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AGENDA

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 1998

Confirmation Hearing - Governor's appointees to:

Board of Fisheries

Dr. John R. White - Bethel
Russell S. Nelson - Dillingham

Board of Game

Eric Williamson - Anchorage
Walter Sampson - Kotzebue

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 1998

ADJOURN



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The Honorable Mike Miller
President of the Senate
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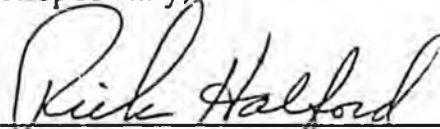
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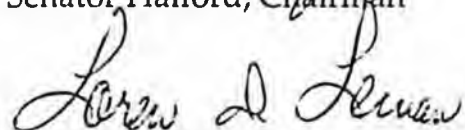
John R. White - Bethel

Respectfully,




Senator Halford, Chairman

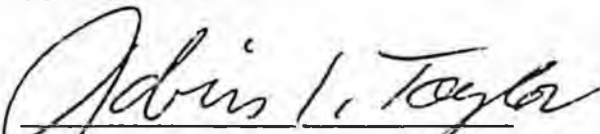
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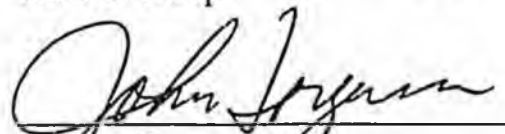
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Senator Torgerson



Senator Lincoln

RESUME

DR. JOHN R. WHITE

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Present Employment:

Commercial Salmon Fisherman
Kuskokwim area
1974 to present

Owner, Bering Sea Dental Center
P.O. Box .90
Bethel, AK 99559

Experience for position:

Twenty-one year resident of Alaska and Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. Actively engaged in commercial, subsistence, and sport fish harvest for the same years. Bachelor's degree in biology.

Present Board Director and President: Salmon Research Foundation.

Present member and chair: Alaska Board of Fish.

Present member and chair: Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group.

Past member: Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee.

Past member and chair: Western Alaska Salmon Coalition.

Past member: Governor Cowper's Board of Fish Review Committee.

Past member and chair: Governor Cowper's Advisory Group on Ending High Seas Salmon Interception.

Past Board Director: Bering Sea Commercial Fisheries Development Foundation.

Cordova District Fishermen United

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April 8, 1998

The Honorable Rick Halford
Senate Resources Chairman
State Capitol
Mail Stop 3101, Room 121
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Sent via facsimile to : (907) 465-4928

Dear Senator Halford:

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

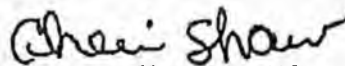
Dr. White took the BOF into the hatchery production level arena where there is already a mechanism in place to set levels via the Regional Planning Team. There seems to be no bounds for the BOF under his leadership. Dr. White has no compunction about going beyond the scope and intent of the BOF.

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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



**Testimony to the
Senate Resource Committee
April 8, 1998**

By Kenai River Sportfishing Association

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

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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.

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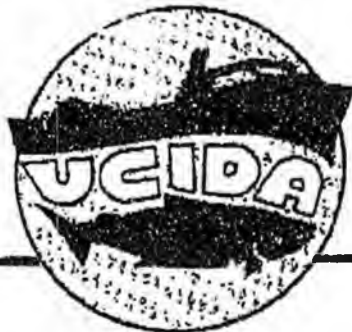
You could not find more qualified candidates, with the breath of support, as that of Dr. John White and Mr. Russell Nelson. We urge their appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

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The Sportfishing Voice of the Kenai River

**UCIDA****UNITED COOK INLET DRIFT ASSOCIATION**

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April 8, 1998

via Fax: 465-4928

Senator Rick Halford, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol, Room 121
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Subject: Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF)

Dear Senator Halford:

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's 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.

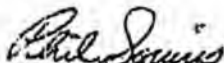
Issues that have produced the most controversy among the public and advisory committees in our area include:

- 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 Squites
President

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UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

April 7, 1998

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Senator Rick Halford
Senate Committee on Resources
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Halford:

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

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 • Kasilof Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • Kodiak Seiners Association
North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Northwest Seiners Association • Peninsula Marketing Association
Petersonburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative
Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters

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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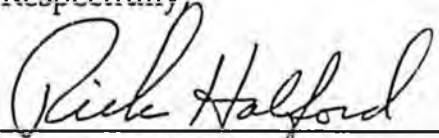
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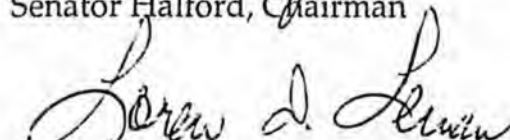
Russell S. Nelson - Dillingham

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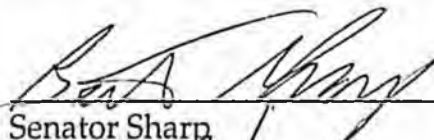


Senator Halford, Chairman

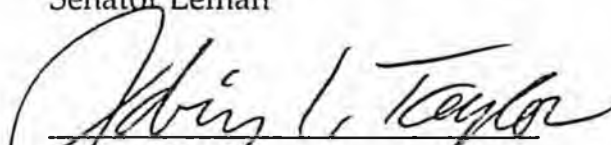
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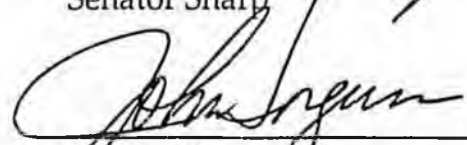
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Senator Taylor



Senator Torgerson



Senator Lincoln

RUSSELL S. NELSON

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OBJECTIVE

Board Member, State of Alaska, Board of Fisheries

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

ALASKA NATIVE LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Sponsored by Bristol Bay Native Corporation and administered by the Alaska Native Foundation in cooperation with Alaska Pacific University.

- Grade Point Average for the duration of the project was 4.0
- Development of leadership skills in the areas of management, politics and culture.
- Areas of study included grant writing, role of Alaska Natives in the Alaska political structure, development of business entrepreneurial skills and social issues relevant to Alaskan natives.

TRAINING WITHOUT WALLS

Sponsored by Bristol Bay Native Corporation and Choggiung Limited using the Growth Company.

- Two executive management training sessions a year with The Growth Company.
- Monthly professional development and career coaching.
- Professional networking with people who can make a difference to your career.

EXPERIENCE

CHOGGIUNG LIMITED

Land Manager

April 15, 1997 to present

- Maintain land records.
- Manage land programs i.e. 14(c), lease, land use permit, subdivision, and gravel.
- Provide and for solicit expertise in land development projects.
- Coordinate with other Native Corporations and resource agencies on land related programs or issues.
- Management of land related consulting agreements as necessary.
- Advise management on issues of importance.
- Submit anticipated operating budget needs and capital expense requests.
- Organize Land Committee meetings.
- Routine reports to Land Committee and/or Board of Directors
- Work with management and staff on training and improve skills in area of expertise.

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

Environmental Coordinator

October 3, 1995 to April 14, 1997

- Traveled to villages of Bristol Bay to work closely with village councils.
- Conduct an assessment of the environmental problems and issues in Bristol Bay villages.
- Supervise all BBNA environmental programs and lead inspectors.
- Fulfilled all reports required in compliance with federal regulations.
- Track budgets for all BBNA Environmental Programs.

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Council Executive Director

November 7, 1995 to April 14, 1997

- Meetings with BBMMC, Qayassiq Walrus Commission, State of Alaska Subsistence Division, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and National Marine Fisheries Service.
- Make travel and room arrangements for Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Council (BBMMC) and Qayassiq Walrus Commission and calculate per diem.
- Documented beluga throughout winter in the Nushagak Bay, Kvichak Bay and off Goose Point at Egegik.

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION

Regional Land Use Specialist

August 30, 1993 to October 3, 1995

- Assisted Bristol Bay Village Councils in developing federal subsistence proposals.
- Submit Subsistence Proposals to the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Board.
- Defend Subsistence Proposals at Federal Subsistence Board meetings.
- Worked with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Subsistence Division to develop a Fresh Water Fish / Large Land Mammal Survey Contract.
- Developed a contract with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Migratory Bird section to conduct a Migratory Bird Subsistence Survey in the Northern Bristol Bay region.
- Hired and trained village residents to conduct fresh water fish and migratory bird surveys.
- Wrote an Environmental Protection Agency, Indian General Assistance Grant and was funded for BBNA to start an Environmental Program.
- Was awarded a continuing Environmental Agency, Indian General Assistance grant for the 1997 fiscal year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Nushagak Advisory Council Member September 1997 to Present (Fish+Game A/C)
- Dillingham City Planning Commission Member February 1998 to Present
- Choggiung Limited, Board of Directors 1981-1991
- Choggiung Limited, Board of Directors March 1996-May 1997
- Dillingham Native Village Council, Chief 1981-1991
- Rural Alaska Television Network, Board of Directors 1983 to 1991
- Rural Alaska Television Network, President 1991 to 1995
- Alaska Rural Communications Service, President 1995 to Present

- Dillingham Volunteer Crash Rescue Squad 1978-1982
- Dillingham Volunteer Fire Department 1977-1982
- Alaska Army National Guard, Honorable Discharge 1989-1992

HONORS

- Department of the Army, The Army Achievement Medal

SKILLS

- Commercial Pilot's License
- Former Togiak Herring Spotter
- Former Nushagak Bay Salmon Spotter
- Former Factory Engineer on F/V Excellence, a 362 ft. Factory Trawler in Bering Sea.
- Former Bristol Bay Commercial Drift Fishing Partner for 15 years

REFERENCES

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March 25, 1998

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Sincerely,

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Teleconference Sites: Kenai (by invitation)

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Wednesday, April 2, 1997

Confirmation Hearing: Board of Fisheries Teleconferenced

appointees for review:
Larry Engel - Palmer
Robert E. Dersham - Anchor Point

NEXT MEETING

Friday, April 4:

HB 25 - Fish and Game: Licenses & Residency

* Bills previously scheduled

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Dear Mr. President,

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Robert E. Dersham - Anchor Point

Respectfully,

Senator Halford, Chairman

Senator Lemman

Senator Taylor

Senator Green

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Senator Torgerson

Senator Lincoln

Robert E. (Ed) Dersham - Resume

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Objective

To be considered for an appointment to the Alaska State Board of Fisheries

I am applying to be considered for appointment to the Alaska State Board of Fisheries. I do this with full knowledge of the magnitude of the commitment, and weight of the responsibility involved in service on the board. I have lived in Alaska for 20 years and been actively involved in fisheries issues for over 10 years. In every issue I've become involved with I've worked to gather as much knowledge as possible about the issue. I have then worked to support solutions that were fair to all user groups while keeping the biological health of the resource as the top priority.

My business and my life are closely tied to the saltwater charter fishing industry. I am committed to helping find workable resolutions to allocation issues using the best available biological information and input from all user groups.

If chosen, I would serve to the best of my ability. My primary goal would be to help achieve the fairest possible allocation decisions based on a thorough working knowledge of the issues to come before the board.

Highlights of Qualifications

- Member of the Anchor River Steelhead Task Force, 1990
- President of the South Peninsula Sportsman's Association 1990-1993
- Member of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council Halibut Charter working group 1993-1994
- President of the Anchor Point Charter Association 1993-1997
- On the board of directors of the Alaska Sport Fishing Industry Association 1994-1997

Professional Experience

Dersham's Outlook Lodge, Anchor Point, AK 1985-Present
Owner and senior fishing guide for salmon and halibut

Along with my wife Karan, own and operate a complete package fishing lodge on Cook Inlet.

Achievements

- Built a successful business from the ground up that currently has 58% repeat customer and word of mouth referral clientele
- Established as a top guide for salmon and halibut on the east side of Cook Inlet and earned the respect of the other guides in the area

Peninsula Communications, Inc. Homer, AK 1988-1992
Broadcaster

Wrote and broadcast a daily sport fishing report including tips, antidotes, and essays on the philosophical aspect of fishing. These reports were carried on three radio stations servicing the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island

U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 1971-1985
Special Agent- Drug Enforcement Administration *Retired*

Worked as a criminal investigator for the Drug Enforcement Administration. Supervised the development of cases against individuals who had violated federal narcotics laws. Worked undercover extensively. Testified extensively in both federal and state court. Conducted liaison with State and federal officers through task force operations in California and Alaska.

Achievements

- Received a superior performance award for undercover work done against heroin traffickers in the southern California and Baja Mexico areas.

Weyerhaeuser Corporation, Cottage Grove, OR 1968-1971
Laborer

Worked as a laborer in every facet of wood products operation.

Education & Licenses

Bachelors of Business Administration - University of Oregon, 1970
Operator of uninspected passenger vessel license- U.S. Coast Guard, 1989-present

Personal History

Born: April 20, 1948 - Eugene OR
Wife: Karan Dersham
Sons: David (30), Bert (23)

Other Organizations and Clubs

- Member - Board of Directors, Kenai Peninsula Chapter Crime stoppers Int.
- Member - Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council
- Member - The Alaskans Club
- Member - The National Federation of Independent Business
- Member - The National Rifle Association

References

- Kevin DeLaney, Director Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Sport fish Division
- Nick Dudiak, Area Fisheries Biologist, Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- Bob Ward, Homer Charter Association, Homer, AK



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April 2, 1997

The Honorable Mike Miller
President of the Senate
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Dear Mr. President,

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Resources Committee reviewed the following with regard to confirmation of the Governor's appointment:

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Respectfully,

Senator Halford, Chairman

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Resume

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- EDUCATION:** Graduated Highschool 1956; Served U.S. Navy, July 1956 - Sept. 1959, Honorable Discharge; Graduated University of Washington, March 1964, B.S. in Fisheries
- WORK HISTORY:** Seasonal technician and biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 1960 - June, 1964.
- Full-time biologist with Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1964 to August 31, 1992.
- REFERENCES:** R. Russell Redick, former ADF&G supervisor, Anchorage; Telephone: (907) 522-2506
- Kevin Delaney, supervisor, currently with ADF&G, Anchorage; Telephone: (907) 344-0541
- Jack Willis, President, Trout Unlimited, Wasilla; Telephone: (907) 746-1666
- Phil Cutler, President, Alaska Sport Fishing Association, Anchorage; Telephone: (907) 243-4667