TO PURCHASE HUNTER FISHER TAXIDERMY AND AM NOW RESIDING IN ANCHORAGE. WHILE IN ALASKA I BECAME INVOLVED IN THE ALASKA SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION. I WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ASA IN 1985 AND CURRENTLY HOLD THAT OFFICE TODAY.

HUNTER FISHER TAXIDERMY INC. HAS BEEN AN ALSAKAN COMPANY FOR 28 YEARS SPECIALIZING IN FISH MCUNTING. I ALSO OWN ARTISTIC ANGLERS IN NISSWA, MN. WHICH IS MY GRAPHITE REPRODUCTION COMPANY.

I FEEL I WOULD BE A GOOD REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF FISHERIES BECAUSE OF MY INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALASKA SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION AND THE COOK INLET FISHERIES COALITION, WHICH I HELPED TO FORM.

I WOLUD WELCOME THE CHANCE TO INTERVIEW AT ANY TIME FOR THIS POSITION.

SINCERELY;

T. M. Elias
THOMAS M. ELIAS

RESUME

NAME: Trefon Angasan Jr.

DATE OF BIRTH: March 3, 1947

MARITAL STATUS: Divorced

CHILDREN: Three

EDUCATION: Graduated Sheldon Jackson High School
Attended Sheldon Jackson College

REGIONAL CORPORATION: Bristol Bay Native Corporation

VILLAGE CORPORATION: Alaska Peninsula Corporation

SELF-EMPLOYMENT: Owner/operator, Bristol Bay Salmon fishery

EMPLOYER: Bristol Bay Native Corporation
Director Shareholder and Public Relations

DATE OF HIRE: January, 1977

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: Bristol Bay Area Development Corporation
Regional Director

Alaska Federation Of Natives
JOM Evaluator
Assistant Director, Health Affairs
Representative, American Indian Policy
Review Commission
Grant Writer

Bristol Bay Native Association
Program Planner
Executive Director

Bristol Bay Housing Authority
Executive Director

Bristol Bay Native Corporation
Merger Consultant

POSITIONS HELD: South Naknek Village Council
Secretary

South Naknek Village Council

President

Qinuyang Ltd

Secretary

President

Alaska Peninsula Corporation

(merger of five Village Corporations)

President

Great Pacific Fish Company

Secretary

President

CURRENT POSITIONS: Alaska Federation of Natives Board
Education Committee
Convention Committee
Subsistence Task Force, Alternate
Legislative Committee

Alaska Peninsula Corporation

Secretary

Executive Committee

Bristol Bay Native Association

Board Member

PARTY AFFILIATION: Registered Republican



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Pouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

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INSTRUCTIONS

A separate application is required for each position for which you apply. Complete and specific answers will aid in rapid and accurate processing of your resumé. The initial determination of whether you qualify for the position specified will be based on this application.

Please type or print legibly in ink. Forward to the above address. Be sure your answers are true. A willfully false answer may result in your disqualification or removal from office if you are appointed.

Position for which I am applying: *ADVISOR*

Alaska Board of Fisheries

Please list any other Board or Commission on which you serve:

Name <i>Larry Edfelt</i>		Previous Name applied under
Mailing Address <i>Box 210483</i>		Residence Address
City, State and Zip Code <i>Auke Bay AK 99821</i>		
Home Telephone <i>759-1771</i>		Business or Message Telephone <i>760-11720</i>

REPORT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE CHANGES PROMPTLY

AS 39.05.100 requires that a person appointed to a board or commission be a registered voter before the last general election:

Are you a registered voter? YES NO

Voter Registration Number (Optional)

Social Security Number (Optional)

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years? YES NO

If "YES", explain the circumstances on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. A conviction is not necessarily grounds for disqualification. The number of convictions, nature, recency and relationship to the board position applied for will be evaluated and a determination will be made after a review of all relevant facts.

A policy in the Governor's Office pertaining to boards and commissions is that a member attend at least 75% of the meetings. Are there any circumstances in either your professional or personal life which would prevent you from participating at the required authorized meetings? YES NO

If "YES", explain on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.

This position may require that the member travel to either urban or rural (or both) areas. Are there any circumstances which would prevent you from participating? *No*

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Certain Boards and Commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010. If required for the Board or Commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so? YES NO

Could you or any member of your family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the Board or Commission for which you have applied? YES NO If "YES", explain.

The Office of the Governor will not discriminate against an applicant for a Board or Commission based on Sex, Age, National Origin, Marital Status, Pregnancy, Handicap, Religion or Parenthood.

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: (If résumé attached, it is not necessary to complete items A-D)

A. List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

B. List both formal and informal education and training experiences: (Use additional paper if necessary)

BS Fisheries, Univ Wash, 1965
Biologist ADF&G 1966-1986

C. List any community service positions, municipal government positions, state positions held, and list any awards received. These include both compensated and uncompensated positions (for example, president of a service organization or a mayor). Also include length of time served in the positions.

Board Member, Territorial Sportsmen 1987, 1988
Chairman Golden North Salmon Derby, 1987, 1991
SE Alaska Representative, International Game Fish Assoc. 1988-present

D. Employment work history: paid, unpaid or voluntary: (Use additional paper if necessary)

Biologist ADF&G 1966-1986
Charter Boat Owner/Operator 1986-1991
Writer - 1986-1991

The Office of the Governor and the State of Alaska have an Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity Program. To assist in the program, you are asked to voluntarily answer the following questions to provide the information necessary for reporting purposes. Under State and Federal law, the information you provide will not be used to illegally discriminate against you.

SEX Male Female
ETHNIC BACKGROUND White Black Hispanic Alaska Native Asian or Pacific Islander American Indian

Date of Birth
10.27.42

Military Service (if applicable, give dates)

CERTIFICATION: I swear that the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employers or other persons who know me to obtain additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Signature (in Ink)

Date

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To	Senator Jones	From	Jerry Isaacs
Co.		Co.	TANACROSS Council
Dept.		Phone #	
Fax #	4165-3922	Fax #	583-1114

Delegations	
	Anchorage Delegation (*)
	Fairbanks Delegation (-)
	Mat-Su Delegation (*)
	Bush Caucus (#)

Senate	
Adams*	X Jones
Collins*	Kerbel**
Cotton*	Manard**
Craig*	Pearce*
Durcan#	Pourchof
Eliason	Rodey*
Fischer	Shultz*
Frank*	Sturgulewski*
Hallford*	Uehling*
Hoffman#	Zharoff#

Baker*	Fosters	MacLean#
Barnes*	Gonzales	Martin*
Boyer*	Gruenberg*	Miller, Mary*
Brown*	Gruessendorf#	Miler, Mike
Buckman*	Hanley*	Moyer*
Carney*	Hudson	Navarro
Choquette*	Ivan#	Parnot*
Dandson#	Jacob#	Phillips, G
Davis, B*	Koponen*	Phillips, R*
Davis, C	Kubina#	Sharp*
Dorley*	Larson*	Taylor
Ellis*	Lenan*	Ulmer
Finkelstein*	Lincoln#	Zawacki*
	Macke#	

Committees	
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	Community & Regional Affairs
	Finance
	Health, Education & Social Services
	Judiciary
	Labor & Commerce
S	Resources
	Rules
	State Affairs
	Transportation

Name	Jerry Isaacs	Phone (H)	
Title	Village Council President	Phone (O)	
Address	Tanacross Alaska	ZIP	

Subject: Sport and Subsistence fishing			
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Support Oppose Amend None

Signature Jerry Isaacs

Gen. Jones & Re: Board
Committee Meeting: 25 PM

Laurie Kolnitz,
Representing the City
of Koyukuk called
to register the city's
opposition to Harry
Edfeldt. They feel he
has a prejudice against
subsistence.



BOX 719
BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

January 9, 1992

SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
Senator Lloyd Jones, Chairman
State Capitol
Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear Sir:

The Bethel Native Corporation, representing 1760 Bethel area shareholders, opposes the confirmation of Mr. Larry Edfelt to the Alaska Board of Fish.

Mr. Edfelt has recently worked to place salmon resources on an allocation basis rather than on a conservation basis. We believe this will have a major adverse affect on those Alaskans who depend on the terminal fisheries for their livelihood and subsistence. We believe that all users of the resource have a responsibility for the conservation and management of the resource and to place the burden of management and conservation on one group, especially those who permanently reside in Alaska, is pa' ently unfair.

It is critical that you understand that Salmon returning to the Kuskokwim is the chief subsistence resource and the chief economic resource of our shareholders. The vast majority of the residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta are similarly dependent on the salmon returning to their respective rivers. Recent decisions by the Board of Fish ignore the needs of the people of this region and Mr. Edfelt has been a significant party to that decision.

Please do not confirm Mr. Larry Edfelt to the Alaska Board of Fish.

Sincerely yours,

William C. Bivin
President/CEO

cc: All Senate Resources Committee Members

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TERRITORIAL SPORTSMEN, INC.

P.O. Box 20761
Juneau, AK 99802-0761

February 11, 1992

Honorable Lloyd Jones
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Jones,

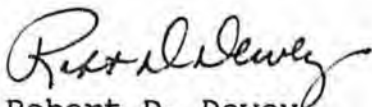
The Territorial Sportsmen, Inc., is a organization of more than 2900 citizens, primarily from Southeast Alaska, that have joined together to promote the conservation and wise use of fish and wildlife. We are an organization of sportsmen. One of our objectives is to protect and enhance the opportunities for sportsmen to enjoy the consumptive and non-consumptive use of healthy populations of fish and wildlife in Alaska.

The Territorial Sportsmen have a long history of interest and active involvement in matters pertaining to the regulation and use of Alaska's fish and wildlife. The decisions of the Alaska Boards of Fish and Game directly effect our members' opportunities to use and enjoy fish and wildlife.

We were very pleased when Governor Hickel appointed Mr. Larry Edfelt to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We believe Mr. Edfelt brings to the Board a much needed balance. His knowledge of Alaska's sport fisheries and the needs of sports fishers are well founded in his long involvement in these fisheries.

We now seek your support to confirm Mr. Edfelt. The enclosed resolution of the Territorial Sportsmen expresses our position in this matter. We hope that you will agree with us that sports fishers in Alaska are entitled to equitable and effective representation on the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and that Larry Edfelt admirably fulfills this need.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Dewey
President

TO: Senator Richard Ellason and
Representative Ben Grussendorf
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. V (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99811

The Sitka Charter Boat Operators Association consists of 30 local operators. Our by-laws reflect our concern to maintain healthy fishery resources and the desire to provide high quality charters for our clients. We have full control over the latter but only partial control of the former. We entrust management of Alaska's impressive fishery resources to the Department of Fish and Game and the Board of Fisheries.

We were therefore pleased with Governor Hickels appointment of former ADF&G biologist Larry Edfelt to the Board of Fisheries. We trust his expertise and abilities in sport fishing endeavors will benefit both the resources and the users of these resources.

We urge your support in the confirmation of Larry Edfelt to the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,



William L. Foster, President



Kent Hall, Vice-President

SITKA CHARTER BOAT OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

CC: Senate Resources Committee

Ketchikan Marine Charters, Inc.

representing Alaska's largest sportfishing charter boat fleet

February 4, 1992

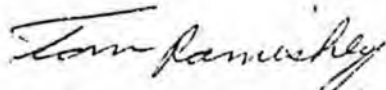
Senate Resources Committee
Senator Lloyd Jones, Chairman
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V (MS3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Jones,

Ketchikan Marine Charters Association asks that you join us in strongly supporting the confirmation of Larry Edfelt to The Alaska Board of Fisheries. There are several critical issues coming up this year in Southeast and other areas that need his knowledgeable presence on the Board.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Tom Ramiskey, Vice-president

TONGASS SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 5898, Ketchikan, AK (907) 247-2427

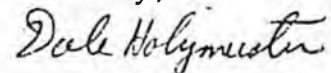
February 5, 1992

Senator Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Jones:

The Tongass Sportfishing Association (TSA), Chapter 573 of Trout Unlimited membership is writing you this letter concerning confirmation of Larry Edfelt to the Board of Fisheries. Our organization totally supports Mr. Edfelt's appointment and confirmation to the Board of Fisheries. Larry Edfelt's background, knowledge, and ability to listen to both sides of an issue make him an excellent member in the Board of Fisheries. TSA strongly encourages you to support Mr. Edfelt during his confirmation hearings.

Sincerely,



Dale Holzmeister
Chairman

TERRITORIAL SPORTSMEN, INC.

P.O. Box 20761
Juneau, Alaska 99802

Phone (907) 789-2399
FAX (907) 586-6020

RESOLUTION 92-01

WHEREAS, the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. is an organization of Alaskan sportsmen dedicated to the conservation and wise use of fish and wildlife; and

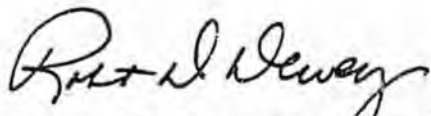
WHEREAS, the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc. has a long history of interest and active involvement in matters pertaining to the regulation and use of Alaska's fish and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, decisions by the Alaska Board of Fisheries directly affect the Territorial Sportsmen members' opportunity to use and enjoy fish and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, the Territorial Sportsmen membership is entitled to equitable and effective representation on the Alaska Board of Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the Territorial Sportsmen strongly approve of Governor Hickel's recent appointment of Mr. Larry Edfelt to the Alaska Board of Fisheries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Governor Hickel and the Alaska State Legislature take immediate action to confirm Mr. Larry Edfelt to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.



Robert D. Dewey, President

11 Feb. 1992

Date

To: Senate Resources Committee
Lloyd Jones, Chair

From: Native Village of Elim

RE: Board of Fisheries
Confirmation Hearings - Larry Edfelt

Chairman Jones and Members:

We strongly request that your committee NOT confirm the nomination of Mr. Edfelt to the Board of Fisheries for the following reasons:

1.) Prejudice against Subsistence -

Mr. Edfelt is on the Board of Fisheries public record during the Juneau March 1992 meeting commenting that SPORT fishing in Nome subdistrict should be left open while the Subsistence Fisheries were shut down. By this comment he implied, that in his opinion (as a biologist!), catch and release sport fishing is an acceptable harassment of depressed brood stocks - even in light of the Subsistence Priority Law, which mandates curtailing all non-subsistence harvests prior to any subsistence restrictions. His comment, as a biologist; also implies that sport fishermen are not bound by the laws designed to protect depressed Brood stocks, and to comply with the sustained yield policy which is the very backbone of annually renewable natural resource management.

2.) Credibility as a biologist with integrity -

A.) Mr. Edfelt has consistently voted in favor of continuing mixed stock fisheries, even when those same mixed stock interceptions have been shown to be the only logical reason why some of the smaller stocks are being dangerously depleted by the mixed stock interceptions. Examples;

I.) Area M - False Pass interception of AYK Chum Salmon stocks - Area Z Subdistrict 3, SD.1.

II.) Dutch Harbor Food & Bait Fishery - Four different studies point to this mixed stock interception for depletions of Nelson Island herring.

2.) B.) As a biologist formerly with the ADF&G, he has shown an appalling lack of respect for the conclusions of former colleagues who state, for the Public Record, that there are no in-stream, environmental, or any user related reasons to account for depressed brood stocks- see testimony of Mr. Charles Lean - Biologist ADF&G - Nome, - Bethel Board of Fisheries - February 1992.

3.) Requirements of Proof -

Mr. Edfelt would rather side with very tenuous assumptions built on extrapolations to account for 86.7% of unknown, poorly publicized, unreported tags, rather than with the empirical proof provided by the 13.3% actual reported tags to justify his maintenance of the status quo of the chum cap. He uses ~~these~~ these guesstimates to justify his increasing the chum cap to 700,000 - in light of testimony which proves significant biological linkage to the depressed and endangered (as evidenced by the drastic management regime proposed for Subdistricts #1 & #3 - Area 2 for 1992) brood stocks of Northern Norton Sound.

4. Sharing the Culpability for damage to depressed stocks - If you, as a resource committee, confirm Mr. Edfelt to serve on the Board of Fisheries, then you, as Legislators, are buying into the lack of credibility which plagues the Alaska Department of Fish & Game as a result of their recent lack of managerial integrity in actively protecting dangerously depressed brood stocks.

Thank you,

Native Village of Elim

John Jensen / PRES

John A. Kelly

Fredrick Bradley

Cecil J. J. J.

From the Office of
RICHARD FOSTER
DISTRICT 23
P.O. Box V
Nome, Alaska 99801



KAWERAK, INC.

P.O. BOX 948 • NOME, ALASKA 99762

(907) 443-5231

SERVING THE
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- TELLER
- UNALAKLEET
- WALES
- WHITE MOUNTAIN

DT: April 28, 1992
 TO: All Legislators
 FR: Loretta Bullard, Kawerak Incorporated
 PO Box 948, Nome, AK 99762, 443-5231
 SU: Board of Fish and Game Appointments

Bullard

I urge you to vote against confirming Larry Edfelt to the Board of Fish. Mr. Edfelt's desire to leave catch and release fishing open in Nome while closing subsistence fishing for chums, is a violation of Alaska Subsistence Statutes. His consistent votes to sustain mixed stock fisheries even if weak stocks are in peril - is contrary to the sustained yield principle.

I urge you to vote against confirming Don Hanks to the Board of Game. In reviewing comments made by Hanks during the March 31, Board of Game meeting, I am appalled at his attitude. He refers to subsistence users as "the other side" and erroneously states that Alaska has a Subsistence Board. He also seems to be under the impression that the Board of Game is responsible to represent majority views when it comes to Game management, when in fact the Board of Game must also make difficult decisions to protect subsistence in the face of overwhelming majority interest in the same stocks. His solution to some of the very serious issues facing the Alaska Board of Game is (and I'm quoting from the transcript): "and the only way we're going to change this system around and quit separating our people is to tell these people to go to hell that are writing this stuff. What I'm suggesting is we have to vote on this stuff is 'take no action' through half of these damn proposals."

I would encourage you to consider another individual for this seat. We need an individual on the Board of Game who is knowledgeable of the issues and who shows tact and diplomacy in his or her handling of issues.

I encourage you to confirm Trefon Anguson and Tom Elias to the Board of Fisheries. They have proven themselves to be thoughtful, knowledgeable individuals who will fairly consider all aspects of a fishing issue before making a decision.

WESTERN/INTERIOR ALASKA FISHERIES COALITION
P.O. BOX 219
BETHEL, AK. 99659

March 30, 1992

Alaska State Legislature, Senate Resource Committee
Attn. Lloyd Jones - Chairman
Pouch V
Juneau, Ak. 99801

Dear Senator Jones:

We have been informed that the Senate Resources Committee will be taking up consideration of Mr. Larry Edfeldt's confirmation to the State Board of Fisheries at it's meeting this afternoon. We strongly urge that you and your fellow committee members do all in your power to prevent Mr. Edfeldt's confirmation to this Board.

We have had the (un)fortunate priveledge of observing Mr. Edfeldt in action on this Board over the past several months and it has become readily apparent that he is unsuitable for the position. His use of mathematical acrobatics and selective reasoning in the decision making process to the benefit of special/singular interests in the face of weakly supported biological evidence is in itself enough to warrant this action. More to the heart of the matter however, we find that these actions circumvent sound biological management principles regarding conservative action in the face of conservation/sustained yield and subsistence concerns as noted by the following:

- Mr. Edfeldt has consistently voted to sustain mixed stock fisheries even when weak stocks they affected were in peril. His justification standards and biological positions in judging information continues to be highly questionable. In the Dutch Harbor herring food and bait fishery there were four different studies pointing to potential relationship between Dutch Harbor mixed stock fisheries and declining Nelson Island stocks. Edfeldt said there was not enough conclusive information for him to restrict or close this fishery.

- In the South Peninsula June fishery that takes chums as bycatch at False Pass, Edfeldt disregarded four previous studies (Bureau of Biological Survey - 1925; Intl North Pacific Fisheries Council - 1956-62; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 1959-62; Ak. Dept. of Fish & Game, Conrad Scale Pattern Analyses - 1983) which all showed factual and imperical relationship between June chums in the South Peninsula and Western Alaska. Instead Edfeldt advocated the highly questioned and controversial ONE YEAR (1987) tag study as being conclusive and purported a no direct harm relationship.

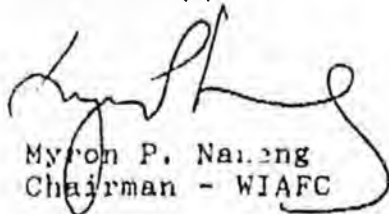
- On the North side of the Alaska Peninsula four studies by ADF&G since 1986 indicate that as much as 70+ percent of the Sockeye taken by the Area M driftnet fleet in this area were of Bristol Bay origin. Mr. Edfeldt said this information was inconclusive.
- During Board deliberation in February Mr. Edfeldt commented that sports fishing in the Nome subdistrict should be left open even though subsistence fisheries were closed down due to anticipated failed escapements.
- On an allocation issue affecting his own interests, (sports charter versus troll fisheries) Mr. Edfeldt argued that the number of sportsmen and economics alone should predictably remove the harvest advantage by an existing fleet. Given the nature of this expanding fishery, the statement constitutes a biologically irresponsible position.

It is painfully obvious that Mr. Edfeldt believes that unless there is overwhelming information to warrant negative action on an existing fishery, he should vote for the status-quo. Given the declining amount of money available to the state for research, the escalating difficulties with depressed stocks, and the many uncertainties associated with fisheries management, funding may never be available to irrefutably prove the full impacts of these cause and effect relationships.

Our fisheries across the state and the people who rely upon them cannot afford to have someone on a Board such as this who does not see the conservative approach to management as an option, and instead compounds the problems by advocating for management actions which end up placing many of these fisheries in a crisis response mode. It is in everyone's best interest that Mr. Edfeldt's confirmation be denied.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Myron P. Naleng
Chairman - WIAFC