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**1998**



# Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

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Official Business

Office of the Chief Clerk

## MEMORANDUM

Date: March 27, 1998

TO: Resources Committee

FROM: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk *SL*

SUBJECT: Governor's appointments

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointments to the Resources Committee:

### Board of Fisheries

John R. White - Bethel

Appointed: 02/09/95 Reappointed: 03/21/98 Expires: 06/30/01

Russell S. Nelson - Dillingham

Appointed: 03/21/98 Expires: 06/30/01

(These appointments also referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries.)

Attached are their resumes and committee reports for your use.

Attachments as noted.



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## MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 1998  
TO: Resources Committee  
FROM: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk *SL*  
SUBJECT: Governor's appointments

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointments to the Resources Committee:

### Board of Game

Eric Williamson - Anchorage  
Appointed: 03/19/98 Expires: 01/31/01

Walter Sampson - Kotzebue  
Appointed: 03/19/98 Expires: 01/31/01

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: February 10, 1998

TO: Resources Committee

FROM: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk *SL*

SUBJECT: Governor's appointments

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointments to the Resources Committee:

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC)  
Mary McDowell - Juneau  
Appointed: 10/06/97 Expires: 07/01/01

Board of Game  
Robert Churchill - Anchorage  
Appointed: 09/23/97 Expires: 01/31/00

Attached are their resumes and committee reports for your use.

Attachments as noted.

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# Alaska State Legislature

## House Resources Committee

Co-Chair Scott Ogan  
(907) 465-3715  
FAX (907) 465-3265  
Capitol Building, Room 124  
Juneau, Alaska 99801



Co-Chair Bill Hudson  
(907) 465-6820  
FAX (907) 465-2273  
Committee Meetings  
T/Th 1 - 4 p.m.

Vice Chair: Beverly Masck,  
Representatives Ramona Barnes, Fred Dyson, Joe Green, Reggie Joule, Irene Nicholia, William Williams

AGENDA  
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Thursday, April 16, 1998

[GAVEL DOWN]

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

IT IS NOW 1:15 PM BY THE COMMITTEE CLOCK. THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE WILL COME TO ORDER.

MEMBERS PRESENT WITH US TODAY ARE:

TODAY'S COMMITTEE MEETING WILL END PROMPTLY AT 2:00. DUE TO A LIMITATION OF TIME, WE HAVE CANCELLED TODAY'S CONFIRMATION HEARINGS FOR FIVE OF THE SIX BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTEES.

THE INDIVIDUALS UP FOR CONFIRMATION BEFORE THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE ARE:

**Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission:**

JNU Mary McDowell, Juneau 790 6936 w

**Board of Fisheries:**

DILL Russell Nelson, Anchorage 842-8140 w  
BET John White, Bethel 543-3778 w

**Board of Game:**

JNU Robert Churchill, Anchorage 279 8927 w 201 5421  
VLO LID Walter Sampson, Kotzebue 442 3301 w  
A.NC LID Eric Williamson, Anchorage 345 7678 w

THE COMMITTEE WILL HEAR TODAY FROM ERIC WILLIAMSON, WHO TRAVELED FROM ANCHORAGE TO BE HERE TODAY.

**Mary E. McDowell**

555 Hemlock Street  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 463-5160

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

SPECIAL STAFF ASSISTANT. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Juneau, Alaska, May 1995 - Oct. 1997*

Member of Governor's senior staff. Responsible for fisheries and wildlife issues.

SPECIAL STAFF ASSISTANT. OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

*Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 1994 - April 1995*

Member of Lieutenant Governor's senior staff. Responsible for natural resource issues.

LEGISLATIVE AIDE. ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

*Juneau, Alaska, 1979-1994 (Worked 16 legislative sessions plus 25 months of interim time).*

Specific job title and duties varied over the years, including the following:

- Committee Aide to House Resources Committee
- Senior Aide to the Senate President
- Committee Aide to Senate Rules Committee
- Committee Aide to Senate Special Committee on Fisheries
- Committee Aide to Senate Special Committee on the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement
- Finance Aide to Senate Finance Committee Member
- Resources Aide to Senate Resources Committee Member
- Senate District Aide

SELF-EMPLOYED COMMERCIAL FISH BUYER

*Angoon, Alaska, May through September, 1976-1994*

**EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, graduated 1976  
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology  
Emphasis on cultural anthropology of Alaska Natives

University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, 1973-1974  
Undergraduate Research Assistantship in anthropology / archeology  
Two summers of field work in Aleutian Islands, Alaska. One semester research, analysis and writing on campus.

Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska, 1977  
Completed Village Management Course

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LEGISLATIVE TELECONFERENCE NETWORK  
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BET	BETHEL	301 WILLOW ST.	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
DLG	DILLINGHAM	KANGIIQUTAQ BLDG	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
GLN	GLENNALLEN	COMMUNITY LIB.	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
HOM	HOMER	345 W STERLING	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
* JNU	JUNEAU	CAPITOL	CAP124	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
KEN	KENAI LIO	145 MAIN ST LOOP	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
KOD	KODIAK	112 MILL BAY RD.	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
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DATE: April 16, 1998

TO: House Resources Committee

FROM: Bill Stockwell  
P.O. Box 721  
Cooper Landing, AK 99572  
Phone & Fax 395-1540

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Board of Game and Fisheries Appointments

I am unable to attend the April 16, 1998 confirmation hearing for Board of Game and Board of Fisheries appointments scheduled for 1 p.m. Please enter into the record my written testimony which follows.

Members of the House Resources Committee. My name is Bill Stockwell and I am the Chair of the Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee. My testimony is my personal opinion.

I strongly support the confirmation of Bob Churchill to the Alaska Board of Game. As a committee chair, I have testified and attended deliberation twice since Bob has been appointed to the Board of Game. He listens carefully to those testifying and treats them in a courteous, thoughtful manner. During deliberations he is well prepared and his points and comments are timely and professional. At the recent Joint Board Meeting Bob Churchill co-chaired a Joint Board Subcommittee with Advisory Committee Chairs representing various regions of the State. Their report was well done and of great benefit to all advisory committees.

Bob Churchill continues to be a strong voice for the advisory committee system. As a former member and chair of an advisory committee, he understands the effort and good work that advisory committees provide to their communities and the professional results they provide to the Boards. As chairs of adjacent advisory committees, Bob and I worked on several issues of mutual interest to both committees and he made himself available to support issues with several other area advisory committees as well.

Bob Churchill is a friend and fellow fly fisher. Beside enjoyable times on the river, we have worked together on conservation and education projects such as the Alaska Fly Fishers Upper Kenai River fall clean-up, Annual Fly Fishing Seminar, fly tying classes, and stream restoration projects. Bob is always available to lead the projects and insure the work is properly done.

For the above reasons and many more, please confirm Bob Churchill's appointment to the Alaska Board of Game.

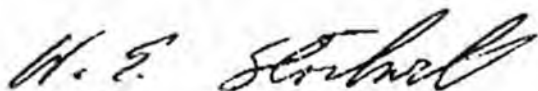
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I support the appointments of Eric Williamson to the Alaska Board of Game and Russell Nelson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Both individuals were elected to and served on advisory committees. This shows both support and confidence by their communities and interest and ability to serve on their part. From my dealings with the Board of Game and the Board of Fisheries, I feel that those members who previously served on advisory committees are better prepared to deal with the public and listen to their issues. They have a better overall understanding of the process.

I ask you please to confirm the appointments of Eric Williamson and Russell Nelson.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,



Bill Stockwell

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# Alaska State Legislature

SENT TO: REP. OGAN FAX 465-~~7265~~2273  
FROM: HOMER LIO PHONE 235-7878

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources  
committee name  
committee on B.O.G. Appointments, dated 4/16/98  
bill/subject

I would like to give my support  
to Bob Churchill, Eric Williamson  
and Walter ~~Samson~~ Samson.

I have represented our community  
in several B.O.G. meetings the last two  
winters and feel these appointees would  
be an asset to our public system.

Marvin Park

Signed: Marvin R Park  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

HC 67 Box 1222 Anchor Pt AK

Address

235-8125

Phone No.



# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

FEB 23 1998

211 Fourth Street, Suite 112  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
907/586-2820  
Fax: 907/463-2545  
E-Mail: ufa@alaska.net

Feb. 23, 1998

Representative Bill Hudson, Co-Chair  
House Resources Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Hudson:

This session your committee will be conducting confirmation hearings. The United Fishermen of Alaska heartily recommends legislative confirmation of Mary McDowell's appointment to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

Mary has worked diligently on fisheries issues, in various forums, for over eighteen years. She also had many years of hands-on business experience in the seafood industry as operator of a fish-buying station. Her statewide perspective on fisheries issues, thorough understanding of pertinent state laws and regulations, and personal integrity serve the State of Alaska well. She is committed to fairness in the treatment of the individual, and dedicated to sound and equitable public process.

We respectfully request your support for Mary's appointment to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission by voting in favor of her confirmation.

Sincerely,

Theo Matthews  
President

#### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Trollers Association • Bristol Bay Driftnetters Association • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen  
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • Kodiak Seiners Association  
North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Northwest Setnetters Association • Peninsula Marketing Association  
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative  
Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southwest Regional Aquaculture Association • United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Fish Board Appointee  
Committee Name  
 Committee on Dr John White's confirmation Dated 16 Apr 98  
Bill / Subject

you should confirm Dr White to the fish Board  
 the Dipnetters were cheated for years until Dr White  
 became Chairman. we support him.

SIGNED:

*[Signature]*  
Testifier

Christina Dipnetters Assoc  
Representing

303 Bentley Dr FBK HC 99701 907 4525068  
Address / Phone Number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resource  
committee name  
committee on Board of Fish, dated 4-28-98  
bill # / subject

I am a Guide in Alaska for about the past 7 years + continue to for many years to come. I have followed ~~Dr.~~ Dr. John White as he had been on the Board of Fish + would like to acknowledge that ~~Dr.~~ Dr. John White be reinstated as the Chairman of the Board of Fish as he has shown a great deal of positive direction in the management of the State of ~~Alaska's~~ Salmon Fishery. We as a State need Board members such as Dr. White to continue to work in a direction so I can continue to fish in Alaska.

Signed: RP DeBard  
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

Po Box 4357

Address

Soldotna AK 99667

Phone number



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House of Representatives  
committee name

committee on Re appointment of John White, dated 4/29/96  
bill # / subject

DR. White Re appointment to the board of fish would be a continued controversial mentality that he represents on the Board of fish concerning Cook Inlet commercial fishing.

DR. White helped to instigate the Northern Dist. Cotto plan that cost the Dr. Fleet 10% of their gross allocation and is confusing allocation and conservation in the northern Dist. even though the Dept. of fish and Game said there was NO conservation concern.

DR white increased the Kennicott river escapement beyond the Biological escapement goal and is adopting guiding principles with out public notice

Signed: Bill Granger  
Testifier

self  
Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 1162 Seldovia Alaska 99589  
Address

(907) 212-1224  
Phone number



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resources  
COMMITTEE NAME

COMMITTEE ON Dr. White DATED 4-28-98  
BILL/SUBJECT

The Chitina Dipnetter's Association strongly supports the reappointment of Dr. White to the board of Fisheries. We like the way he runs the Board of Fisheries and we approve of the committee he forms of the users groups when there is a conflict between users. It allows ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> groups to better understand each others views and to maybe come to a agreement that ~~the board~~ helps the Board to make a decision on the problem.

SIGNED Byron W Haley Pres.  
TESTIFIER

Chitina Dipnetter's Association  
REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

1002 Pioneer Rd. Fairbanks, AK 99701 907-452-4426  
ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

4-16-98

To: Alaska Legislators:  
Re: Confirmation Dr. John White:

I Sam E. McDowell supports the confirmation of Dr. White to our Alaska Board of Fisheries.

#(1) Dr. White, clearly understands, and supports the sustained yield management of our common property fisheries resources.

#(2) Dr. White clearly understands Alaska has no hydro-electric dam problems, no rivers, lakes, streams, or Judge Boldt decisions type fisheries management problems, and ~~that~~ that sustained yield management will produce major salmon runs like e. thousand years ago, provided we manage our valuable salmon resources with a policy, habitat #(1) resources #(2) and users #(3).

#(3) Dr. White is a professional, plight, considerate Chairman of our Board of Fisheries, and goes out of his way to treat all people equal, who signs up to testify allowing written testimony, and (3) minutes or less testimony each.

Your consideration and confirmation of Dr. White to our Board of Fisheries will truly be appreciated.

Have a good day.  
Sincerely,  
Sam E. McDowell  
336. E. 23rd Ave  
Anchorage, Alaska  
99503



# Alaska Sportfishing Association

P. O. Box 24-1847

Anchorage, AK 99524-1847

State of Alaska  
External Affairs

## Recommendations to the Governor for the ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES.

The Board of Directors of the Alaska Sportfishing Association has voted to support the following candidates for the Board of Fisheries:

We enthusiastically support the re appointment of Dr. John White of Bethel to the Board. Under Dr. White's leadership, this Board has taken new steps in directions of sustainable fisheries management, habitat management, increased harvester responsibility, and fair and more equitable allocation of fish stocks.

We also support the appointment of Russell Nelson from Dillingham.

We feel that he will bring much knowledge and understanding from the Bristol Bay region of our State. We are confident that he will be approachable by all harvest groups. He will prioritize conservation of the stocks at the apex of the fish management agenda. We are comfortable that will be a contributing member of the Board.

Phil Cutler, President

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Association of Village Council Presidents  
Natural Resource Department  
P.O. Box 219 • Bethel, Alaska 99559 • Phone 543-3521



February 20, 1998

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The Honorable Tony Knowles  
Governor of Alaska  
Pouch 1100  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Governor Knowles:

This letter is in support of Dr. John White reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Under Dr. White's leadership, the Alaska Board of Fisheries has taken significant strides in fulfilling the sustained yield principle of the Alaska Constitution. Dr. White has taken the helm, under his own responsibility as a public steward of Alaska's fish resources, in developing innovative management systems through the Alaska Board of Fisheries. The sustainable fisheries concepts and the committee structure of the board have insured the maximum public participation in the development of regulations that benefits all users of the resource.

We, the people of the Association of Village Council Presidents region, supports Dr. John White's reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries for a second term. Governor Knowles, by re-appointing Dr. White, you would be telling the people of Alaska that you have made an appointment for the protection of Alaska's fishery resources. His involvement in the Alaska Board of Fisheries is an asset to all the people in the State of Alaska.

if I can answer any questions related to Dr. John White's re-appointment, please call on me.

Sincerely,  
Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc.  
Myron P. Naneng, Sr., President

Timothy C. Andrew  
Director of Natural Resources



March 6, 1998

Governor Tony Knowles  
Office of the Governor  
Third Floor, State Capitol Building  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99511

Dear Governor:

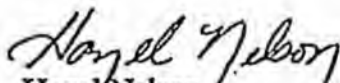
Thank you for this opportunity to write and express our views on the Board of Fisheries appointments.

We believe John White has worked hard this past three years and that the Sustainable Fisheries effort is one issue the whole industry can agree on as an important priority. We would like you to consider the reappointment of John because he is willing to further this effort and we are hopeful the different interests can continue to work together in ironing out this important issue.

We would also like you to give strong consideration to Russell Nelson as a Board of Fish member. At times fisheries politics can be rather contentious in the Bay but Russell has been known to bring people who disagree on issues closer together. He is respected for that quality around the Bay and that is one of the reasons we are supporting him.

Being fair to all parties and listening to all sides is a quality the public seeks in a candidate and Russell has that. He has already spent many years focused and dedicated to bringing people together and that experience will serve the public well during his term on the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

  
Hazel Nelson,  
President

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
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# Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation

P.O. Box 1464 • Dillingham, Alaska 99576 • (907) 842-4370 • Fax (907) 842-4336 • 1-800-478-4370



March 5, 1998

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Honorable Tony Knowles  
Governor  
State of Alaska  
P O Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Via: Fax (907)4653532

Dear Governor Knowles:

The Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, the CDQ group for Bristol Bay, supports the re-appointment of John White to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries. John has served well as Chairman of the Board of Fish. He has demonstrated positive results in the preservation of the resource. John's innovative approach in establishment of committees to address regional issues has met with great success while providing protection for the resources.

Thank you for your consideration of John White's re- appointment to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robin Samuelsen".

Robin Samuelsen  
President

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MAR 10 1998

# Maniilaq Association

P.O. Box 256  
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752  
(907) 442-3311

March 20, 1998

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MAR 27 1998

Governor Tony Knowles  
Office of the Governor  
Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Governor Knowles:

In an effort to maintain continuity and a rural presence on a statewide level, Maniilaq Association urges the reappointment of John White of Bethel to the Alaska Board of Fish. In addition, we urge the appointment of Russel Nelson of Dillingham to the Board of Fish.

Maniilaq extends gratitude to your office for the reappointment of Walter Sampson to the Alaska Board of Game.

All the candidates possess a strong background in working with diverse groups and are experienced in resolving problems. Each will distinctly contribute to the well being of Alaska's wildlife resources and the general public. Alaska will continue to benefit if they are appointed reappointed to serve another term.

If you have any questions, please contact Art C. Ivanoff, Subsistence Coordinator at (907) 442-3311. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dennis Tiepelman  
President/CEO

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

MAR 27 1998

## MEMBER VILLAGES

Itisappaat, Nimatchiaq, Ipmatchiaq, Katyaak, Kivaliniq, Laugvik, Qikiqtaruk, Nautaaq, Nuurvik, Akuligaq, 'Immaq  
Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Neatak, Noorvik, Selawik, Shungnak

**Egegik Village Tribal Council**



P.O. Box 29 ♦ Egegik, Alaska 99578  
Phone 907-233-2211 ♦ Fax 907-233-2312

09 March 1998

The Honorable Tony Knowles  
Governor of Alaska  
Third Floor, State Capitol Building  
PO Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99511

Dear Governor Knowles:

This letter is written in favor of the reappointment of Dr. John White as a member of the Board of Fisheries.

We have been impressed with Dr. Whites abilities and his work has been exemplary of solid leadership.

Dr. White's fairness with all parties involved in controversial issues, as demonstrated at the Board of Fisheries meeting held in Naknek in November 1997, reconfirms the validity of our support for this gentleman.

With his leadership we have felt that the stakeholders, whose livelihood are affected by Board of Fisheries decisions, have been heard and our stand has been taken into consideration when the laws were adopted.

We truly appreciate the difference in the handling of issues, under his chairmanship, in comparison to past boards.

We, the Egegik Tribal Council, again wish to appeal to you in considering Dr. John White for reappointment as a member of the board.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Myra J. Olsen*

Myra J. Olsen, President  
Egegik Village Council

BOARD OF FISHERIES  
MAR 11 1998

MJO/ss

Eric Williamson  
12720 Lupine Road  
Anchorage Alaska 99516

To the Members of the House Resources Committee,

I am a registered guide, lifelong hunter, and have served as an elected member of the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee for the past five years. I am appointed to serve on the Alaska Board of Game, and am up for confirmation by the Legislature. This letter will provide an introduction to you of my background and philosophy that I hope will be helpful to you.

I bring the perspective of a commercial user to the BOG, which has been absent in recent years. I recognize a monetary and cultural value to not only wildlife itself, but to intact habitat which is Alaska's treasure.

The struggle over wildlife policy and regulations from various user groups over the years has muddled the core issue: conservation of wildlife populations. The Board system provides excellent opportunities for participation by local fish and game advisory committees, organizations and concerned public. I am disturbed by the attempts to bypass or weaken this proven method for conserving wildlife and managing users. The Board's strength is its accessibility for public, agency and scientific input.

Serving 3 terms on the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee has allowed me to understand issues important to various interest groups. Coupled with my tenure on the Board of the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association, I have learned to listen to public and agency information to make appropriate decisions as a group.

I sat on the Board of Game at the Spring meeting in Fairbanks, March 21-31, 1998. I feel good about my knowledge of the subjects discussed and contributions to the process.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding my confirmation at my home number of 345-7678. I would feel honored to continue serving on the Alaska Board of Game for the conservation and development of Alaska's game resources and hope that you can support my appointment.



Eric Williamson  
Registered Guide

Author: dstiles@kawerak.org (Don Stiles) at CC2MHS1

Date: 4/15/98 11:00 AM

Priority: Normal

TO: Representative Bill Hudson at LAA\_CAP

Subject: BOFisheries

Dear Bill,

I writing to you on behalf of Kawerak Inc. in Nome, Kawerak represents the 16 communities of the Bering Straits region.

Kawerak is endorsing the confirmation and reappointment of Dr. John White to the Board of Fisheries.

John is dedicated to making the state fisheries work for everyone and has allowed the stakeholders a voice in the process. His leadership is needed to continue the progress that was started with his first appointment.

Sincerely

Don Stiles  
Fisheries Specialist  
Kawerak Inc.



# Cordova District Fishermen United

P.O. Box 939  
Cordova, Alaska 99574  
(907) 424-3447 FAX (907) 424-3430

April 27, 1998

The Honorable Bill Hudson  
Co-Chairman, House Resources Committee  
State Capitol  
MS 3101, Room 108  
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Sent via facsimile to 907-465-2273

Dear Representative Hudson:

The Board of Directors of Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) would like to give their strong support to the confirmation of Mary McDowell as Commissioner of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. Ms. McDowell's work in the Governor's office was excellent and very thorough. We have no doubt she will put to use the same skills and dedication as commissioner for the CFEC.

CDFU heartily recommends Mary McDowell for this position. After reviewing her many qualifications, you will surely be in agreement.

Sincerely,

**CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED**

Cheri Shaw, Executive Director

cc: Mary McDowell



## YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

733 WEST 4TH AVENUE SUITE 881 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501 (907) 279-6519

April 16, 1998

via fax to each individual member

To: Members of the House Resources Committee  
Representative Ogan  
Representative Hudson  
Representative Masek  
Representative Barnes  
Representative Dyson  
Representative Green  
Representative Williams  
Representative Nicholia  
Representative Joule

From: Dan Senecal-Albrecht, Executive Director (1-800-328-9437) for  
Gilbert Huntington, Galena, Upper Yukon co-chair  
Harry Wilde, Sr., Mountain Village, Lower Yukon co-chair

We are writing to inform you of our Association's strong support for the reappointment of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Dr. White has proven to be one of the most valuable members of the Board and as a chair he is working with the other Board members to make it one of the most responsive and creative Boards as well.

He runs the meetings in an efficient and orderly manner and has greatly increased the level and depth of public involvement by instituting a system of public committees after the general testimony by the public and the advisory committees is done. This committee process has enabled different resource users to sit down together and find a workable consensus on many difficult fisheries issues. The committee process also helps the Board members themselves to get better educated on a particular proposal.

Users throughout the state now feel that it is very worthwhile to attend and participate in a Board of Fisheries meeting because the opportunity for public input is much more than one's five minutes in front of the microphone. The Board of Fisheries now tries to get the users themselves to agree on a solution rather than the Board dictating to them.

To the Attention of  
Representative Austerman

Gail Phillips  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Gail

APR 07 1998

These notes are to follow up on a phone call to your office on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1998

This is to inform you of our opposition to the confirmation of John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. White has shown in his prior term a complete lack of regard for the Board of Fish process and the complete disregard of the public and Advisory Committee participation in the process.

Mr. White has developed a new system of his own that he says is the way he will continue to operate in the future which leaves the public and all of the Advisory Committee work to be lost in his new process.

Mr. White says that all proposals must pass through another layer of committee at the Board of Fish meetings leaving all who cannot attend (due to any number of reasons) unable to participate in what is supposed to be a public process.

Mr. White also has told Advisory Committees and the public that they must be in a position and ready to negotiate rather than give testimony based on their committees findings at prior public meetings.

Since Mr. White in his wisdom of this new process will also have many meetings of his self appointed committees on all of the issues before the board going on simultaneously it will be impossible to attend all of the meetings and hear all of the staff reports and give meaningful comments to the sub committees.

Since no voice recording plan has been put into place for Mr. Whites new process it will fall upon the sub committee and or one or two board members to make whatever decision it may deem appropriate and report its findings to the full board for it rubber stamp.

The Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee does not think it is proper for Mr. White to reinvent the process that was put in place many years ago and even though it may be cumbersome it has worked very well over time.

The latest scam pulled by Mr. White about not having the Board meeting in Soldotna due to security problems is totally un called for and just shows the true colors of this Board of Fish and its lack of regard for the public and the public process.

Even though we have made then back down from that decision what does it mean when we are now faced with a split board meeting

Does the Mat-Su portion of the meeting come first or last?

Do we have to travel to the Mat-Su to give Advisory committee testimony?

Where do the Sub Committees come from under Mr. Whites new plan and where are the sub committee meetings going to be held?

Where does the Board deliberate on proposals?

Mr. White and other Board members mention something about needing a level playing field to conduct business that probably affects the Kenai Peninsula and its residents more than any other group and they don't want participation from the group that their decisions will affect the most.

It is time to say no to an out of control Board of Fish and its out of control Chairman Mr White

Edward N. Krohn



Chairman Kenai / Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee

David R. Martin  
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April 3, 1998

Alaska Legislator  
Juneau, Alaska

*Allan Auster*

APR 07 1998

Dear *Representative Allan Auster*

Tony Knowles has reappoint John White for three more years on the Board of Fish. I would strongly recommend that the legislature DO NOT confirm Dr. White's reappointment. The local fish and Game Advisory Committee and public process and trust in the BOF system has been greatly eroded under Dr. White's chairmanship. I do not believe there will be any credibility to the BOF process if we continue in the way Dr. White has been proceeding with his dictatorship manner.

I am the chairman of the Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee in Ninilchik, but this letter is my own although many Board members and the public share my concerns and recommendation. Even Department of Fish and Game personnel have told me privately, they do not want Dr. White reappointed.

I have been involved in the Advisory Committee and BOF process for 23 years and chair an the last 5 years and believe in and am trying to uphold and strengthen this process.

Under Dr. White's tenure and chairmanship, on the BOF, we in Cook Inlet last year, which was an out of cycle year for Cook Inlet, attended four meetings trying to stop implementation of Board of Fish generated allocation proposals that the BOF was not even going to allow oral public testimony on. This was a total disregard and slap in the face for the Advisory Committees, the public and was stepping way over bounds in an abuse of the BOF's power.

Dr. White has continually told the Department of Fish and Game that he doesn't believe their professional scientific and biological data on the salmon resource management, habitat protection, escapement goals and biological escapement goals. Many times he has supported regulation that is in opposition to this data and the Department's recommendations and therefor against the biological management that will result in less than maximum sustained yields. This is not being a responsible steward of the resource for the people.

Under his chairmanship the Board has awarded unprecedented numbers of Agenda Change Request that are strictly allocation. Under the Boards own criteria an agenda change request should only be awarded if there is a conservation concern never awarded for allocation. That is what the three years cycle is for. Yet he has awarded these agenda change request even though the Department of F&G says there is no conservation concerns. This practice nullifies the three year Board cycle for the area. The three year cycle was established to bring stability to the fisheries and decrease the burden on the Advisory Committees, the local public, the Department and the BOF.

Dr. White's latest maneuver is to appoint subcommittees at the BOF meeting to work on each and every proposal and then give their recommendation to the full Board. This new maneuver will displace the Advisory Committee reports and the public testimony input along with staff reports. The subcommittee members are appointed by the Chairman and are only from the pool of people that are able to spend weeks attending the meetings. Subcommittees are fine if used, as they have been used in the past, on a contentious issue. This new subcommittee process will totally erode the Advisory Committee and public involvement and trust. The Advisory Committees are already the subcommittees of the Board and with representation from the local public of the area, they address each and every proposal usually taking 5 or 6 meetings to do so.

Dr. White's extremely fast push to develop a Sustainable fisheries management policy without the involvement of the Department of Fish and Game, the Advisory Committees and public input is yet another example of his dictatorship approach. Another example is the smokescreen to exclude the local public in participating in the next Cook Inlet meeting by saying they couldn't hold the meeting in the Kenai / Soldotna area because of security reasons. Let's get real!

These are only a few examples to support my request that you DO NOT confirm Dr. White to another three year term on the BOF.

This is no way to manage Alaska fisheries. These unprecedented deviations from the BOF process will erode the process itself, the Department, and the resource. We cannot let this happen.

There are other capable people in Alaska to occupy this seat who will promote and uphold the Advisory Committee, public and BOF process and who will maintain and strengthen the public trust and involvement in this process. They also will make damn sure are fisheries resources are managed biologically, not politically, so as to continue this abundant resource for future generations. We only have one chance, we don't want to end up like the lower 48 with little or no salmon.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The ball is in the Legislator's court. Please score for the public process and the resource.

Sincerely,



David R. Martin

cc. Representative Gary Davis  
Representative Mark Hodgins  
Representative Gail Phillips  
Representative Allan Austerman  
Senator John Torgerson  
Senator Jerry Ward



# UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

April 7, 1998

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Representative Alan Austerman  
Special Committee on Fisheries  
Alaska State Legislature  
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APR 07 1998

Dear Representative Austerman:

We are writing in regard to the reappointment of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

United Fishermen of Alaska represents over twenty commercial fishing organizations throughout the state. Our group represents the diversity of Alaska's fishing industry, and when brought together, it creates informed meaningful discussion and brings forth a wide range of views. Given the complexity of many fisheries issues, this is a vital element for good decision making.

We believe this element is missing from the current Board of Fisheries and our industry is suffering in its absence. The policies and policy direction established by the Board are crucial to our future. The lack of experience and understanding this Board possesses with regard to salt water commercial fisheries is truly alarming. The willingness of this Board to pursue policy objectives, with broad implications and without a thorough open public process, is also a source of great concern.

We have seen an erosion of public support for the Board of Fisheries. Commercial fishermen throughout the state have lost confidence in the ability of this Board to render balanced decisions and lead a balanced discussion on major statewide policy issues. For example, the manner in which the sustainable fisheries project has been handled and the debate surrounding the role of the Board in setting hatchery production levels. UFA believes it is extremely important to bring about a balance of experience and knowledge to the Board of Fisheries.

Toward that end, by a unanimous vote of those present, the UFA Board voted to not endorse reappointment of Dr. John White. The perspective Dr. White brings to the Board is more than adequately covered by existing

#### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

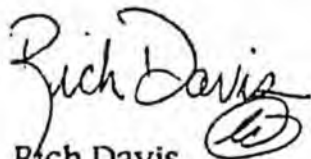
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members. This Board clearly needs the input that someone more familiar with marine fisheries could provide.

The UFA Board stands ready to work with the Governor's office and the Legislature to bring forward for your consideration, a list of candidates, which will be an asset to the State and to the Board of Fisheries process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rich Davis

President-elect and Chair, Board of Fisheries Committee  
United Fishermen of Alaska



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March 13, 1998

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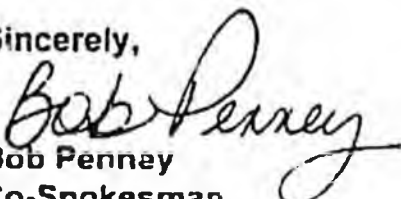
Dear Governor,

Please accept this letter as an enthusiastic endorsement for the reappointment of Doctor John White to the Board of Fisheries. We believe history will prove that Dr. White will be the best Chairman that Board has ever had. He hasn't just looked at today's issues, but also has looked at our long range needs. His plan for Sustainable Fisheries Management is a needed blueprint to protect stocks for future generations of Alaskans. It is far reaching and farsighted in its scope, as well as brilliantly designed.

We are also quite excited that Russell Nelson of Dillingham has agreed to commit a large portion of his time to serving on this Board. He appears to us to be very knowledgeable and will serve all parts of the state fairly. He will be a great Board member. We endorse his appointment.

With these two appointments we believe Alaska would have the strongest and most competent Fish Board in recent history. We promise to work diligently for their confirmation if they are appointed and will encourage other like organizations to do the same.

Sincerely,

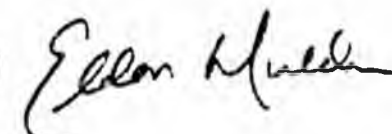
  
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cc: All Legislators

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March 25, 1998

Honorable Representative Bill Hudson  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 108  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

MAR 30 1998

Dear Representative Hudson:

The Board of Directors of the Kenai River Sportfishing Association supports the confirmation of Dr. John White, of Bethel, and Russell Nelson, of Dillingham, to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

As the chairman of the board, Dr. White is establishing the groundwork through the sustainable fisheries project to ensure Alaska's salmon resources are managed in a manner that will provide sustainable salmon returns for generations to come. His dedication to this process is unflinching. It is a project that will benefit not only the resource but also all users, whether they are subsistence, sport, personal use or commercial. Dr. White's grasp of fisheries issues and the ramifications those issues have upon the spawning grounds is unsurpassed. The knowledge of this symbiotic relationship has earned him the respect of fisheries scientists and lay fishermen.

Yet, the sustainable fisheries project is far from finished. A second term on the board will allow Dr. White to bring to fruition this most worthwhile effort.

We also support Dillingham resident Russell Nelson for the Board of Fisheries. As you know, there is nowhere in the world like Bristol Bay for harvesting sockeye salmon. On average, the tributaries of the Bay produce the largest returns of sockeye in the world. Because of this unique status, every governor since Jay Hammond in 1974 has placed a representative from the Bay on the Board of Fisheries. Russell Nelson will continue this rich tradition.

A former Bristol Bay commercial drift fisherman for 15 years and former herring and salmon spotter pilot, Mr. Nelson is currently the land manager for Choggiung Limited in Dillingham. In that position, he is exposed to the importance of sport fishing opportunity.

He is a man of integrity and has the respect of those in the Bay and in the Native community, as shown by the letters of support he has garnered. They include, among others, the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, the Bristol Bay Native Association, the Bristol Bay Sportfishing Association, the Association of Village Council Presidents, Kawerak, Inc., the Lake and Peninsula Borough and his employer Choggiung Limited.

Mr. Nelson is an avid supporter of the sustainable fisheries project. He is committed toward working with his board colleagues in developing a project that will preserve the state's salmon resources for his children and their grandchildren.

You could not find more qualified appointees, with the breath of support, as that of Dr. John White and Mr. Russell Nelson. We urge you to confirm them to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

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**Testimony to the  
House Fisheries Committee  
April 8, 1998  
By Ron Rainey  
Kenai River Sportfishing Association**

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Representative Austerman, members of the House Fisheries Committee, I am Ron Rainey and I am speaking as a member of the Board of Directors for the Kenai River Sportfishing Association. We support the confirmation of Dr. John White and Russell Nelson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

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You could not find more qualified candidates, with the breath of support, as that of Dr. John White and Mr. Russell Nelson. We urge their confirmation to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.



# UCIDA

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April 28, 1998

via fax: 465-2273

Representative Bill Hudson, Co-Chair  
Representative Scott Ogan, Co-Chair  
House Resources Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Subject: UCIDA support for the confirmation of Ms. Mary McDowell to CFEC

Dear Representative Hudson and Representative Ogan:

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 salmon drift permit holders in Upper Cook Inlet. Some 350 permit holders are current members of our association. UCIDA is also active at the state and federal levels as a member of the Executive Committee of United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA).

UCIDA supports the confirmation of Ms. Mary McDowell to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). Ms. McDowell has an extensive background and understanding of the local and statewide "mechanics" of the commercial fishing industry. This background will allow her to fairly and expeditiously deal with issues involving individual permit holders and to implement the policies adopted by the legislature.

UCIDA's dealings with Ms. McDowell go back to her longtime standing as an aide to Senator Dick Eliason (R-Sitka). Over the years we have known her to be prompt and thorough in her response to all inquiries. We are confident that Ms. McDowell will serve the state well with CFEC and encourage you to support her confirmation.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment. If you have any questions regarding our support for Ms. McDowell, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907)283-3600.

Sincerely,

*Phil Squifes*  
Phil Squifes  
President

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cc: Representative Gary Davis  
Representative Gail Phillips  
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Senator Jerry Ward



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April 8, 1998

via Fax: 465-4956

Representative Alan Austerman, Chair  
House Fisheries Committee  
State Capitol, Room 434  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Subject: Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF)

Dear Representative Austerman:

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 salmon drift permit holders in Upper Cook Inlet. Some 350 permit holders are current members of our association. UCIDA is also active at the state and federal levels as a member of the Executive Committee of United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA).

UCIDA supports the confirmation of Mr. Russell Nelson and opposes the confirmation of Dr. John White for the Board of Fisheries (BOF).

UCIDA recognizes the salmon fishery in Bristol Bay as the world's largest producer of sockeye salmon. In addition, we note that the fishery involves thousands of fishermen and the management is highly complex. Accordingly, we feel that it is appropriate for someone familiar with the fishery, local communities and local issues be appointed to the BOF.

Mr. Nelson's varied background as a land manager, herring and salmon spotter, engineer of a large vessel and past drift fishermen will hopefully serve him well as a BOF member.

UCIDA opposition to Dr. White's confirmation is based on two factors.

- 1) The BOF needs a better "balance" both in terms of regional and user-groups expertise. Efforts by many organizations to convince Governor Knowles to seek a better "balance" on the BOF have clearly not produced that result.

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If both Mr. Russell and Dr. White are confirmed the "balance" on the BOF would have:

- Six of seven board members involved with sport, terminal or in-river fisheries,
  - Six of seven board members involved with fisheries from Anchorage north, and
  - Only one of seven board members with extensive experience as a fisherman in non-salmon commercial marine fisheries.
- 2) Dr. Whites sense of "public process" has been very controversial. This result is perhaps inevitable when a board is not comprised of individuals with widely varying backgrounds and experience in Alaska's complex fisheries.

Issues that have produced the most controversy among the public and advisory committees in our area include:

- Out of cycle board generated allocation proposals targeting Cook Inlet's commercial fisheries,
- Board generated allocation proposals asking the public to submit proposals to limit harvest by non-resident anglers,
- A fast track "Sustainable Fisheries Project" employing controversial contractors, and
- Recent actions by the BOF to remove a scheduled Cook Inlet hearing from the Kenai/Soldotna area based on perceived "safety" concerns.

In conclusion, UCIDA appreciated the willingness of Dr. White to continue to serve on the BOF. However, it is our conclusion that a better "balance" of regional and user-group expertise on the BOF is needed.

UCIDA appreciates this opportunity to comment and requests that you distribute our comments to committee members.

Sincerely,

  
Phil Squires  
President

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# Cordova District Fishermen United

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April 8, 1998

The Honorable Alan Austerman  
Special Committee on Fisheries, Chairman  
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Sent via facsimile to : (907) 465-4956

Dear Representative Austerman:

Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) would like to comment on the upcoming confirmation hearings for reappointment of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). CDFU requests Dr. White not be confirmed by the legislature to this seat for the reasons that follow:

### Out of Cycle Determinations

As chairman of the Board of Fisheries for the last year, Dr. White has accepted agenda change requests that did not fall into the guidelines set out for the BOF to follow. The Prince William Sound/Copper River District completed their board cycle in December of 1996. Since that time, the BOF allowed discussion of numerous agenda items which were relative to our district. CDFU, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and concerned resource users have had to travel extensively to track and testify on these issues. It is not in the best interest of anyone, budget constraints as they are, to be forced to respond to proposals out of cycle.

### The Sustainable Fisheries Project

The Sustainable Fisheries Project initiated by Dr. White was an enormous undertaking that was put on a fast track without sufficient thought and consideration. Changing the management of Alaskan fisheries by use of a simplistic point system is frankly, not good science. The lack of local knowledge contained in the project and the incomplete overview of the history of the salmon fisheries is unacceptable when creating this new management style.

### Imbalance of Boardmembers

There is a clear imbalance on the BOF. Only one boardmember has significant non-salmon commercial fishing experience. Another important element is the lack of a true statewide representation. One member is from Southeast Alaska with the remaining residing in the Kenai Peninsula and north. No check and balance exists for impartial application of allocation.

### Hatchery Production Levels

Dr. White took the BOF into the hatchery production level arena where there is already a mechanism in place to set levels via the Regional Planning Team. There seems to be no bounds for the BOF under his leadership. Dr. White has no compunction about going beyond the scope and intent of the BOF.

*CDFU Comments Re: Dr. John White BOF Reappointment*

*April 8, 1998*

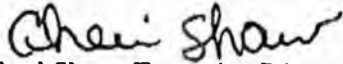
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The BOF is huge commitment for anyone to make. We respect Dr. White for his eagerness to remain a board member. However, CDFU feels it is in the best interest of the appointment process to provide a fair balance.

Please give weight to the above comments when considering the confirmation of Dr. John White to the BOF. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

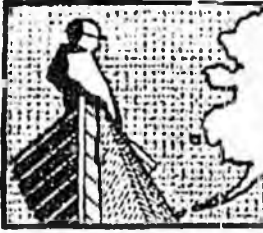
**CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED**



Cheri Shaw, Executive Director

cc: United Fishermen of Alaska

# BSFA



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*Serving western Alaska small boat fisheries since 1980*

April 8, 1998

Representative Alan Austerman  
Chairman, Alaska House Fisheries Committee  
Alaska House  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-11822

Re: Reappointment of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Austerman:

We heartily endorse Dr. White for reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. During his tenure he has worked diligently to keep the Board headed in the direction of rational management and fair allocation of the fisheries resources of this state. And as chairman of the Board he has initiated a "committee" system that also brings a modicum of sweet reason and overall involvement in the allocation hurly-burly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and if you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jude Henzler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jude Henzler  
Executive Director

cc: Senate House Fisheries Committee Members  
BSFA Board Members  
Dr. John White



# ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL

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April 29, 1998

Representative Bill Hudson, Co-Chair  
Representative Scott Ogan, Co-Chair  
House Resources Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol (MS3100)  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representatives Hudson and Ogan:

The Alaska Outdoor Council Board of Directors in their April 27, 1998 meeting approved the following recommendations regarding confirmation of appointees to the Alaska Boards of Fisheries and Game:

Board of Game: We recommend confirmation of Robert Churchill and Walter Sampson. We make no recommendation on confirmation of Eric Williamson.

Board of Fisheries: We recommend confirmation of Dr. John White and of Russell Nelson.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Dick Bishop

Vice President



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the B. O. F.  
committee name

committee on Re-appointment to B.O.F., dated 4/28/98  
bill # / subject

I am very much opposed to the re-appointment of Dr. John Zurites. In February 1998 he told coastal communities they need to choose between commercial fishermen and sports fishermen. It is a slap in the face to Kenai & Soldotna area, B.O.F. concerns for personal safety. He also acts within technical "confines" of the law forcing the public to react at great expense, which leaves the public to react without real knowledge. He also wants Advisor committees representatives to be "slayer's" in committee <sup>process</sup> ~~process~~. This will undermine any "Balance" decision A/C's make on allocative issues.

Signed: Jenna L. Johnson  
Testifier

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resources  
COMMITTEE NAME

COMMITTEE ON Dr. White DATED 4-28-98  
BILL/SUBJECT

The Chitina Dipnetter's Association strongly supports the reappointment of Dr. White to the board of Fisheries. We like the way he runs the Board of Fisheries and we approve of the committees he forms of the users groups when there is a conflict between users. It allows ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> groups to better understand each others views and to maybe come to a agreement that ~~the board~~ helps the Board to make a decision on the problem.

SIGNED Byron W Haley Pres.  
TESTIFIER

Chitina Dipnetter's Association  
REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

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