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Committee Report

Date: April 25, 2001

The Honorable Brian Porter
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Speaker Porter:

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Dr. John White of Bethel
Appointed: 02/09/1995 Reappointed: 03/21/1998
Reappointed: 03/30/2001 Term Expires: 06/30/2004

Beverly Masek
Rep. Masek, Co-chair

Rep. Scalzi, Co-chair

Hugh Fate
Rep. Fate, Vice Chair

Rep. Stevens

Rep. Green

Mary Kapsner
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OBJECTIVE

Continue to serve on the 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.

- 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.

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EXPERIENCE

CHOGGIUNG LIMITED

Land Manager
April 15, 1997 to present

- Maintain land records.
- Manage over one half million acres of corporate land.
- Manage land programs i.e. 14(c), lease, land use permit, subdivision, rock quarry and gravel.
- Provide and /or 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.

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES
Board Member
June 15, 1998 to present

- One of Seven Alaska Board of Fisheries Board Members.
- Appointed by the Governor of the State of Alaska.
- Confirmed by the State of Alaska House and Senate.
- Attended all Board of Fisheries Meetings from June 15,1998 to Present
- Review and Vote on proposals for changes in Statewide Fishery regulations.
- Regulations include finfish, groundfish, shellfish, sharks, seasons and bag limits.
- Member of Board subcommittee to North Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

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 Contact.
- 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

• Alaska State Board of Fisheries, Board Member	1998 to present
• Nushagak Advisory Council Member	1997 to 1998
• Choggiung Limited, Board of Directors	1981- 1991
• Choggiung Limited, Board of Directors	1996-1997
• 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 1998
• Dillingham City Planning Commission Member	1998
• 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

HARVEY SAMUELSEN, VILLAGE ELDER
P.O. BOX 18
DILLINGHAM, ALASKA 99576 PHONE: (907) 842-5625

FRED TORRISI, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE
P.O. BOX 210
DILLINGHAM, ALASKA 99576 PHONE: (907) 842-2050

JUDI NELSON
P.O. BOX 36
DILLINGHAM, ALASKA 99576 PHONE: (907) 842-5350

RESUME

DR. JOHN R. WHITE

P.O. Box 190
Bethel, AK 99559

Phone (907) 543-3778 (work)
Phone (907) 543-2926 (home)
Fax (907)543-5441

Present Employment:

Commercial Salmon Fisherman
Kuskokwim Area
1974-present

Owner, Bering Sea Dental Center
P.O. Box 190
Bethel, Ak 99559

Experience for position:

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

Past Board Member and President: Salmon Research Foundation

Past Chair and Vice-Chair: Alaska Board of Fish

Past 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

Advisor, U.S. Section of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission

Subject: Dr White
Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2001 10:31:32 -0800
From: jean seaton <jsseaton@ptialaska.net>
To: <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>

Good Morning:

I am writing to oppose the confirmation of Dr. White to the Fish Board. It is time that we have a real fisherman on the board, which we haven't had in 7 years of Governor Knowles' appointments. We need better geographic representation and new blood. Dr. White does not meet these needs.

Thanks for your attention

Sincerely

Scott Seaton
Box 111
Talkeetna, AK 99676

Subject: Commercial Fisherman need to be represented on the Board of Fish
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2001 22:00:15 -0700 (PDT)
From: dan jory <danjory@yahoo.com>
To: Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us

To Whom it may concern : The Govoner has not appointed any commercial fisherman to the board of fish in the past seven years . We need to be represented on the Board of Fish . I feel in recent years we have lost much ground as fisherman in this State . and if we do not get a fair representation at the Board .it will mean the death knell of Alaskas' number 2 industry. Please help Dan Jory (danjory@yahoo.com) Cordova

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Subject: Dr. John White confirmation
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2001 17:51:46 -0800
From: "vadams" <vadams@gci.net>
To: <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Rep. Chenault,

My name is Virginia Adams. I am a lifelong commercial fisherman and have fished with my husband in Kodiak for 22 years. I am a Board member of United Fisherman of Alaska, co-chair of United Salmon Association and past President of the Northwest Setnetters Association. I have been involved in fisheries politics and management decisions for many years. I give you this background simply to let you know that I have had years of dealings with the Alaska Board of Fisheries and will continue to in the future.

I strongly oppose the confirmation of Dr. White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. It is long over due that the Governor appoint an individual that has commercial fisheries experience. It is my strong belief that the BoF is out of balance with it's geographical represenation as well. UFA has brought this to the Governor's attention for the past 7 years and still we are faced as professional fishermen with inadequate representation on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Please weigh heavily the requests of the people whom are managed by the BoF and reject Dr. White for a third term on the Board.

Sincerely,
Virginia C. Adams

Subject: **Board of Fisheries Confirmations**
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2001 15:11:53 -0800
From: "H. Daniel Hull" <dnhull@alaska.net>
To: Gary Stevens <Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>,
Mary Kapsner <Representative_Mary_Kapsner@legis.state.ak.us>,
Beth Kerttula <Representative_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us>,
Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>,
Beverly Masek <Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us>,
Hugh Fate <Representative_Hugh_Fate@legis.state.ak.us>,
Mike Chenault <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>,
Joe Green <Representative_Joe_Green@legis.state.ak.us>,
Lesil McGuire <Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us>

House Resources Committee:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the reappointment of Dr. John White to the Board of Fisheries. It has been seven years since the Governor has appointed a commercial fishermen to the Board of Fisheries. It is time for a change in the make-up and geographical balance of the Board of Fisheries so that the broader interests of Alaska are better served.

I reside in Anchorage, and own and operate a 37' salmon gillnet and halibut longline vessel out of Cordova, where I have been fishing since 1986.

Dan Hull
19300 Villages Scenic Pkwy
Anchorage, AK 99516

Subject: Re: Dr White reappointment
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2001 14:39:54 -0700
From: "Joe Childers" <jcjr3@uswest.net>
To: <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>

I am writing to ask that you please not endorse Dr. John White for reappointment to the Board of Fish. The entire commercial fishing industry in the Gulf of Alaska faces very real peril right now from Stellar sea lion situation/Endangered Species Act. The Board of Fish desperately needs an appointee with extensive Gulf of Alaska commercial groundfish and finfish experience. Dr. White most assuredly does not have this sort of background, experience, or knowledge.

Thank you,
Joe Childers
Director Western Gulf of Alaska Fishermen Association
(907) 235-2606
PO Box 2339
Homer, Ak. 99603

Subject: BOF
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2001 13:26:55 -0800
From: "R.I. Eliason jr." <salmo@ptialaska.net>
To: <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.stat[illegible]k.us>

"I oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to the Board of Fish".

Richard I. Eliason jr. salmo@ptialaska.net
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"Gillnetting in Southeast Alaska" web page
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Subject: **Opposition to nominate Dr. White**
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2001 09:44:39 -0800
From: Rich & Sonja Corazza <cor@xyz.net>
To: Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Hugh_Fate@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Joe_Green@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Mary_Kapsner@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us

To Whom It May Concern,

I, my wife Sonja, my daughter Megan, and my son Rick oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to the Board of Fisheries. We are a commercial fishing family operating 2 seine vessels in Prince William Sound. There is a serious imbalance in the make-up of the BOF. There is a need for commercial fishing experience on the board. There is also a lack of geographical balance. Thank you for considering our thoughts.

Sincerely,
Rich Corazza Sonja Corazza Megan Corazza Rick Corazza
Box 1320
Homer, Alaska 99603
907-235-6671

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From: Rich & Sonja Corazza <cor@xyz.net>
To: Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Hugh_Fate@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Joe_Green@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Mary_Kapsner@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us

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Homer, Alaska 99603
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Subject: "I oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to the BOF."
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2001 08:09:49 -0800
From: Klondys & Saraphine Bailey <klondys@gci.net>
To: Beverly Masek <Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us>,
Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>,
Hugh Fate <"Representative Hugh Fate"@legis.state.ak.us>,
Mike Chenault <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>,
Joe Green <Representative_Joe_Green@legis.state.ak.us>,
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Gary Stevens <Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>,
Mary Kapsner <Representative_Mary_Kapsner@legis.state.ak.us>,
Beth Kertula <Representative_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us>

"I oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to the BOF."

Dr. John White does not need to be appointed to a third term on the Board of Fish! He is entrenched in his own ideas and does not listen to

public testimony when making decisions. Dr. White has gotten progressively worse over the years on his poor treatment of the public when they testify.

Regards, Klondys M & Barbara S Bailey

Subject: Board of Fish members!
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2001 09:03:56 -0800
From: "E.Babich" <caviar@alaska.net>
Organization: NORTHERN KETA CAVIAR
To: "Kathy Hansen" <seafa@gci.net>

Dear Representative!

We oppose Legislative Confirmation of Dr. John White to Board of Fisheries (for the third time).
We need some fresh air.
There is a serious imbalance in the board of fish make up.
It is important to have people with commercial fishing experience on the board.

Thank you and best regards,
Elisabeth Babich

Günter Math
Fishing Vessel "Keta"

Stefan Fritz
Fishing Vessel "Hansa"

Jan Bjolstad
Fishing Vessel "Bountiful"

Leon Woodrow
Fishing Vessel "Big Deal"

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Subject: BOF Nomination Confirmation Hearing
Date: Sat, 21 Apr 2001 08:32:40 -0700 (PDT)
From: Buck Meloy <fish@nas.com>
To: Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Rep. Chenault:

The fishing industry is worth $1,000,000,000 to the state each year. It is a mostly self-sustaining industry that supports large numbers of Alaskans, more than any other industry. Its vitality depends on good decisions by its regulators and managers, including the Board of Fish, and by the Legislature.

Through his votes, Dr. John White has demonstrated that he does not support this industry.

All Board of Fish members, no matter what specific interests they represent, must be capable of balanced actions that are not destructive to the state's biggest employer -- commercial fishing.

I urge you to deny Dr. White's reconfirmation.

Buck Meloy, voter
Cordova

Subject: **Board of Fish members!**
Date: Fri, 20 Apr 2001 17:25:48 -0800
From: "E.Babich" <caviar@alaska.net>
Organization: NORTHERN KETA CAVIAR
To: "Representative_Beverly_Masek" <Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us>

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Thank you and best regards,
Elisabeth Babich

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Subject: Board of Fish Reappointments
Date: Fri, 20 Apr 2001 09:46:19 -0500
From: "Jim Kass" <jim.kass@acsalaska.net>
To: "Mike Chenault" <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Ken Lancaster" <Representative_Ken_Lancaster@legis.state.ak.us>,
"John Torgerson" <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Jerry Ward" <Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Drew Scalzi" <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Sirs,

If you have been aware of the Fisheries in the State of Alaska since the Knowles Administration took over, Please DO NOT accept the reappointment of John White or Russell Nelson back on this Board.

White is a Dentist that claims to be a drift fisherman on the Kuskokwim River. Since his involvement in that fishery from the early 80's and his involvement in BOF management, this fishery has collapsed. I would challenge Mr. White to produce a tax return where his livelihood was depended upon any fishery.

White was also at the helm of the BOF as the Upper Cook Inlet Salmon fishery was restricted (see Soldotna BOF meeting, if you can find any documentation?) to such an extent that it is now questionable if this fishery can survive or even if it is economically viable. Ward Cove and Icecycle Seafood have decided it is not and many of the existing processors are in Bankrupt status or failing.....all under the leadership of these guys.

Nelson is an accountant for a BB Native corp., that is focusing on Tourism and Lodge operations...He also is the prime mover in getting spotter pilot operations eliminated in Cook Inlet, but claims proudly he was a spotter pilot in the Bay??..go figure?

The current board bows to Gov. Knowles slightest suggestion...Look at the permanent restriction imposed (Lost another full opener in regulation) on Upper CI commercial fisherman for Silvers two years ago at the Gov's request, then last year, the largest return of Silver on record (The Gov. must be a psychic).

These guys are the problem, under their watch just a few examples:

1. Collapse of the Yukon fishery
2. Collapse of Kuskokwim fishery
3. Destruction of the Upper Cook Inlet Fishery, implementation of policies in conflict with sound Biological practices (escapement)
4. Destruction of Area M fishery (@ the Gov's suggestion)
5. PWS was spared the fate of UCI (@ the Gov's suggestion)...for now!

Where is Tony's "Diversity mantra".....THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN ON THE BOF.

Jim Kass
Kenai

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Kenneth L Heaps
1803 Central Ave

Fairbanks, AK 99709 NON Constituent

Telephone: 456-7870

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I support Mr. Nelson and Dr. White to stay on the Board of Fish for another term. I believe that balance is a necessity to the sport fishing industry.

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Roy M Smith
PO Box 20481

Juneau, AK 99802
Email: smithfam@ptialaska.net

Telephone: 586-1889

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

Please oppose confirmation of Dr. White to B.O. F. on grounds that Governor Knowles hasn't appointed any commercial fishermen in seven years to B.O.F. What's wrong with commercial fishermen playing a major role in the decisions that affect their business? I perceive a serious imbalance and it's just not right. Thanks!

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Norman E. Larsen
PO Box 52

Sand Point, AK 99661 NON Constituent

Telephone: -

Registered Voter: U

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

We are greatly opposed to 3rd term appointment of Dr. John White to the Board of Fisheries due to serious inbalance on the BOF, results in jeopardy and detriment to communities throughout Alaska.

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POM ·r Representative Chenault

H

From: Norman Hughes
Maccully Hatchery
PO Box 1136
Haines, AK 99827

NON Constituent

Telephone: -

Registered Voter: U

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

No third term . Need blue water fisherman (commercial).

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Richard H Bishop
1555 Gus'S Grind

Fairbanks, AK 99709 NON Constituent

Telephone: 455-6151

Registered Voter: Y

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I support confirmation of Dr. White and Mr. Nelson. They have done a good job representing their constituents and conserving fish resources.

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr Mark D Vinsel
8750 N Douglas Hwy

Juneau, AK 99801 NON Constituent

Telephone: 282-0

Registered Voter: Y

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose Dr. White's confirmation. I don't think it makes sense to continue having a dentist serve on the Fisheries Board. The seat vacated should go to someone in fisheries. Art Nelson would be a good choice.

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Wayne A Davenport
PO Box 1200

Wrangell, AK 99929 NON Constituent

Telephone: -

Registered Voter: U

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I feel it is not proper to re-appoint John White to the Board of Fisheries. He has been there two terms and it would be fair to have someone with commercia' fishing affiliation and from Southeast Alaska if possible.

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Ms. Megan M Corazza
PO Box 1320

Homer, AK 99603 NON Constituent Registered Voter: U
Email: cor@xyz.net

Telephone: 235-6671

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose reappointment of Dr. White to Board of Fish. There is a serious imbalance in make-up of Board of Fish. There is a need for commercial fishing experience on the Board, also a lack of georgraphical balance. Time for a change. Do not want third term.

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POM for Representative Chenault

From: Mr. Richard A Corazza
PO Box 1320

Homer, AK 99603
Email: cor@xyz.net

Telephone: 235-6671

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose reappointment of Dr. White to Board of Fish. There is a serious imbalance in make-up of Board of Fish. There is a need for commercial fishing experience on the Board, also a lack of georgraphical balance. Time for a change. Do not want third term.

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mrs. Sonja M Corazza
PO Box 1320

Homer, AK 99603
Email: cor@xyz.net

Telephone: 235-6671

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose reappointment of Dr. White to Board of Fish. There is a serious imbalance in make-up of Board of Fish. There is a need for commercial fishing experience on the Board, also a lack of georgraphical balance. Time for a change. Do not want third term.

Entered in HOM on 4/23/01 POMID: 1555

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Message 11 out of 27.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Rick S Corazza
PO Box 1320

Homer, AK 99603 NON Constituent Registered Voter: U
Email: cor@xyz.net

Telephone: 235-6671

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose reappointment of Dr. White to Board of Fish. There is a serious imbalance in make-up of Board of Fish. There is a need for commercial fishing experience on the Board, also a lack of georgraphical balance. Time for a change. Do not want third term.

Entered in HOM on 4/23/01 POMID: 1556 Distribution: 17

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. David N Whitmore
PO Box 2481

Homer, AK 99603

Telephone: 235-7670

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose the nomination of John White to the Board of Fish. Please nominate a commercial fisherman.

Entered in HOM on 4/23/01 POMID: 1557

Distribution: 17

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Message 13 out of 27.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Ms. Tamara L Shrader
PO Box 2601

Homer, AK 99603
Email: skua@ptialaska.net

Telephone: 235-7670

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

As a commercial fisherman I cannot support the nomination of John White to the Board of Fish. We need representation by a commercial fisherman, as soon as possible.

Entered in HOM on 4/23/01 POMID: 1558

Distribution: 60

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Ms. Linda E Behnken
403 Lincoln St., Ste. 237

Sitka, AK 99835 NON Constituent Registered Voter: U
Email: alfafish@ptialaska.net

Telephone: 747-3400

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

The ALFA believes the composition on the Board of Fish needs to be broadened in order to represent the geographic diversity of Alaska's fishing industry. ALFA recommends that a "blue water" commercial fisherman be appointed to the Board of Fish instead of Mr. White. This off-shore expertise is badly needed to inform Board of Fish decisions.

Entered in SIT on 4/23/01 POMID: 1559 Distribution: 16

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. John D McCombs
PO Box 87

Ninilchik, AK 99639 NON Constituent

Telephone: 567-3334

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

In Oct. 2000, at the Board of Fisheries meetings in Anchorage the failure of ten systems in western Alaska was announced. In the previous 6 years, the Board of Fisheries took up out of cycle areas many times, wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars. John White was chairman. Do not reconfirm his reappointment to the Board of Fisheries.

Entered in SOL on 4/23/01 POMID: 1561 Distribution: 15

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Stephen Vanek JR
PO Box 103

Ninilchik, AK 99639 NON Constituent

Telephone: 567-3470

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose Dr. White's confirmation. There is no compelling reason to give him a third term on the Board of Fisheries. He is not indispensable. In fact, he has cost the state and individuals many dollars by taking Cook Inlet out of cycle. Remember the pink wastage!

Entered in SOL on 4/23/01 POMID: 1567 Distribution: 15

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Ms. Georgia B Johnson
PO Box 3458

Soldotna, AK 99669 Constituent Registered Voter: V
Email: bjohnson@customcpu.com

Telephone: 283-0950

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I support the need for blue water commercial fishing experience on the Board of Fisheries. I oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to a third term for this reason. No commercial fishing representative has been appointed in the past seven years.

Entered in SOL on 4/23/01 POMID: 1577 Distribution: 15

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Donald B Johnson
PO Box 3458

Soldotna, AK 99669 Constituent

Telephone: -

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I support the need for commercial fishing experience on the Board of Fisheries. I oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to a third term for this reason. No commercial fishing representative has been appointed in the past seven years.

Entered in SOL on 4/23/01 POMID: 1579 Distribution: 15

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Leo S Brown
35717 Park Rd

Homer, AK 99603
Email: browburk@xyz.net

Telephone: 235-2631

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

Please oppose John White for confirmation to Alaska Board of Fisheries. Commercial fishermen in Alaska desperately need a change of direction on the Board. Mr. White has already served six years. The Gulf of Alaska industry is without representation on the Board of Fish. We need change.

Entered in HOM on 4/20/01 POMID: 1435 Distribution: 21

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr Kenneth E Roemhildt
PO Box 741

Cordova, AK 99574
Email: Ken@nppcdv.com

Telephone: -

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: Y

Subject: FISH & GAME (BOTH)
Message:

Do not confirm John White to the board of fisheries. The current board lacks geographic and user group balance. It is time for new energy and new vision. A third term for John White does not meet any of those needs.

Entered in COR on 4/20/01 POMID: 1443 Distribution: 60

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr John P Wiese
PO Box 1031

Cordova, AK 99574
Email: JohnPaul@ctcak.net

Telephone: -

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: V

Subject: FISH & GAME (BOTH)
Message:

I oppose Dr. White for another term on BOF. I would like to see a commercial fisherman appointed so that there might be a balance with some representation for commercial fishermen. It is not good to have the same people serving on boards year after year. We need new people serving.

Entered in COR on 4/20/01 POMID: 1448

Distribution: 18

Message 6 out of 58.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Ms. Louis P Pogany
PO Box 770323

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent Registered Voter: V
Email: osbrey@alaska.net

Telephone: 696-2390

Subject: FISH & GAME (GAME)
Message:

I strongly oppose the Governor's appointments to the board of game; when the come before a joint session please vote no on each one. Thank you.

Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1461 Distribution: 60

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Message 11 out of 32.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Gary C Pogany
PO Box 770323

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent

Telephone: 696-2390

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (GAME)
Message:

I strong oppose the Governor's Game Board appointees. Please vote no on each one.

Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1464 Distribution: 60

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Message 14 out of 32.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Kenneth D Kastner
PO Box 770082

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent

Telephone: 722-9301

Registered Voter: V

Email: akguide@gci.net

Subject: FISH & GAME (GAME)
Message:

I oppose the appointments to the board of fish and game.

Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1476 Distribution: 60

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Message 17 out of 32.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Steve P C Pogany
PO Box 672362

Chugiak, AK 99567 NON Constituent

Telephone: 688-1511

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (GAME)
Message:

I strongly oppose the Governor's appointments to the board of game; when the come before a joint session please vote no on each one. Thank you.

Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1477 Distribution: 60

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Patrick P Wright
PO Box 90386

Anchorage, AK 99509

Telephone: 279-1340

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

The Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee in the March 27, 2001meeting voted on recommendations for legislative confirmation of appointments to the Boards of Fisheries & Game. For the Board of Fisheries: approved Russell Nelson 11-0-0; approved John White 6-5-0. For Board of Game; opposed Chip Dinnerlein 0-9-2; opposed Ben Grussendorf 0-11-0; approved Julie Maier 7-3-1.

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mrs. Dea L Duffus
20441 Ptarmigan Blvd

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent Registered Voter: V
Email: kndeng@alaska.net

Telephone: 696-6111

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose legislative confirmation of Dr. John White to BOF. There is not one true blue water commercial fisherman on the BOF. Alaska needs a fair and diverse representation of BOF members, a 3rd term for Dr. White will not accomplish what's best for Alaska. Support a one billion dollar fishing industry.

Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1508 Distribution: 20

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Kenneth M Duffus
20441 Ptarmigan Blvd

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent

Telephone: 696-6111

Registered Voter: V

Email: kndeng@alaska.net

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

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Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1509 Distribution: 20

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Brent M Western
813 W 80th Ave

Anchorage, AK 99518 NON Constituent

Telephone: 344-2710

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

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April 20, 2001

We oppose 3rd term reappointment of Dr. John White to the BOF.

A commercial fisher hasn't been appointed in 7 years.

I have fished here for 35 years, my Father over 50, my 3 sons since young boys.

This imbalance is jeopardizing our livelihood.

Robert Porter
Robert W Porter
Jennifer Porter
Jennifer J Porter
P.O. Box 7081
Nikiski, AK 99635
(907)283-1098

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Patrick P Wright
PO Box 90386

Anchorage, AK 99509 NON Constituent

Telephone: 279-1340

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

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Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1498 Distribution: 60

POM for Representative Chenault

From: Ms. Johanna M Gabrys
3600 Sharon Gagnon Ln #C296

Anchorage, AK 99508 . NON Constituent

Telephone: 751-5791

Registered Voter: U

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose confirmation of Dr. White for a third term on the Board of Fish.

Entered in ANC on 4/19/01 PCMID: 1389

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POM for Representative Chenault

From: Mr. Michael V Frost
10321 Chain Of Rock St

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent

Telephone: -

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose confirmation of Dr. John W. White for a 3rd term on the BOF. Time for a change.

Entered in ANC on 4/19/01 POMID: 1390

Distribution: 19

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Rion T Vanek
PO Box 251

Ninilchik, AK 99639 NON Constituent

Telephone: 567-7394

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I am opposed to the confirmation of Dr. John White to the Board of Fisheries. There hasn't been a commercial fisherman appointed to the BOF in seven years. During Dr. White's tenure, I've seen our fishery reduced to nearly nothing. We need board members who will promote and not destroy our fisheries.

Entered in SOL on 4/19/01 POMID: 1417 Distrib tion: 19

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Message 11 out of 35.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Leo S Brown
35717 Park Rd

Homer, AK 99603
Email: browburk@xyz.net

Telephone: 235-2631

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: U

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

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Entered in HOM on 4/20/01 POMID: 1435 Distribution: 21

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr Kenneth E Roemhildt
PO Box 741

Cordova, AK 99574 NON Constituent

Telephone: -

Registered Voter: Y

Email: Ken@nppcdv.com

Subject: FISH & GAME (BOTH)
Message:

Do not confirm John White to the board of fisheries. The current board lacks geographic and user group balance. It is time for new energy and new vision. A third term for John White does not meet any of those needs.

Entered in COR on 4/20/01 POMID: 1443 Distribution: 60

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr John P Wiese
PO Box 1031

Cordova, AK 99574 NON Constituent

Telephone: -

Registered Voter: V

Email: JohnPaul@ctcak.net

Subject: FISH & GAME (BOTH)
Message:

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Message 23 out of 35.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Ms. Louise P Pogany
PO Box 770323

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent

Telephone: 696-2390

Registered Voter: V

Email: osbrey@alaska.net

Subject: FISH & GAME (GAME)
Message:

I strongly oppose the Governor's appointments to the board of game; when the come before a joint session please vote no on each one. Thank you.

Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1461 Distribution: 60

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Message 26 out of 35.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Kenneth D Kastner
PO Box 770082

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent

Telephone: 722-9301

Registered Voter: V

Email: akguide@gci.net

Subject: FISH & GAME (GAME)
Message:

I oppose the appointments to the board of fish and game.

Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1476 Distribution: 60

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Steve P C Pogany
PO Box 672362

Cnugiak, AK 99567

Telephone: 688-1511

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (GAME)
Message:

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Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1477

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mrs. Dea L Duffus
20441 Ptarmigan Blvd

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent

Telephone: 696-5111

Registered Voter: V

Email: kndeng@alaska.net

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose legislative confirmation of Dr. John White to BOF. There is not one true blue water commercial fisherman on the BOF. Alaska needs a fair and diverse representation of BOF members, a 3rd term for Dr. White will not accomplish what's best for Alaska. Support a one billion dollar fishing industry.

Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1508 Distribution: 20

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Kenneth M Duffus
20441 Ptarmigan Blvd

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent Registered Voter: V
Email: kndeng@alaska.net

Telephone: 696-6111

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

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Message 34 out of 35.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Brent M Western
813 W 80th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99518
Telephone: 344-2710
NON Constituent
Registered Voter: V
Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose legislative confirmation of Dr. John White to BOF. There is not one true blue water commercial fisherman on the BOF. Alaska needs a fair and diverse representation of BOF members, a 3rd term for Dr. White will not accomplish what's best for Alaska. Support a one billion dollar fishing industry.

Entered in ANC on 4/20/01 POMID: 1510 Distribution: 20

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Alan C Rule
PO Box 1851

Cordova, AK 99574 NON Constituent

Telephone: 424-5620

Registered Voter: Y

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose Dr. White's appointment to Board of Fisheries. Would like to see someone with commercial fish experience on the board.

Entered in JNU on 4/18/01 POMID: 1311 Distribution: 16

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POM for Representative Chenault

From: Ms. Carolyn L Null
9030 Elim St

Anchorage, AK 99507 NON Constituent

Telephone: 344-6587

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to the Board of Fish.

Entered in ANC on 4/18/01 POMID: 1313 Distribution: 19

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Message 6 out of 11.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Noel A Johnson
1705 Sawmill Creek Rd
Sitka, AK 99835
Telephone: 797-5078
NON Constituent
Registered Voter: V
Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to the Board of Fish. It's time the governor nominated a commercial fisherman to the Board and restore the geographic balance as well.

Entered in SIT on 4/18/01 POMID: 1314 Distribution: 19

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Daniel P Bilderback
4623 Campus Cir

Anchorage, AK 99507 NON Constituent Registered Voter: V
Email: sage@gci.net

Telephone: 562-8428

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I am deeply disturbed that the board of fish is so dominated by sport fishery interest. Please let there be some semblance of balance. I would like to see a full time commercial fisherman or woman on the board. Please oppose Dr. John White's third term as a board member.

Entered in ANC on 4/18/01 POMID: 1316 Distribution: 21

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Bruce J Gabrys
10229 Baffin

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent Registered Voter: V
Email: gabrys@alaska.net

Telephone: -

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose confirmation of Dr. White for a third term on the board of fisheries. He is entrenched in his opinion and does not consider public testimony when making decisions.

Entered in ANC on 4/18/01 POMID: 1319 Distribution: 20

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Chris A Garcia
PO Box 203

Kenai, AK 99611 Constituent

Telephone: 283-7731

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

Please do not confirm Dr. John White to the Board of Fisheries. We need to balance this Board and it is time for a change in direction. We need fresh input on the Board.

Entered in SOL on 4/18/01 POMID: 1323 Distribution: 60

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Message 11 out of 11.

POM for Representative Chenault

From: Mr. Frank D Newton
260 Juliussen St

Kenai, AK 99611 Constituent

Telephone: 283-3623

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

Please oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to the Board of Fisheries. His third appointment monopolizes the Board. We need blue water commercial fishing experience on the Board of Fisheries.

Entered in SOL on 4/17/01 POMID: 1272 Distribution: 20

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Victor G Tyler
PO Box 109

Kenai, AK 99611 Constituent

Telephone: 283-7601

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I oppose the confirmation of Dr. John White to the Board of Fisheries. There has not been a commercial fisherman appointed for the last 7 years resulting in a serious imbalance on the board. There is a need for blue water commercial fishing experience to balance the board.

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mrs. Corinne Heidemann
PO Box 770061
Eagle River, AK 99577
Telephone: 694-4497
NON Constituent
Registered Voter: V
Email: fvwitsend@gci.net

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

We do not want to bash Dr. White and create a negative campaign. We have not have a commercial fisherman on the Board in 7 years and we need to be represented.

Entered in ANC on 4/17/01 POMID: 1293 Distribution: 60

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Message 19 out of 27.

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr. Emmet F Heidemann
PO Box 770061

Eagle River, AK 99577 NON Constituent Registered Voter: V
Email: fvwitsend@gci.net

Telephone: 694-4497

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

Opposed based on lack of geographical balance on the Board of Fish. Time for change in Board make up. Don't want 3rd term, the need for blue water commercial fishing experience on the Board.

Entered in ANC on 4/17/01 POMID: 1294 Distribution: 60

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr Robert J Kopchak
PO Box 1126

Cordova, AK 99574 NON Constituent

Telephone: 424-7178

Registered Voter: U

Email: kopchak@eagle.ptialaska.net

Subject: FISH & GAME (BOTH)
Message:

Please reject the re-appointment of Dr. White to the BOF. Although his service has been selfless three terms on the board is excessive. The governor has allowed the BOF to become unbalanced in it's representation . Please support the appointment of a blue water commercial fisherman to provide balance to the Board.

Entered in COR on 4/17/01 POMID: 1295 Distribution: 19

POM for Representative Chenault

From: Mr. William F Null
9030 Elim St

Anchorage, AK 99507 NON Constituent

Telephone: 344-6587

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose the reappointment of Dr. White to the BOF.

Entered in ANC on 4/17/01 POMID: 1298

Distribution: 19

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Mr Rocky C Littleton
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Petersburg, AK 99833 NON Constituent

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Registered Voter: U

Email: plittle@alaska.net

Subject: FISH & GAME (BOTH)
Message:

Isn't it time commercial fishermen had fair representation on the board of fish and game?

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POM for Representative Chenault

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From: Mrs. Janice L Henderson
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Anchorage, AK 99502 NON Constituent

Telephone: 248-7534

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose John White's nomination to the BOF. There is a serious lack of geographical and experiential balance on the BOF. It 's time for change in board make-up. I oppose 3rd terms for board members. This imbalance puts the commercial fish industry and the communities within Alaska in economic jeopardy.

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POM for Representative Chenault

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Telephone: 345-9680

NON Constituent

Registered Voter: V

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose Dr. John White. Three terms is too long, we need fresh ideas. We also need better balance on the fish board.

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POM for Representative Chenault

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From: Mrs. Heather L Lockwood
PO Box 110974

Anchorage, AK 99511 NON Constituent

Telephone: -

Registered Voter: U

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

I oppose Dr. John White for the Alaska Fish Board. I feel that there is a need to commercial fish experience on the fish board. Three terms is too long to serve as well.

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POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Ms. Marilyn K Newton
260 Juliussen St

Kenai, AK 99611 Constituent

Telephone: 283-3623

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I am in opposition to the reappointment of Dr. White to the Board of Fisheries. This is his third appointment and I feel that there is a monopolization in the Board's makeup. We need more blue water commercial fish experience on the Board. This is not a personal issue against Dr. White. I feel that the change is needed for a more balanced approach.

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POM for Representative Chenault

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From: Mr. Richard J Person
Hc80 Box 7149

Chugiak, AK 99567 NON Constituent

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Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (FISH)
Message:

Please do not approve Dr. John White to sit on Board of Fish. He has had his chance and we need change, specifically commercial fish interest. Don't jeopardize industry with imbalanced board.

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POM for Representative Chenault

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From: Carl A Peterson
2403 Aurora Ct

Juneau, AK 99801 NON Constituent Registered Voter: Y
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Telephone: 790-2794

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I would like to oppose the nomination of Dr. John Wight to a third term on the Board of Fisheries. Gov. Knowles has not appointed a commercial fisherman to the Board of Fisheries for the last seven years. John Wight has served two terms and I would like to see a commercial fisherman nominated & approved to the Board of Fisheries.

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POM for Representative Chenault

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From: Ms. Lila M McEwen
PO Box 770713

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Telephone: 694-4080

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

Dear legislators, please do not confirm a vote for Chip Dennerlein and Julie Maier and Ben Grussendorf on the Board of Game. It was apparent at the Board meeting that Chip was not attentive to the public testimony. He answered his personal phone and appeared preoccupied typing into his computer and was late for every session.

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POM for Representative Chenault

STATE OF ALASKA

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TWENTY SECOND LEGISLATURE

From: Roberta J Shields
6525 Roosevelt Dr

Telephone: -

Ketchikan, AK 99901 NON Constituent Registered Voter: V

Email:

FIRST SESSION

Subject: FISH & GAME (BOTH)

Message:

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Representative
Michael Chenault

STATE CAPITOL
Room 432
Juneau, Alaska 99801

I am opposed to the appointment of Ben Grussendorf to the Board of Game. He's too much of an environmental extremist to make objective decisions on the Board.

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OPPOSE appt. of Ben Grussendorf

POM for Representative Chenault

H

From: Roberta J Shields
6525 Roosevelt Dr

Ketchikan, AK 99901 NON Constituent

Telephone: 225-6334

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (BOTH)
Message:

I would like to see the hearings regarding the confirmation of Ben Grussendorf to the Board of Game held soon. He should be removed before the board meets in March. Thank you.

Entered in KTN on 1/31/01 POMID:99072 Distribution: 60

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Message 6 out of 7.

POM for Representative Chenault

From: Earl C Mossburg
2720 2nd Ave

Ketchikan, AK 99901 NON Constituent

Telephone: 225-9330

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: FISH & GAME (BOTH)
Message:

I believe that Ben Grussendorf, Gov. Knowles' appointee should not be confirmed to the Alaska Game Board because of his anti-hunting beliefs. He also believes that there should not be any Elk where there are Sitka black tail deer.

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Support Whit

Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

Committee on Board of Fisheries Confirmation, dated April 23, 2001
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I would like to support the confirmations of Russell S. Nelson and Dr. John R. White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries Both have been influential in preserving Cook Inlet fisheries for both sport and commercial interests. I ask that the legislature strongly support reappointment of both these current board of fish members so that they can continue to constructively manage Cook Inlet fisheries. I am especially concerned with an equitable allocation of Cook Inlet: Salmon resources between sport and commercial user groups and hope future board of fish decisions reflect the need for this critical balance of Cook Inlet fishery resources.

Signed: Mark Glassmaker
Testifier

Kenai River Professional Guide Association
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Phone number

Alaska State Legislature

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BOARD OF FISH CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

I AM TESTIFING ON BEHALF OF DOL. JOHN WHITE AND MR. RUSSEL NELSON. PLEASE MOVE TO CONFIRM BOTH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. DR. WHITE HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER THE LAST FEW YEARS. HIS SUSTAINED FISHERIES WORK HAS BEEN GREAT AND WE NEED HIM ON THE BOARD TO SEE THIS WORK THROUGH. MR NELSON HAS ALSO BEEN AN ASSET TO THE B.O.F AND I FEEL HE SHOULD REMAIN ON THE BOARD

Signed: [signature]
Testifier

Representing (optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

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Committee on Board of Fisheries Confirmation, dated April 23, 2001
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Please confirm John White and Russel Nelson To new terms on AK Board of fisheries Both are attempting to Perserve fisheries for Both sport and commercial fishers. this Has never been successful in the History of Mankind. there are only 2 Native stocks (Primarily of fish Left in North America (cookinlet, Bristol Bay.) Give these two individuals a chance to save them from over harvest

Signed: Joseph J Hanes [signature]
Testifier

SOIF
Representing (optional)

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907-262-6388
Phone number

Subject: **John White Confirmation**
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2001 19:56:22
From: "Chuck McCallum" <chuckmccallum@hotmail.com>
To: Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us

Chignik Seiners Association strongly supports the appointment of John White to the Board of Fisheries John White understands the ongoing issues in the subsistence and commercial fisheries of the Chignik Management Area. His leadership in these areas is of critical importance to Chignik fishermen.

Chuck McCallum
Executive Director, CSA

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Support White

Subject: [Fwd: Board of Fish re-appointments]
Date: Tue, 24 Apr 2001 07:13:03 -0800
From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>
To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: Board of Fish re-appointments
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2001 15:39:28 -0800 (AKDT)
From: <a-ward@xyz.net>
To: Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us

The Homer Charter Association is a trade association of 75 member companies representing more than 100 charter boats operating from Homer, Alaska. Our membership is in full support of the reappointment of both Russell Nelson and Dr. John White to the Board of Fish. The experience of these two gentlemen are necessary to keep continuity in the decision making process and they have shown their consideration for all users in their deliberations and have acted fair in all matters. We support their reappointment for the next term. Thank You. Robert Ward - Secretary

Alaska State Legislature

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My name is Cindy Dzegeny I've been fishing in Alaska for 22 yrs, John White has been one of the best assets to the board in many years, and our fisheries in the state depend on it.

Signed: Cindy Dzegeny
Testifier

Representing (optional)

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Address

262-9439
Phone number

Alaska State Legislature

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Please know that Dr. White's work on the fishery board recognizes that parity between opposing fishing interests is important. He has worked to be fair in his positions.

Also, know that Dr. White understands about conservation and the importance of all user groups sharing in conservation burdens.

I support the confirmation of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Signed: Dennis H. Randa
Testifier

Dennis Randa
Representing (optional)

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oppose White

April 24, 2001

Representative Drew Scalzi, Co-Chair
Resources Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol MS: 3100
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Scalzi:

Members of the committee, my name is Paul A. Shadura II and I reside in Kenai Peninsula Borough. I have traveled 1,000 miles to testify today on the re-confirmation of Board of Fisheries member John White.

There are some key points that I believe you should consider:

1. How has the record of this board member proved to the committee that he has made fair and unbiased decisions that benefit all the users of the state?
    a) Section 6(e) of the Alaska Statehood act states... (The) policy-making officials should be selected for their ability and their dedicated interest in the resource, and no identification should be made between a policy-making official and any particular segment of the population; likewise, no official should be bound to represent the interests of a specific geographical region.
    b) In addition, an excerpt from the "Board of Fish review Committee" dated 2/23/88...In 1975 the Legislature enacted a new statute which split the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game, the members of which must be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature "without regard to political affiliation or geographical location" (ch. 206 SLA 1975). However, despite the explicit aforementioned statutory prohibitions, for more than a quarter century Alaska Governors, aided and abetted by the legislature, have appointed individuals to the Board because of their identification with special interests or geographic areas.
    c) Re-appointing board members for two or three terms does not adhere to any diversity of interests and in fact would solidify or ingrain the inherent bias or idealism of one member from one area and from only one perspective or resource user.
    d) If we are attempting to reduce the temptation of an administration or body from exerting political philosophies on board members that are not to be considered by political affiliations, then it would seem proper that "new blood" and "new ideas" would help to ensure that there would be less collusion and a stronger attempt for Board of Fish members to balance the decisions they promulgate.

2. Have decisions made by this board member resulted in sweeping losses to resource users?
    a. In the Kuskokwim River region, this area will now be closed for real conservation reasons. This is Mr. White's back yard yet in six years which included his time as chairman he could not craft a moderate solution and now his inability has severally impacted the economic viability for the fishing families of this region.
    b. In Cook Inlet in August2001, Mr. White failed to approve an emergency petition that resulted in a surplus stock of pink salmon in excess of 20 Million fish. Information from local ADF&G personnel gave the Board their best available information on the need for surplus fishery and assessments that the conservation species that the board had been concerned about were returning in record numbers (In the final analysis the best return to the Kenai River in 20 years.).
    c. Mr. White was instrumental on deterring the responsibilities of the decline of chum salmon away from his turf and placing the blame on a distant Area M. These sweeping changes to this area regulations will not, as board member Coffey alluded to in a recent legislative committee report, make the Kuskokwim whole again.
3. Does this board member listen to the concerns of others and does he have the necessary participation experience on affected fisheries?
    a. Board member White has stated publicly that he does not feel the public testimony is necessary (Fall workshop 1999).
    b. He voted against having a recorded copy of all committee meetings (Fall workshop 1999).
    c. He reserves his ex-parte communications with only selected members of the public and stakeholders. Many times I or others in the commercial fishing community have gone up to Mr. White and have been rudely cast off with no answers except a sarcastic remark.
    d. Mr. White is a dentist from Bethel, yet his recent press release states that he is a commercial fisherman. I believe that he has a freshwater longline permit that is not an open fishery and a limited fishery gillnet on the Kuskokwim. In contrast you may review someone like myself who is a third generation commercial fisherman in Cook Inlet, with family history that dates back over 100 years. I am an Alaska native descendent with Russian and English heritage because they were the first explorers in the State. I commercially fish salmon, herring, and halibut. My family has owned traps; we have been involved in processing, fish buying, and tendering. I have subsisted on salted salmon and sport fished in the Kenai River before it was fashionable. I am an active Board member of the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association for 20 years, board member to the CIRCAC and KRSMA boards. I have been involved with KPFA for 30 years, and am a UFA Board member. I live, eat, and breath fishing and I AM AN ALASKAN COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN!

Please do not reconfirm John White. He will not improve the fisheries. He will not use his intellect to bring the conflicts of individual users to a mutual agreement.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Shadura II

Paul A. Shadura II
Kenai

Melvin and Marilyn Larsen
PO Box 33
Sand Point, AK 99661

April 24, 2001

Drew Scalzi, Co- Chair
House Resources Committee

Mr. Scalzi,

We strongly oppose the reappointment of John White to the Board of Fish. Two terms are long enough for a board member to serve. We believe it is time for a change. There is a need for diversified commercial fishermen to be represented on the Board of Fish. Please do not support the reappointment of Dr. White.

Sincerely,

Melvin and Marilyn Larsen

OPPOSE White

Alaska State Legislature

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I strongly encourage your Committee to oppose the reappointment of Dr. White for the third term on the Board of Fish.

At the present time there is not one member of the B.O.F. that derives a significant portion of his income from Commercial fishing. The need for knowledge of ~~Commercial fishing~~ blue water commercial fishing experience is a necessary ingredient for making good decisions. The commercial fisherman in the State of Alaska is suffering for the lack of this representation.

Signed: DREW SPARLIN
Testifier

Self
Representing (optional)

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907.283.4095
Phone number

Alaska State Legislature

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4-23-01

Brent Johnson
20773 Clam Gulch AK 99568
907-262-4763

To the Alaska Legislature,
Dear Legislators,

I am opposed to the confirmation of John White to the Board of Fish. It is time for the governor to balance the Board of Fish by appointing a commercial fisher that ACTUALLY FISHES to the Board.

Thank you.
Brent Johnson
Brent Johnson

Signed: BRENT JOHNSON
Testifier

Representing (optional)

20773 PORCUPINE LANE Clam Gulch AK
Address

262-4763
Phone number

My name is Robert Williams from Kasilof Alaska. I'm here to speak on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Fisherman's Association, which represents many set net fishers in Cook Inlet. I'm here to say that we oppose the Legislative Confirmation of Dr. John White, to the Board of Fisheries.

We feel that there's a real need for a bonified commercial fisherman on this board. The Governor has not appointed a commercial fisherman on this board in seven years. In the Cook Inlet Basin we have three representatives from our area, but none are commercial fisherman. We have a lawyer, a retired sportfish biologist and a saltwater guide. This creates a large imbalance when our issues are voted on.

This would be Dr. Whites third term on this board, which would be nine years when his term is completed. We feel that this is to long to serve on a volunteer board without carrying out an agenda. This has been more noticeable lately with Dr. Whites failure to work with the public on Cook Inlet issues . He doesn't seem to be concerned with hearing our concerns and is very difficult to communicate with. We feel this should be a pre-requisite for this type of job.

He also doesn't take in consideration all of the information that the staff of biologist furnish the board during staff reports. These reports come from dedicated individuals at the Department of Fish and Game. These are the people that study our specific area year round, not like a board member who has to be involved in state wide decision making. He has time and time again, failed to take heed to their advice.

In cook Inlet not only did we have sustained yield in our fisheries, we also had maximum sustained yield in two of our river systems, but the escapements that brought back these large runs for all user groups, have been dismantled by the actions of Dr. White and this board. We need a diverse economy in our area, vital sportfish and commercial fisheries. So please let us have new representation on this board and do not confirm Dr. White for another three years.

We do not oppose the confirmation of Russel Nelson. My phone number is 262-2363, I am President of K.P.F.A. and if I can be of any help please call me.

Sincerely
Robert Williams

Support B of G nominees

JoAnn Utt
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April 24, 2001

TO: AK LEGISLATORS

Please confirm Ben Grussendorf, Chip Dennerlein, and Julie Maier to the Board of Game. In the past, this board has *NOT* been fair and balanced. In order to show integrity and earn the respect of *all* constituents - it is time for a change!

Let's have a Board everyone respects - please confirm the above who show balance, statesmanship, and for once, scientific knowledge.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

JoAnn

JoAnn Utt

Subject: [Fwd: BOG Candidates]
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2001 09:44:32 -0800
From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>
To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: BOG Candidates
Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2001 09:37:22 -0800
From: Nina Faust <fausbail@xyz.net>
To: Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us,
Reprentative_Beveryly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Drew,

The three Board of Game appointees, Ben Grussendorf, Chip Dennerlein, and Dr. Julie Maier, deserve your support. They served during the last Board of Game session and demonstrated their knowledge and capability to handle wildlife issues. All have excellent credentials and represent a broadening of perspectives on the Board of Game. The Board needs to represent a true cross-section of Alaska's population and differing interests in wildlife, both consumptive and wildlife viewing and tourism. We urge you to vote for confirmation.

Nina and Ed

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Edgar Bailey
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Cc Representative Beverly Masek

Subject:
Date: Tue, 24 Apr 2001 20:48 -0800
From: cbolling@ak.net
To: Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Representative Masek & Scalzi,

As an avid outdoorsman, I am requesting you to confirm the appointments of Ben Grusser

>From looking at their records and accomplishments, I can see no reason NOT to confirm

On a more positive note, I believe they have excellent experience and broad-mindedness

Thank you in advance for your support of these fine individuals.

Sincerely,

Cary Bolling
110 West Caribou Avenue
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Subject: **Game Board Nominees**
Date: Tue, 24 Apr 01 12:44:44 -0800
From: Dave Lacey <dlacey@mosquitonet.com>
To: "Rep. Masek" <Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Rep. Scalzi" <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Representative,

Please confirm Gov. Knowles' nominees to the Board of Game. These people represent a balanced approach to game management in Alaska. They are all knowledgeable and experienced. They are not idealogues. They deserve confirmation.

Thank you very much.

Dave Lacey
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United Cook Inlet Drift Association

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April 18, 2001
Representative Beverly Masek, Co-Chair
Representative Drew Scalzi, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

APR 19 2001

Subject: Board of Fisheries confirmation

Dear Committee members,

This letter is written to inform you of our organization's concerns and questions regarding the re-nomination of Dr. John White and Russell Nelson to the Board of Fisheries (BoF).

During the past seven years the BoF has moved away from the simple biology and regulation of fisheries, towards the more politically charged issues, such as allocation. In any political debate there will be winners and losers, therefore, interest group representation becomes very important. We have taken every opportunity to inform the Legislature about our dissatisfaction over our lack of representation on the Board. Once again, the Governor has seen fit to continue to keep the same people on the Board whose make-up, we believe, with the exception of one member, does not adequately represent our side of any argument, most especially biology and allocation.

We understand that the Governor will want to appoint people to the Board who agree with his policies about the future uses of our renewable resources. So the question is, does the Legislature believe that the state's oldest renewable industry will be adequately represented by the re-nomination of these two Board members? We have already informed you that continuing with the same Board will ensure the continued decline of the commercial fishing industry, but the question is not for us to decide, we leave that answer up to your good judgement.

Since Dr. White is the senior member of the incumbent Board members re-appointed, we have included a list of questions that our directors would ask him, if we could. As you might suspect some are specific to our area, but many would apply to any fishery statewide. Irregardless, Dr. White has been on the Board long enough to have been instrumental in making the decisions, many of which, have had a negative impact on the future of commercial fisheries here in Cook Inlet.

If the Legislature fails to confirm one or both of the candidates, it is important to note that the Governor has been offered the opportunity to appoint a member of the public who is truly non-controversial, but chose not to. His name is Ed Krohn, and he has extensive Advisory Committee experience. He is a true recreational fisherman with no economic stake in any outcome. There are options, and there certainly are other members of the public fully capable of handling the responsibilities of service on the BoF. We wonder how many years of service must pass before public service changes from public service to a job.

Respectfully yours,

R E Merchant

Bob Merchant
UCIDA President

Suggested questions for White's confirmation hearing

Dr. White, you have been on the Board for two terms, 6 years. During that service what has been your agenda and do you feel you have accomplished any or all of it?

If you are confirmed what will be your agenda for the next three years?

What are your thoughts about the length of time a member of a lay board, such as the BoF, should serve? Is length of time served important?

Some time ago, at your insistence, the Board agreed to not take any action that would increase sport-fishing effort on the Kenai River until a report on present habitat loss and any future habitat loss was presented to the Board. In spite of this requirement your Board subsequently took action to drastically increase the escapement into the Kenai at the Soldotna regular cycle meeting. At that time when you voted in favor of these new management plans, were you satisfied that the increased escapement and subsequent, expected increased sport fishing effort would not adversely impact the riparian habitat critical to the Kenai's ecosystem?

It is my understanding that, to date, the report you originally required is still not ready. Will this report, or lack of it, at the upcoming 2002 Cook Inlet meeting have any impact on your decisions concerning habitat, should any proposals suggested lead you to believe that there would be increased angler effort with possible adverse habitat damage?

How important are such habitat issues as those you outlined, to the function and work done by the Board? Are there socio-economic considerations which would out-weigh your environmental concerns, in so far as, the Kenai River is concerned?

In the Boards efforts to develop the full economic potential of the Kenai River and tourism for the benefit of the State and its residents, what criteria, if any, has the Board developed to strike a balance between the economic development and the biological needs of the salmon resource?

Do you believe that a healthy, viable commercial salmon fishing industry as well as a healthy tourism industry is important to the overall future economic health of the state?

How important is a "multiple use" approach to achieving the maximum benefit for the people of the state, most especially those with an economic stake in those uses, to you?

How would you grade the scientific, biological data supplied to you by ADF & G?

There is a bill presently before the Legislature to require ADF & G concurrence on a conservation concern before such concern is taken up by the Board. What do you think about this requirement? Is it necessary? It has been alleged by commercial fishing interests that the Board pays little or no attention to the recommendations of ADF & G on conservation matters. What do you think about these assertions?
What should be done about existing, historical fisheries when new and expanding fisheries are created by the Board? Should the historical use of our fishery resources have any bearing on the decisions you make concerning future uses?

What is more important to you? The policies set forth by the administration and legislature as to how allocation shall take place, or the recommendations of the residents as expressed through public testimony during Board meetings?

Are the salmon resources of Alaska supposed to be managed for the residents of Alaska, or do those resources, in fact, belong to the State government, and it should be the state that decides who gets the resource? Could you sort this out for me?

Alaska State Legislature

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House Resources Committee

April 25, Wednesday
1:00-3:00PM, Capitol 124

CONFIRMATION HEARING BOARD OF FISH

CONFIRMATION HEARING BOARD OF GAME

CONFIRMATION HEARING OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONER OF DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

=HCR17: SALE OF NATURAL GAS TO POWER DATA CENTERS

=Bills Previously Heard

POM for Representative Masek

H

From: Mr. Kenneth L Heaps
1803 Central Ave

Fairbanks, AK 99709 NON Constituent

Telephone: 456-7870

Registered Voter: V

Email:

Subject: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Message:

I support Mr. Nelson and Dr. White to stay on the Board of Fish for another term. I believe that balance is a necessity to the sport fishing industry.

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April 23, 2001

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For the reasons above USAG urges that you vote "NO" on Dr. White's renomination. There are other candidates willing to serve who would more effectively represent all fishing interests in Alaska. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Auger, President
United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters

4/22/01

Dear Drew,

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Dear House Resources Committee member,

I am opposed to House Bill 244. Public and private land developers are trying to appropriate state land in Denali Borough. They want to make the Wolf Townships an extension of Denali National Park's transportation system, and develop it for their own financial gain.

On Thursday April 19 House Transportation Committee quickly passed HB 244 out of committee without providing for any public comment or public hearing. The history of this bill is interesting. A working draft of the bill distributed at the Denali Borough Assembly Meeting April 7th said "The Denali Borough shall identify and survey a railroad and utility corridor ...from near the community of Healy to the eastern boundary of Denali National Park and Preserve." It also said "The borough may retain not more than 3500 acres of the land granted to the borough under this section." This land would be in addition to the borough entitlement and is worth many millions of dollars. The citizens of Alaska will not be adequately compensated for the loss of this public land.

A legislative staffer noted that having Denali Borough do a survey for a private enterprise put the borough in the role of developer. The bill was changed so that Kantishna Holdings Inc. (KHI) would identify and survey the railway, but the Denali Borough would still get 3500 acres to develop whether the railroad was built or not. Its political and economic feasibility is in doubt. Contrary to public statements made by Mr. Fields, spokesman for KHI, he still wants a hotel at Wonder Lake. Mr. Fields also is not open about his backers; KHI is a private corporation with private information.

This bill is an attempt to give valuable public land to Denali Borough to sell, lease or otherwise develop. The ultimate use of any land conveyed to the borough is completely unpredictable. The Borough Assembly is unwilling to regulate land use as charged by the legislature. Hunting in the Wolf Townships is especially threatened by chaotic development. Intense hunting pressure is only sustainable now because any animal that steps out of Denali Park and Preserve is fair game.

Contrary to what supporters of HB 244 say the question is not whether development should occur but where it should be. There are tens of thousands of acres east of Panguingue Subdivision open to Borough land selection. Leaving the Wolf Townships as they are encourages development that is independent of Denali National Park and will continue to give Alaskans and tourists an alternative to the congestion and bureaucracy of the park. It is worth noting that now travelers from all over the globe are purposely coming to the Wolf Townships as the result of Jon Krakaur's book Into the Wild, the story of Chris McCandless's death. It is shortsighted and impossible to funnel all our visitors through Denali National Park. We can learn from mistakes made outside parks in the lower 48.

I question the motives of those who are hostile to Denali National Park but would force the park to expand its transportation system onto our public land.

If HB 244 passes what we have now will be lost forever.

Sincerely

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Representative Drew Scalzi,

Hi Drew,

First off I am adamantly opposed to Dr. John White's and Russell S. Nelson confirmation to the BOF. Here are some questions, backed up by facts, that you might ask at their confirmation hearing.

1. During your tenure on the Board, the BOF has substantially increased the number of meeting days per year and therefor greatly increased the BOF budget. In Cook Inlet alone the BOF since 1994 meet every year for seven years and some of those years saw two to three meetings. The Department of Fish and Game spends the majority of their time now preparing material for BOF meeting. My question to you is how have the users of the resource and the State benefited from this enormous burden of extra time and money?
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These guys need to be held accountable to what they are doing to the fishermen, the fishing industry, local economies and the State. They are supposed to be stewards of the resource not dictators of it.

Thanks for all your help.

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Re: Oppose Confirmation of Dr. White to a Third Term on BOF

Dear Representative Masek,

I ask that you oppose the confirmation of Dr. John White for a third term on the Board of Fish (BOF). Dr. White is entrenched in his opinion on how the State fisheries resources should be managed and does not consider the content of public testimony when making decisions. Over the years he has become insensitive, and upon many occasions, down right rude to members of the public who are testifying.

I am a member of the Anchorage ADF&G Fish and Game Advisory Committee and have attended Board of Fish meetings for many years. Dr. White has always been somewhat arrogant in his manner. However, his attitude toward the public has deteriorated over this past term. Sitting on the Board of Fish is a tough job and can be hard on anyone's attitude after six years.

I respect Dr. John White's past service and dedication to the board but I also firmly believe that reconfirmation for a third term is not in the best interest of the Public, the BOF, nor Dr. White himself.

With regard to Mr. Russell Nelson, I ask that you support his confirmation to a second term on the Board of Fish.

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SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 907.465.3472

Dear Committee Members,

Cordova District Fishermen United would like to voice its strong opposition to the confirmation of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Having worked with Dr. White through six years, we believe that it is time for new energy and vision on the Board.

The current Board of Fisheries lacks diversity in geographic and user group representation. The huge area of coastal Alaska south of the Alaska Peninsula and the Gulf of Alaska where hundreds--if not thousands--of small family fishing operations are dependent upon the resources regulated by the Board of Fisheries, does not have representation.

In addition, an issue related to Dr. White that is of grave significance to our organization and those we represent is that he seems to have lost his ability over time to listen to the concerns of the users and the Department. It is our experience that Dr. White knows what he wants to accomplish on most issues prior to the process beginning, and therefore fails to listen to either the users or the scientific professionals. Fisheries are extremely dynamic and the needs of the users are not static. Playing the critical role that they do in establishing regulations and policy for management of Alaska's fisheries, Board members must be open-minded, fair, listen without bias, and responsive.

In closing, we need a change on the Board to balance and diversify it. This need precludes confirmation of Dr. John White.

Respectfully,

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Re: PVOA Opposes Confirmation of Dr. White to Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Senator Taylor and Representative Wilson,

On behalf of Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, I urge you to oppose the confirmation of Dr. John White (Bethel) for his third term on the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). PVOA believes that two terms are enough and a time for a change is long overdue. We also believe that commercial fishing is underrepresented in the membership of the BOF particularly in regards to "bluewater" ocean fisheries (as opposed to terminal or in-river fisheries). The legal and dental communities have disproportionately more representation on the BOF than the commercial fishing fleet.

We also believe that geographic balance of the BOF is skewed. Currently the make-up of the BOF has three representatives from Western Alaska (Bethel, Dillingham, and the upper Yukon). Western Alaska is over represented with three seats, therefore not re-appointing Dr. White may help correct the imbalance. Western Alaska should be adequately represented with two seats. After all, Southeast has had but one seat for ten years while Kodiak and Prince William Sound have held no seats for about the same duration. Alaska Peninsula has also not had a seat on the BOF in six years.

There are other viable candidates to choose from including Art Nelson and Paul Shadura that would bring a fresh view point to the BOF. In tht regard, PVOA asks that the Alaska Legislature not re-confirm Dr. White to the BOF.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

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Specifically PVOA's opposition to reconfirmation of Dr. White is based on:

- Two terms is enough. One of the telling signs that individuals have served too long on any public board is when those individuals decide they do not need the public anymore. This is evident in the recent turn of events in which the BOF came to a position on an issue (halibut charter IFQs) without the benefit of a public meeting or public input or public notice (3/28/01 letter from Dan Coffey, chairman BOF to NPFMC). Since Dr. White has not publicly stated any dissent to this BOF position prior to the NPFMC meeting, we can only interpret that he concurs with this position which was devoid of public process.

- Dr. White was one of the principal architects at the BOF in keeping the hatchery chum issue tabled indefinitely at the BOF (from 1997) even though it was repeatedly stated that the BOF did not have the authority to regulate and reduce hatchery chum releases in SE Alaska and Prince William Sound. The appropriate action would have been take no action rather than tabling from year to year. The BOF Standing Rules (finding 91-128-FB) states, *"Take no action: Has the effect of killing a proposal or issue upon adjournment. There are two reasons for taking no action: 1)* ***It is found that the proposal is beyond the board's authority****; or 2) due to board action on a previous proposal(s)."* Tabling is primarily done to gather more information, however if the BOF lacks authority the appropriate course of action is to take no action. The BOF finally took this course of no action in regards to this issue at the January, 2001 BOF meeting.

- An other BOF Standing Rule is, *"Do not change or reverse the intent of a proposal/issue."* At the January BOF meeting, Dr. White took a proposal for establishing a gillnet herring fishery in Dutch Harbor, and at the meeting (with no public notice or analysis), added a section for a punitive overage payback policy in regards to the seine fishery. This is now the only herring fishery in the state with such a provision even though the harvest rate is well below the maximum in this fishery.

- Dr. White's interpretation of what constitutes "practical public notice" seems to change one hundred and eighty degrees depending on what the the issue and his interest level. The normal practical public notice process is that proposals are due April 10, the proposal book is published in the summer, reviewed by the public and advisory committees, and public meetings are held in the winter and spring on those proposals. At the March 2000 meeting in Anchorage, Dr.White held the position that the BOF could drastically change and modify a proposal in the book and that was well within practical public notice. In this case, it was a proposal regarding Adak and banning trawling for cod in state waters. At the meeting, the BOF allowed this proposal to be modified to banning all gear for all groundfish species by vessels over 60 feet. The BOF held unanimously that these changes did not violate public notice. In contrast, at the January 2001 BOF meeting, Dr. White refused to allow proposals

(as written, unchanged and unmodfied) to be moved from the latter half of the meeting to the front half of the meeting, as this would violate practical public notice. In this case, the proposals in question concerned Area M, an area of particular interest of Dr. White.

- Prior to the January 2001 BOF meeting, Dr. White made an extensive three page data request to ADF&G which concluded with, "Finally, I do not want my request for information forwarded to the public, simply put. These are my request (sic) as a board member and I don't want them shared, period." So much for the public.

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Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2001 09:47:56 -0800
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Dear members of the Legislature:

I serve on the Board for Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU), Copper River Salmon Producers Association (CRSPA), and the Mat-Su Borough Mayor's "Blue Ribbon Fisheries Committee". I strongly oppose the appointment of John White for another term on the Board of Fish.

Governor Knowles has not appointed any commercial fishermen to the Board of Fisheries for the last seven years and this has resulted in a serious imbalance on the Board, resulting in jeopardy and detriment to a one billion dollar industry and communities throughout Alaska. This is the time to act!

Dr. White was a supporter of the subsistence priority for the Chitina Dipnetters and voted to support their ACR, as well. I do not believe that John is capable of listening to the users, the issues, or the scientific professionals without bias any longer, and MUST be replaced. You are certainly aware of the costs we incur when we have to defend our historical right to fish each and every year as these ACR's have done. Please try to balance the BOF with interests from ALL users.

Thank you,

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Dear Sir,
I am an Alaskan and Bristol Bay resident. I am writing you in favor of the re appointment of Dr. John White to the Board of Fisheries.
I have worked with Dr. White at many Board meetings and have become impressed with his integrity and fairness. He is a real advocate for the resource not just the Fishermen, and that is important to all of us who are dependent on the future of the commercial fishing industry..
I know that there is a faction of fishermen, including UFA, who are opposed to the re appointment of Dr. White but in my view those people are short sighted and are forgetting the importance of the strength of the resource and not just the access.
I urge you to support Dr. White's Nomination.
Thank You,
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* Also 3 POMS before meeting in support:
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Chignik Seiners Association strongly supports the appointment of John White to the Board of Fisheries John White understands the ongoing issues in the subsistence and commercial fisheries of the Chignik Management Area. His leadership in these areas is of critical importance to Chignik fishermen.

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April 23, 2001
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Representative Drew Scalzi,

Hi Drew,

First off I am udamantly opposed to Dr. John White's and Russell S. Nelson confirmation to the BOF. Here are some questions, backed up by facts, that you might ask at their confirmation hearing.

1. During your tenure on the Board, the BOF has substantially increased the number of meeting days per year and therefor greatly increased the BOF budget. In Cook Inlet alone the BOF since 1994 meet every year for seven years and some of those years saw two to three meetings. The Department of Fish and Game spends the majority of their time now preparing material for BOF meeting. My question to you is how have the users of the resource and the State benefited from this enormous burden of extra time and money?
2. In Cook Inlet you have been instrumental in designing the management plans. These management plans you implemented take the biological management and emergency order authority away from the professional management biologist. These plans have regulatory closures (the same as we had under Federal management before Statehood) and are designed to result in the loss of harvest which leads to overescapement and diminished future returns. Last season the Federal Government and the Kenai Peninsula Borough declared the upper Cook Inlet commercial salmon fishery a disaster. Ironically in spite of this declaration of disaster the fishermen sat on the beach, the canneries and their workers sat idle while over 20 million pink salmon went up the rivers unharvested because the management plans that you put into effect would not allow the harvest of these pinks under any circumstances. In 1998 over 10 million pinks went unharvested because of the management plan that kept the fishermen closed. People are financially hurting. Several major canneries have left the Inlet stating their reasons [illegible]stable political management by the BOF resulting in low returns and unharvested resource. The whole fishery is collapsing. People's livelihoods are in serious jeopardy. My question to you is why did you developed a plan to have these results and why should we confirm you so you can continue to repeat this system of management in other parts of the state or is this management system just area specific?
3. You have awarded several agenda change request out of the three year cycle in Cook Inlet and one in Prince William Sound for conservation concerns even though the ADF&G biologist told the BOF that they did not have any conservation concerns. In February 2000 the BOF award an agenda change request for conservation concerns on Cook Inlet coho. ADF&G told you coho were weak but the department did not have any conservation concerns. The BOF ignored the professional biologist and put drastic restrictions on the commercial fisheries, the charter industry and the sports fisherman. Six months later the coho return came in at near record levels but the users were unduly restricted from harvesting the surplus because of your prior coho regulation restrictions. My question to you is do you think that you as a layman on the BOF have more knowledge and expertise than the professional biologist and scientist.

These guys need to be held accountable to what they are doing to the fishermen, the fishing industry, local economies and the State. They are supposed to be stewards of the resource not dictators of it.

Thanks for all your help.

David R Martin

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April 23, 2001

Representative Beverly Masek
Co-Chair, Resources Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Masek:

United Fishermen of Alaska opposes the reappointment of Dr. John White to the Board of Fisheries.

This would be his third term on the Board, and the commercial fishing industry feels that it is time for a change. For the last seven years we have been seeking the appointment of an experienced blue water commercial fishermen to the BOF. The board makes very important decisions that affect fishermen's livelihoods, and we feel it only fair that there be at least two board members that are experienced commercial fishermen representing different areas of the state.

We did support a candidate that had submitted his name to the Boards and Commissions, Art Nelson. We have not had a candidate that we supported since Grant Miller; that was seven years ago. We feel that the lack of commercial fishing experience on the board is a threat to Alaska's largest private sector employer, the commercial fishing industry.

For these reasons we oppose Dr. White's confirmation.

Respectfully Yours,

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April 22, 2001

Representative Beverly Masek
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Re: Oppose Confirmation of Dr. White to a Third Term on BOF

Dear Representative Masek,

I ask that you oppose the confirmation of Dr. John White for a third term on the Board of Fish (BOF). Dr. White is entrenched in his opinion on how the State fisheries resources should be managed and does not consider the content of public testimony when making decisions. Over the years he has become insensitive, and upon many occasions, down right rude to members of the public who are testifying.

I am a member of the Anchorage ADF&G Fish and Game Advisory Committee and have attended Board of Fish meetings for many years. Dr. White has always been somewhat arrogant in his manner. However, his attitude toward the public has deteriorated over this past term. Sitting on the Board of Fish is a tough job and can be hard on anyone's attitude after six years.

I respect Dr. John White's past service and dedication to the board but I also firmly believe that reconfirmation for a third term is not in the best interest of the Public, the BOF, nor Dr. White himself.

With regard to Mr. Russell Nelson, I ask that you support his confirmation to a second term on the Board of Fish.

Sincerely,

Bruce J. Gabrys

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4-23-01

To Whom It May Concern,

I am sending this message to strongly support the return of Russell Nelson, and Dr. John R. White to another full term on the board of fish. I have experienced they provide a proper balance between commercial and charterboat issues, and representing the charter fleet well. I feel without the presence of these two individuals on the Board of Fish, the issues concerning my industry will suffer. Please reinstate these two men for another full term.

Sincerely,

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April 23, 2001

House Resources Committee
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SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 907.465.3472

Dear Committee Members,

Cordova District Fishermen United would like to voice its strong opposition to the confirmation of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Having worked with Dr. White through six years, we believe that it is time for new energy and vision on the Board.

The current Board of Fisheries lacks diversity in geographic and user group representation. The huge area of coastal Alaska south of the Alaska Peninsula and the Gulf of Alaska where hundreds--if not thousands--of small family fishing operations are dependent upon the resources regulated by the Board of Fisheries, does not have representation.

In addition, an issue related to Dr. White that is of grave significance to our organization and those we represent is that he seems to have lost his ability over time to listen to the concerns of the users and the Department. It is our experience that Dr. White knows what he wants to accomplish on most issues prior to the process beginning, and therefore fails to listen to either the users or the scientific professionals. Fisheries are extremely dynamic and the needs of the users are not static. Playing the critical role that they do in establishing regulations and policy for management of Alaska's fisheries, Board members must be open-minded, fair, listen without bias, and responsive.

In closing, we need a change on the Board to balance and diversify it. This need precludes confirmation of Dr. John White.

Respectfully,

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April 23, 2001

Re: PVOA Opposes Confirmation of Dr. White to Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Senator Taylor and Representative Wilson,

On behalf of Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, I urge you to oppose the confirmation of Dr. John White (Bethel) for his third term on the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). PVOA believes that two terms are enough and a time for a change is long overdue. We also believe that commercial fishing is underrepresented in the membership of the BOF particularly in regards to "bluewater" ocean fisheries (as opposed to terminal or in-river fisheries). The legal and dental communities have disproportionately more representation on the BOF than the commercial fishing fleet.

We also believe that geographic balance of the BOF is skewed. Currently the make-up of the BOF has three representatives from Western Alaska (Bethel, Dillingham, and the upper Yukon). Western Alaska is over represented with three seats, therefore not re-appointing Dr. White may help correct the imbalance. Western Alaska should be adequately represented with two seats. After all, Southeast has had but one seat for ten years while Kodiak and Prince William Sound have held no seats for about the same duration. Alaska Peninsula has also not had a seat on the BOF in six years.

There are other viable candidates to choose from including Art Nelson and Paul Shadura that would bring a fresh view point to the BOF. In tht regard, PVOA asks that the Alaska Legislature not re-confirm Dr. White to the BOF.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Gerry Merrigan
Director, PVOA

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Specifically PVOA's opposition to reconfirmation of Dr. White is based on:

- Two terms is enough. One of the telling signs that individuals have served too long on any public board is when those individuals decide they do not need the public anymore. This is evident in the recent turn of events in which the BOF came to a position on an issue (halibut charter IFQs) without the benefit of a public meeting or public input or public notice (3/28/01 letter from Dan Coffey, chairman BOF to NPFMC). Since Dr. White has not publicly stated any dissent to this BOF position prior to the NPFMC meeting, we can only interpret that he concurs with this position which was devoid of public process.

- Dr. White was one of the principal architects at the BOF in keeping the hatchery chum issue tabled indefinitely at the BOF (from 1997) even though it was repeatedly stated that the BOF did not have the authority to regulate and reduce hatchery chum releases in SE Alaska and Prince William Sound. The appropriate action would have been take no action rather than tabling from year to year. The BOF Standing Rules (finding 91-128-FB) states, *"Take no action: Has the effect of killing a proposal or issue upon adjournment. There are two reasons for taking no action: **1) It is found that the proposal is beyond the board's authority; or 2)** due to board action on a previous proposal(s)."* Tabling is primarily done to gather more information, however if the BOF lacks authority the appropriate course of action is to take no action. The BOF finally took this course of no action in regards to this issue at the January, 2001 BOF meeting.

- An other BOF Standing Rule is, *"Do not change or reverse the intent of a proposal/issue."* At the January BOF meeting, Dr. White took a proposal for establishing a gillnet herring fishery in Dutch Harbor, and at the meeting (with no public notice or analysis), added a section for a punitive overage payback policy in regards to the seine fishery. This is now the only herring fishery in the state with such a provision even though the harvest rate is well below the maximum in this fishery.

- Dr. White's interpretation of what constitutes "practical public notice" seems to change one hundred and eighty degrees depending on what the the issue and his interest level. The normal practical public notice process is that proposals are due April 10, the proposal book is published in the summer, reviewed by the public and advisory committees, and public meetings are held in the winter and spring on those proposals. At the March 2000 meeting in Anchorage, Dr.White held the position that the BOF could drastically change and modify a proposal in the book and that was well within practical public notice. In this case, it was a proposal regarding Adak and banning trawling for cod in state waters. At the meeting, the BOF allowed this proposal to be modified to banning all gear for all groundfish species by vessels over 60 feet. The BOF held unanimously that these changes did not violate public notice. In contrast, at the January 2001 BOF meeting, Dr. White refused to allow proposals

(as written, unchanged and unmodfied) to be moved from the latter half of the meeting to the front half of the meeting, as this would violate practical public notice. In this case, the proposals in question concerned Area M, an area of particular interest of Dr. White.

- Prior to the January 2001 BOF meeting, Dr. White made an extensive three page data request to ADF&G which concluded with, "Finally, I do not want my request for information forwarded to the public, simply put. These are my request (sic) as a board member and I don't want them shared, period." So much for the public.

Subject: [Fwd: Oppose confirmation of John White for Board of Fisheries!]
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Subject: Oppose confirmation of John White for Board of Fisheries!
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Dear members of the Legislature:

I serve on the Board for Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU), Copper River Salmon Producers Association (CRSPA), and the Mat-Su Borough Mayor's "Blue Ribbon Fisheries Committee". I strongly oppose the appointment of John White for another term on the Board of Fish.

Governor Knowles has not appointed any commercial fishermen to the Board of Fisheries for the last seven years and this has resulted in a serious imbalance on the Board, resulting in jeopardy and detriment to a one billion dollar industry and communities throughout Alaska. This is the time to act!

Dr. White was a supporter of the subsistence priority for the Chitina Dipnetters and voted to support their ACR, as well. I do not believe that John is capable of listening to the users, the issues, or the scientific professionals without bias any longer, and MUST be replaced. You are certainly aware of the costs we incur when we have to defend our historical right to fi . each and every year as these ACR's have done. Please try to balance the BOF with interests from ALL users.

Thank you,

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April 25, 2001

Alaska State Legislature
Capitol Building
Juneau, Ak. 99801

Honored Legislators:

Orutsararmiut Native Council would like to express their endorsement and urge your vote of support to confirm Dr. John White's re-appointment to the State Board of Fisheries. Dr. White's knowledge and experience in this area is simply too valuable. Without individuals of such integrity in positions of this nature, our state loses in the long run.

You have heard severe criticism of some of his decisions from some specific area fisheries representatives. These mostly regarding actions on sharing the burden for conservation and sustainability of fisheries resources throughout their migratory range. He has taken a strong stance on this issue, and it is a stance that is necessary for everyone who has an interest in maintaining the long-term future viability of our fisheries resource and related industries. Those who tell you different are choosing to acknowledge or portray their concerns only in short-sighted allocative terms.

In the larger picture, Mr. White has presented a fair and balanced approach in an extremely complicated and contentious arena. His actions reflect a recognition and attempt to serve the needs and interests of all the people of our state, not just those who happen to have the financial resources to aggressively lobby their own self-serving agendas. Our fervent hope would be that you cast your vote in the same regard, and confirm Dr. White's appointment to the state Board of Fisheries. Thank you for your positive consideration and response to our comments.

Sincerely,

CR for Henry Hunter

Henry Hunter,
Chairman

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ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!
CALL FOR ACTION

TO: RURAL FISHING COMMUNITIES & FISHERMEN
FR: AVCP, INC., DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DATE: APRIL 24, 2001
RE: SUPPORT THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF DR. WHITE TO BOARD OF FISHERIES
Total Pgs.: 3

The Governor has decided to nominate Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) for a third term along with Mr. Russell Nelson of Bristol Bay.

Confirmation hearings were held by House Committee on Fisheries on April 23, the list of callers from around the state was concentrated from Southeast and South-central Alaska, the majority of the callers opposing Dr. White's re-appointment. Some callers were flat out mean-spirited.

This is a result of Dr. White's fair-handedness in dealing with sharing the burden of conservation and burden of proof in Alaska's fisheries. His being fair has affected richer commercial fisheries in the State and they want to punish him for it. Some urban fishermen groups have sent out alerts to their members to send in large volumes of Public Opinion Messages (POM) and testimonies to the House and Senate confirmation hearings in this matter, and it is apparent that they have a presence. WE NEED TO HAVE A PRESENCE TOO!

At the hearing yesterday, only a few callers from the Bristol Bay and Kawerak region, Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (BSFA) and our new Interim Director of Natural Resources, Jennifer Hooper of AVCP made-up the only testimonies from Rural Alaska supporting Dr. White.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE ARE GOING TO VOTE ON THIS CONFIRMATION AND WE CAN NOT BE SILENT AGAIN!

PLEASE TAKE ACTION, TRIBAL OFFICES, STAFF AND CHIEF'S, FILL OUT THIS FORM AND FAX INTO THE BETHEL LIO, OR EMAIL COMMENTS!

A joint session of the House and Senate will vote on final confirmation before adjournment now scheduled for May 3rd.

Some fishing groups are contending that Governor Knowles has not appointed any **commercial fishermen** to the BOF for the last seven years. Dr. White is a commercial fisherman and has been for over 20 years on the Kuskokwim!

3 pages

April 24, 2001

Senator John Torgerson
Chair, Resources Committee
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol MS: 3100
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson:

Members of the committee, my name is Paul A. Shadura II and I reside in Kenai Peninsula Borough. I have traveled 1,000 miles to testify today on the re-confirmation of Board of Fisheries member John White.

There are some key points that I believe you should consider:

1. How has the record of this board member proved to the committee that he has made fair and unbiased decisions that benefit all the users of the state?
    a) Section 6(e) of the Alaska Statehood act states... (The) policy-making officials should be selected for their ability and their dedicated interest in the resource, and no identification should be made between a policy-making official and any particular segment of the population; likewise, no official should be bound to represent the interests of a specific geographical region.
    b) In addition, an excerpt from the "Board of Fish review Committee" dated 2/23/88...In 1975 the Legislature enacted a new statute which split the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game, the members of which must be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature "without regard to political affiliation or geographical location" (ch. 206 SLA 1975). However, despite the explicit aforementioned statutory prohibitions, for more than a quarter century Alaska Governors, aided and abetted by the legislature, have appointed individuals to the Board because of their identification with special interests or geographic areas.
    c) Re-appointing board members for two or three terms does not adhere to any diversity of interests and in fact would solidify or ingrain the inherent bias or idealism of one member from one area and from only one perspective or resource user.
    d) If we are attempting to reduce the temptation of an administration or body from exerting political philosophies on board members that are not to be considered by political affiliations, then it would seem proper that "new blood" and "new ideas" would help to ensure that there would be less collusion and a stronger attempt for Board of Fish members to balance the decisions they promulgate.

2. Have decisions made by this board member resulted in sweeping losses to resource users?
    a. In the Kuskokwim River region, this area will now be closed for real conservation reasons. This is Mr. White's back yard yet in six years which included his time as chairman he could not craft a moderate solution and now his inability has severally impacted the economic viability for the fishing families of this region.
    b. In Cook Inlet in August2001, Mr. White failed to approve an emergency petition that resulted in a surplus stock of pink salmon in excess of 20 Million fish. Information from local ADF&G personnel gave the Board their best available information on the need for surplus fishery and assessments that the conservation species that the board had been concerned about were returning in record numbers (In the final analysis the best return to the Kenai River in 20 years.).
    c. Mr. White was instrumental on deterring the responsibilities of the decline of chum salmon away from his turf and placing the blame on a distant Area M. These sweeping changes to this area regulations will not, as board member Coffey alluded to in a recent legislative committee report, make the Kuskokwim whole again.
3. Does this board member listen to the concerns of others and does he have the necessary participation experience on affected fisheries?
    a. Board member White has stated publicly that he does not feel the public testimony is necessary (Fall workshop 1999).
    b. He voted against having a recorded copy of all committee meetings (Fall workshop 1999).
    c. He reserves his ex-parte communications with only selected members of the public and stakeholders. Many times I or others in the commercial fishing community have gone up to Mr. White and have been rudely cast off with no answers except a sarcastic remark.
    d. Mr. White is a dentist from Bethel, yet his recent press release states that he is a commercial fisherman. I believe that he has a freshwater longline permit that is not an open fishery and a limited fishery gillnet on the Kuskokwim. In contrast you may review someone like myself who is a third generation commercial fisherman in Cook Inlet, with family history that dates back over 100 years. I am an Alaska native descendent with Russian and English heritage because they were the first explorers in the State. I commercially fish salmon, herring, and halibut. My family has owned traps; we have been involved in processing, fish buying, and tendering. I have subsisted on salted salmon and sport fished in the Kenai River before it was fashionable. I am an active Board member of the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association for 20 years, board member to the CIRCAC and KRSMA boards. I have been involved with KPFA for 30 years, and am a UFA Board member. I live, eat, and breath fishing and I AM AN ALASKAN COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN!

Please do not reconfirm John White. He will not improve the fisheries. He will not use his intellect to bring the conflicts of individual users to a mutual agreement.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Shadura II
Kenai