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**SENATE
APPOINTEE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 02/15/16

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

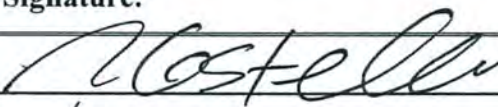
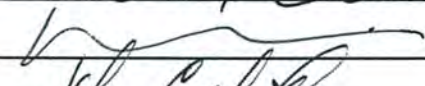
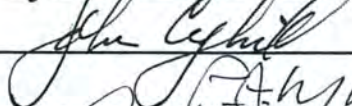
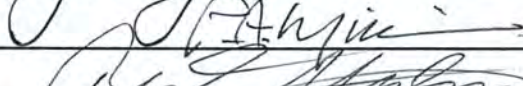
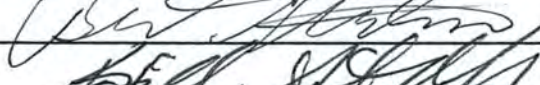


Board of Game

Guy Trimmingham – Hope

Appointed: 7/1/2016

Term Expires: 6/30/2019

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
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	Stoltze
Chair: 	Giesel

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General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Game, Board Member

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
Kenai Penninsula fishery subsistence board

First Name Guy	Middle Name Virgil	Last Name Trimmingham
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Conflict of Interest

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No

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No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
British Petroleum from 1999 to present, Udelhoven from 1995 to 1999. Instrumentation, electrical and fire and gas specialist.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:
High School graduate 1972 from Dimond High School, 1 year ACC(biology).
Four year IBEW Electrical Apprenticeship, completed 1980

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:
Current State of Alaska Electrical Fitness License. Licensed Class A Guide 1973 to 2002 No longer current.

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
Hope Village Council member 35 years.
Subsistence fishery advisory board.

Conviction Record

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

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

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Resume Addendum:

I've guided hunters up and down the Alaska peninsula, through the Alaska and Chugach Ranges, Kenai and Talkeetna Mountains, and more swampy springs on Kodiak than I care to remember. I've hunted with horses and planes and on foot.

I worked with then Sargent's Fleek, Nutgrass and Sharp of Fish and Wildlife Protection, to put big game guide Ray Loche out of business. A life long resident of Hope Alaska, I continue to hunt and fish by horseback on the Kenai and in interior Alaska.

Press Release Wording

Guy V Trimmingham, 62 of Hope, Alaska.

Submitted: 1/24/2016 10:17:56 AM

Game Nathan D Turner

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Game, public seat

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
Board of Game

First Name Nathan	Middle Name D	Last Name Turner
Mailing Address	City	State & Zip

Military Service

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Yes

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Yes | During past Legislative interviews, it has been indicated that anyone who traps or guides should indicate yes to this question since the Board of Game sets both seasons and bag limits and determines methods and means for all wildlife harvests in our state.

I have trapped with my family each season for the last 26 years the central and western Interior, and consider this as being my primary occupation since I have devoted the greater part of each of my working years and efforts to sustaining this way of life. I have also guided Big Game hunters for the past 19 years and annually earn enough from this to support my family. I am the only active licensed big game guide on the Board of Game (another member holds an assistant guide license, but has not guided for nearly 15 years), and am the only Registered or Master hunting guide to serve on this board since March 2006.

During the last 6 years that I have served on this board I have consistently recused myself from any deliberations or votes that would or could provide benefit or loss to my own, my family's, or any business associates economic welfare. I have at times recused myself from votes that would have the appearance of conflict, despite legal counsel that I was not in conflict, out of respect for public perception of the integrity of our processes.

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
Through 1989: raised on our family dairy farm in upstate New York

1989 through present:

- actively trapping 5 to 6 months of each season since 1989
- seasonally guiding big game guiding hunters (2 to 3 months each year) since 1996
- I and my family have built 21 structures (mostly log) along several rivers of the Interior, a number of these for hire during the summer months. For several summers I also worked intermittently as a carpenter's helper for a local contractor in Fairbanks.
- We have built numerous fish wheels, dogsleds, snowshoes, and boats over the years for our own needs.
- subsistence fishing for our annual needs

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

I am a highschool graduate of the Yukon Koyukuk School District (Northwind), and homeschooled myself for the last two years. I had the choice to pursue higher education or to work with my family to build our traplines and life in the woods together. I chose the latter and have no regrets for this decision, as the land has rewarded our efforts over the years.

As noted above, I have lived a life entirely dependent on harvesting Alaska's wild resources for both my direct sustenance and financial income. Other than several weeks of employment as a carpenter's helper in my early 20's and my work related to the Board of Game, my entire work history and livelihood has been earned through hunting and trapping. I am the currently only BOG member who earns their living directly from harvesting the wildlife resources the land provides.

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

Alaska Registered Big Game Guide 1036 (since May 2000)
Captain - Inland Freshwaters of Alaska - 6 pack licence - since 2004
Private Pilot - land and sea ratings - since 2000
Numerous certifications in wilderness first Aid , remote care, etc.
Permit Holder for 2 USFWS guide concessions - starting in 2003
Have BLM permitted guiding camps since 2005
I have both USFWS and BLM permitted trapping camps for over 25 years
Have State of Alaska permitted guide camps and trap extensively on both state and federal lands
I am a State of Alaska license vendor - since 2000

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

I served on my church's pastoral search committee several years ago, interviewing potential candidates and selecting a candidate for hire. Otherwise, my life has been in remote Alaska where community service opportunities are limited. The nearest neighbor to my home is 47 air miles away.

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Resume Addendum:

Please see the attached document for more details on my resume.

Press Release Wording

Nathan Turner, 43, of Kantishna River Alaska, has been a wilderness trapper for 26 years and Registered hunting guide for the last 16 years. He and his family live remotely for the greater part of each year in the Kantishna and Nowitna River areas, and earn their living from the land through gathering, gardening, subsistence hunting and fishing, and big game guiding.

Submitted: 10/27/2015 10:10:44 AM

Board of Game Application- Biography for Nate Turner

Online Application #

Nathan Turner

I was born and raised on a dairy farm in upstate New York. From an early age I learned the values and benefits of living a life close to the land, and especially the risk, hard work, and rewards that result from being dependent on the natural resources for your livelihood. I am grateful for those early years on the farm, and the important lessons that this type of life had to offer.

In 1989, at age 17, my father and I headed for Alaska with two pick-ups loaded with the essentials, the result of his lifelong dream of trapping in the Far North, and also a timely advertisement in *Fur - Fish - and Game* magazine; *Trapline For Sale in Alaska*. It took us 6 days to reach Alaska, and 10 additional days were spent on the road system in the Interior, preparing for our first winter on the Kantishna River. The trapline we purchased had been unused for the previous 12 years, but had been started in 1926, and few but the old timers in the country even knew where it was at that time since the rivers of the Interior had largely grown quiet by then. We were dropped off by a local bush pilot from Nenana in mid-September, and for the next ten months we learned a lot about Alaska... The winter of 1989 and 1990 was record breaking for the deep cold spells and snowfall – every winter has been an easy one since!

The next year one of my brothers joined us, we began in earnest to build our traplines into something that we hoped could support our family for the years to come. We started with the idea to treat trapping as though it were a business, working 6 days a week, with our cut-off period for trapping being 40 below. Three years later we started an additional trapline 85 miles to the west in the Nowitna country and during the next 23 years we have cleared over two hundred miles of trapline trails for our dog teams and sno-gos, operated subsistence and test fishwheels (for both Fish and Game and the National Park Service), annually grew large gardens for our winter needs, built log homes and cabins for hire in the bush, and seasonally guided big game hunters.

When we first arrived in the country, we were often told that the days of life on the trapline were gone; that this way of life wasn't possible anymore in Alaska. Thankfully, we found that those opinions were wrong. The country hadn't changed and the economics of the life hadn't changed so much as the spirit of the people seemed to have. We found that optimism, faith that our efforts would pay off in the end, hard work, and room to grow has enabled us to live a rich and rewarding life directly from the resources the country provides. Alaska has been generous to us, and the "old ways" are still there waiting for the next generation to arrive and take up the life again.

In 1996 I started working as an assistant hunting guide in the Nowitna drainages for the neighboring trapper who had a small guiding operation. We worked together for 6 years, guiding hunters in our adjoining trapping areas, before I started contracting clients on my own in 2002. Since then, I have been fortunate to share this guiding opportunity with other neighbors in my part of the Interior – nearly all of us currently live and trap close to the areas we hunt in. We have been able to meet our annual subsistence needs, while being paid to do so, much like the trapline. The harvested meat is shared among our families, and with less successful neighbors in the region. These packing and guiding jobs are the only local means of employment for most of us, other than trapping.

For 15 season I also worked as an assistant guide for Dall sheep in the Northern Brooks Range, and for Brown Bear out of Cold Bay on the Alaska Peninsula. In spite of having my own guiding business, I continued to work as an assistant guide on these hunts for many years since it allowed for me to annually visit these remote parts of the State, which have become a very important to me, and also to simply be 'a guide' and share in the daily adventure with the hunters as the experience unfolds. Since this time, I no longer work as an assistant guide, but to continue to provide hunts for coastal Brown bear on the Alaska Peninsula, Moose and grizzly in the northern and western interior, and intend to continue guiding in the Arctic if future opportunity allows.

Participation in the Public Process:

In last decade I have felt the increased need and sense of responsibility to actively take part in the public processes that have to do with my family's way of life. I have actively participated with the Board of Game process during the last 11 years, submitting proposals for consideration and volunteering to participate in side boards that I believed I could help with. I have also been actively involved in several self-reform efforts of the guiding industry, through the re-established Big Game Commercial Services Board. In 2007 I was nominated and elected to the Board of Directors of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association, the only professional association for the industry in the State, where I served until being appointed to the Board of Game in 2010.

Purpose for Applying to the Board:

In May 2010 I was appointed to the Board of Game. I had never considered applying for this position previously, but was requested to do so by several friends who were long active in public processes. Their goal, as they informed me, was to bring new voices to the table, and also to try and find a path to bring Alaskans together on issues, rather than continue to defend long hardened positions on important issues. I very much agreed with those goals, and have since tried to the best of my ability to encourage all Alaskans, regardless of their individual beliefs or needs, to listen to one another carefully, treat one another with respect, and to try and approach the bigger picture of Alaska's wildlife issues and management challenges with a new perspective – how can we find a solution to our own needs that equally addresses the needs and concerns of the others. In my view, there are no "others", only Alaskans, and we should be able to work together in unique ways because we are a unique people. As might be expected, it is not easy to change long held perspectives that prohibit people from working together, but I believe I have seen enough changes in tone and sentiment to feel encouraged for our future.

I recognize that there are many others in the State who have valuable history, skills, and perspectives that would be helpful in Board of game deliberative processes. If the Governor and Legislature is willing that I continue working with the board, I believe that my experience as a lifelong subsistence user, as a professional hunter, in Federal land management priorities, and my desire to encourage meaningful solutions that come from the people can continue to aid in the State's efforts to manage these resources for the benefit of the people. I also feel that we need to continue the focus on restoring our wildlife populations in challenged parts of the State through sound management practices, where applicable, and that these efforts will in time help ease these conflicts among our various user groups.

Personal Information:

Age: 43

Married: My wife, Cathy, and I have been married since 2004.

Children: Four sons; Josiah (8), Micah (6), Gideon (4), and Daniel (18 months)

Primary Residence: Our place on the Kantishna River is a Federal home site from the 1950's, and the center for all of our activities. Although I spend a large portion of the year on the Nowitna River, a lesser amount of time in remote camps in the Brooks Range and on The Alaska Peninsula, and 6 to 8 weeks in Fairbanks during the summer months, I consider this to be my primary residence.

Formal education:

I completed my final two years of high school through the Yukon Koyukuk School District, Northwind correspondence program based out of Nenana. A teacher visited by bush plane several times during the winter to check my work. I was twice selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students", and also competed in the Academic Decathlon.

Work History:

Through 1989: raised on our family dairy farm

1989 through present:

- actively trapping 5 to 6 months of each season since 1989
- seasonally guiding big game guiding hunters (3 to 4 months each year) since 1996
- I and my family have built 19 structures (mostly log) along several rivers of the Interior, a number of these for hire during the summer months. For several summers I also worked intermittently as a carpenter's helper for a local contractor in Fairbanks. We have built our own fishwheels, dogsleds, snowshoes, and boats over the years.
- subsistence fishing for our annual needs

Licensing Held :

Private Pilot license - land and seaplane

Captain - Inland Freshwater Six pack license

Alaskan Registered Guide – No. 1036

Past Participation with Government Processes:

I have held a number trapping cabin permits with both the Bureau of Land Management, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for many years now, all in good standing.

I have several permitted hunting camps on BLM, USFWS, and State of Alaska lands, all in good standing.

For many years we operated test recovery wheels for counting salmon entering Denali National Park via the Kantishna River drainage, funded by both the State and the National Park Service.

In the early to mid- 1990's we supplied the USFWS in Galena with Lynx and Marten carcasses for their wildfire / marten studies, and continue to provide marten carcasses to the State Area Biologist in Galena to maintain the data continuity.

We volunteered salmon blood samples to an ADF&G biologist in Fairbanks to aid in his studies related to stress levels in tagged salmon we had recovered, part of his Master's thesis.

Memberships :

The Alaska Trappers Association

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association

Alaska Chapter SCI
PO Box 770511
Eagle River, AK 99577
(907) 980-9018



February 22, 2016

The Honorable Cathy Giessel, Chair
Alaska Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel:

We are writing in support of Nate Turner to be reappointed to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG). We believe Nate has exhibited exceptional leadership qualities, as well as a strong fundamental understanding of conservation and allocation issues which are inextricably tied to a functional Board of Game.

SCI Alaska Chapter is the leading hunter-conservationist group in Alaska with a proven record of support for conservation, outdoor education, humanitarian services and of course advocacy for the freedom to hunt. Our members are influential community and business leaders from across the state and we are among the staunchest supporters of the Alaska Legislative Outdoor Caucus.

We believe that in our current situation dealing with federal overreach into state authority, and management concerns among the general hunting public that the Governor could not have made a better choice for the BOG. His demonstrated professional demeanor in dealing with Alaskans from all walks of life to his long time association with hunting and trapping make him an ideal candidate for a third term.

Mr. Turner has our full support and we hope the members of your committee will recommend him to the full Senate for confirmation. We would also like to thank Governor Walker and Commissioner Cotten for their support for keeping him on the BOG.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eddie Grasser'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eddie Grasser, Chair
AK SCI Gov't Affairs

SCI's Top Gun Chapter

Governor Bill Walker

2-23-2016

Lt. Gov. Byron Mallot

Senate Resource Comm. Chair Cathy Giessel

Senators Micciche, Coghill, and Stoltze

House Resources Comm. Chairs David Talerico and Benjamin Nageak

Representative Paul Seaton

Commisioner Sam Cotten

Senator Giessel:

Thank you for your service to Alaskans and for taking the time to read my comment.

I feel that the makeup of the Board of Game considering the recent nomination of yet another professional hunter interest begs your pointed scrutiny. This would give the Board a 4-3 majority of present or past guides. As an avid resident outdoorsman and hunter, I am frightened by the implied conflict of interest this inevitably brings, and therefore am feeling misrepresented by the Board who, by law, is charged with "conservation and development of our natural wildlife resources" (AS16.05.221) for the maximum use by and benefit for Alaskans by making policy thereof.

I listened to the SRC hearing 2/22 and was disturbed to hear appointee Turner's testimony to the effect that he thought guiding (the money) was a legitimate use of the resource. I have lived, and respect the rural lifestyle, but disagree that this is "maximum use by" or "maximum benefit for" Alaskans pursuant to Article 8 Sec 1-3, and the Owsichek Decision. The lengthy AK Professional Hunters Association testimony following stated that APHA was heavily reliant on a pro-guide Board. Clearly guiding is commercial use. Exploitation of the resource for monetary gain. While some level of representation of the non-resident (guides) interest on the BoG is reasonable, I hold that it should be minimal. There can be no question as to the serious conflict of interest issue that arises here when deliberating and voting on wildlife management and allocation proposals.

With the growing tendency of the BoG limiting resident opportunity, documented dwindling of our wildlife resources, and the prospect of a majority of the Board sympathetic to commercial interests, I implore you to think hard, with Alaskans in mind, while discussing nominations and confirmations to the Board of Game.

Thank you for reading, I welcome your comments, and once again I appreciate your service.

Douglas Malone PO Box 2091 Homer AK 99603 digdoumalone@gmail.com

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APPOINTEE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 03/9/16

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Robert Ruffner – Soldotna

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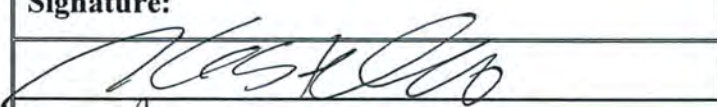

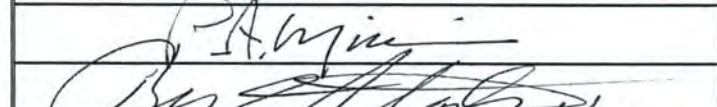

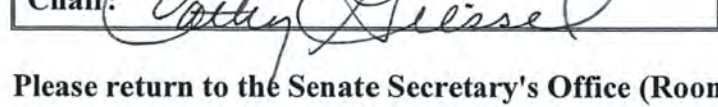

Term Expires: 6/30/2019

Alan Cain – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/14/2016

Term Expires: 6/30/2018

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	COSTELLO
	WIELECHOWSKI
	MICCICHE
	STEDMAN
	STOLTZE
Chair: 	GIESSEL

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First Name Alan	Middle Name G	Last Name Cain
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 No

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Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
 Full professional resume available if needed; 1976 to present at noted above directly enforcing or supporting enforcement of Alaska fish & game regulations and statutes including lengthy support to the Alaska Board of Fisheries as the board enforcement advisor.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

26 years employment with the Alaska Department of Public Safety in the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection as seasonal aide, trooper recruit, state trooper, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, Captain (division operations commander).

10 years employment with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game as the criminal justice planner for the department.

4 years employment as a contractor providing enforcement support and training to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (all divisions) and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (divisions of Mining, Land, and Water – Forestry)

40 years total experience directly performing or supporting enforcement and protection of fish & game resources in Alaska.

Included in my 40 years of service are 15 years attending all statewide Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings through each entire cycle sitting at the board table acting as the board enforcement advisor at all meetings. I am the longest tenured enforcement advisor to the board. Worked to provide the Board of Fisheries over the years with clear and enforceable regulations, worked closely with Department of Law representatives, board members, and members of the public on many special projects. I am thoroughly familiar with the Board of Fisheries process.

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

2016/2017 Alaska Business License – Alaska Dept. of Commerce - DBA Resource Enforcement Solutions

Alaska Police Standards Council Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Police Certificates

Alaska Police Standards Council Certified Police Instructor

Basic and Advanced Field Training Officer Certifications

United States Department of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service Deputy Game Warden Commission

United States Customs Service, Customs Officer Commission

NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Law Enforcement Commission

NAUI SCUBA Instructor Certification

Diver Rescue International Certification

United States Coast Guard Masters License (25 ton vessels)

American Red Cross CPR; Basic Life Support, Standard First Aid

Basic Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Certification

Department of Public Safety Use of Force Certification

Emergency Medical Technician/Ambulance Certification

Breathalyzer Training/Breath Alcohol Analysis Certificate

Armament Systems and Procedures, Inc. (ASP) Tactical Baton Certification

Hazardous Materials Awareness for First Responders Certificate

Alaska Drivers License

FWP Division Procurement Officer Appointment

Level I, II, and III Alaska Procurement Officer Certification (\$100,000 delegated DPS authority)

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
Career Awards Received

2012 – Pogue-Elms Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award presented by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA)

2009 - Guy Bradley Award presented by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington DC for lifetime contribution to wildlife law enforcement

2004 - ADF&G Sport Fish Director's Achievement Award for Leadership and Supervision

1996 - Honorable Service – Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection (FWP)

1993 - Shikar Safari International, State of Alaska Wildlife Officer of the Year

1990 - Meritorious Service (FWP)

1989 - Support Services Trooper of the Year (FWP)

1987 - Commendation for Valor (DPS)

1987 - Detachment Trooper of the Year (FWP)

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1980 - Detachment Trooper of the Year (FWP)

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Alan G Cain, age 60, of Anchorage, Alaska, is a natural resources enforcement advisor and trainer, with 40 years experience in Alaska protecting fish & game as an Alaska Wildlife Trooper, Criminal Justice Planner, and contractor.

Submitted: 1/25/2016 11:07:07 AM

Ruffner, Robert
Board of Fisheries

February 20, 2015

Office of Boards and Commissions
550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1700
Anchorage AK 99501
Attn: Karen Gillis

Governor Bill Walker,

I am writing to apply for a seat on the Alaska Board of Fish. Please see my attached resume.

My wife and I moved to Alaska in 1996, after having the opportunity to spend a summer in Sitka a few years earlier while still in college. However, my first exposure to Alaska fish was early in grade school when my Uncle Bob sent a couple unlabeled gold cans of homepack for me to share with my young classmates. It was a few years later that I was able to visit him and first experience salmon fishing from his troller. Later as a young adult I was fortunate to have a summer in Sitka where, like most of us who first experience spawning salmon in small streams, I watched in awe of what these creatures do at the end of their life cycle. Something that I now share with my own two daughters.

When the opportunity arose for us to move to Soldotna in 1996, we came here without any hesitation. I found myself a job as the first employee for a newly forming organization that wanted to work with all user groups, businesses and "stakeholders" to work together for the health of our rivers and streams. I helped found and grow the Kenai Watershed Forum from an idea into a multi-million dollar organization, maintaining support from all branches of local government and achieving results in unexpected ways with all user groups coming together for the betterment of the waters on the Kenai Peninsula. This collaborative approach to conservation work is a skill that I've honed and one that I will bring to the Board of Fish. I hold no illusions that my participation will reduce the user group conflicts, but having worked with many stakeholders for years, I do believe I am in a unique position to make a positive contribution to Alaska. I know how to work in this environment and reach solutions.

While the past few years my job has become increasingly managerial in nature, I am trained as a scientist with a good core mathematical and statistical background. When questions arise around data collection and confidence in datasets, I expect I will know what questions to ask and will seek to get the best scientific information on the table to help inform my decisions. To the extent possible I will always draw on the best science to make those tough votes.

Board members have a tremendous responsibility to the public and make decisions that can have serious economic, social and cultural implications. I understand this responsibility and can assure everyone considering my application that I will take this job seriously and above all else I will be fair and transparent in deliberations and in my role as a decision maker.

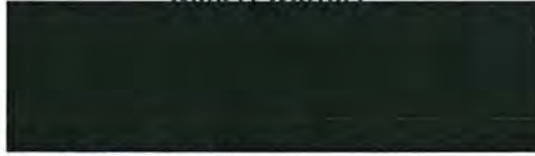
My promise to the governor and legislature is that I will listen to the public and I will work my tail off to make sure that I am making decisions in the best interest of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'R' followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert Ruffner

Robert Ruffner



Current Employer - Kenai Watershed Forum

Professional Work Experience

- 1996 – Present: Kenai Watershed Forum, Executive Director
 - Managed up to \$3M budget and supervised 14 employees
- 1994 – 1996: University of Minnesota, Research and Teaching Assistant
- 1990 – 1994: University of Minnesota, Limnology Lab technician

Education

- B.S. University of MN Geology 1994
- Post graduate course work, 2 years University of MN Geology/ Civil Engineering
- Specific course work in Geomorphology, Engineering, Numerical Modeling including finite element, finite difference, cellular automata methods
- Developed methods for modeling complex sediment transport for Hibbing Taconite Inc. and the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park

Board/ Commission Experience

- Soldotna Chamber of Commerce 2010 – present
- Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission 2010 – present
- Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Commission 2012 – present
- North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission Advisory panel 2014 - present

Relevant Experience

- Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership Coordinator 2009 – Present
 - Nationally recognized partnership, sets habitat priorities and recommends funding to the USFWS
- Fish Habitat Restoration
 - Designed and directly supervised dozens of fish passage projects totaling several millions of dollars
 - Co-designed and directly supervised a major Anchor River restoration of a captured gravel pit
- Stream Buffer Evaluation – Tongass National Forest 1993
- Scientific Studies
 - Identified hydrocarbon pollution levels in the Kenai River; developed predictive models for a solution and provided education leading to those solutions being implemented for the Kenai River - 2000 through 2008
 - Supervised fish passage evaluations of anadromous stream crossings on the Kenai Peninsula
 - Identified and documented juvenile salmonids for inclusion in the Anadromous Waters Catalog

Alaska Fishing Experience

- Sport fishing every year present in the State, wide range of experience from kayak fishing in Southeast Alaska to North Slope streams, including fin fish and shell fish
- Personal Use dipnetting – Kenai River every year since 1998
- Personal Use Gillnet – Kasilof River 1 season
- 2-days as a crew member on Cook Inlet Drift boat

Awards

- 2004 Coastal America Partnership Award (Silver Salmon Creek Restoration)
- 2007 National Wetlands Conservation Award To the Private Sector (award to Kenai Watershed Forum)
- 2008 National River Hero Award – River Network
- 2008 Person of the Year – Soldotna Chamber of Commerce

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
 Fisheries, Public Seat

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
 None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
 North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission - Advisory Panel

First Name Robert	Middle Name Austin	Last Name Ruffner
Mailing Address	City	State & Zip
[Redacted]		
Military Service None		

Conflict of Interest

Certain boards and commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS39.50.010. If required for the board or commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so?
 Yes

Could you or any member of you family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying?
 Yes

Please explain the potential financial benefit
 No

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
 Please see attached cover letter and resume

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:
 Please see attached cover letter and resume

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:
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List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
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Conviction Record

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

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

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

Type "I certify"
"I certify"

Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Robert Ruffner, 46 of Soldotna is the Executive Director of the Kenai Watershed Forum. Ruffner holds a degree in Geology from the University of Minnesota and has been working with all fishery user groups in Cook Inlet for since 1996.

Submitted: 2/20/2015 12:00:00 AM



24 February 2016

The Honorable Governor Walker
Alaska State Capitol Building
Third Floor
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Governor Walker,

Southeast Alaska Seiners Association, a commercial fishing gear group representing over 1,500 men and women directly in the SE salmon purse seine fishery, as well as associated business, supports your slate of candidates to the Board of Fisheries: Alan Cain, Israel Payton, and Robert Ruffner. Furthermore, we will be active in communicating our position to the Legislature, urging them to confirm your nominees.

Sincerely,

Dan Castle
President

Southeast Alaska Seiners Association
PO Box 23081 Juneau, AK 99802
907-463-5080



Alaska Trollers Association

130 Seward #205
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 586-9400 phone
(907) 586-4473 fax
ata@gci.net

April 8, 2015

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Fisheries Committee
Alaska Legislature
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Stutes and Committee Members:

The Alaska Trollers Association supports the confirmation of Robert Ruffner to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board).

The most essential ingredient of a solid Board process is the appointment of people who bring to the table a willingness to learn, combined with a shared vision of sustaining both fisheries resources and fishing communities. It is important for fishermen of all kinds that the Board is made up of people with first-hand knowledge of Alaska's fisheries and gear, but that's only one part of the equation. How they approach their task can make all the difference when it comes to successfully harmonizing the needs of each region. There are lots of ideas about what mix of people makes up a 'balanced' Board of Fish, but we contend it's not just a head count by gear type - with well over 150 fisheries around the state, that's an impossible goal. Board member 'attitude' is a huge component of successful Board outcomes and should not be overlooked.

Mr. Ruffner is an angler who has proven himself a consensus builder. He honed that people-skill while working to protect habitat and sustain Alaska's natural resources. Robert is familiar with Cook Inlet and the value of all fisheries to the social and economic health of the region and state. He has expressed a commitment to science; transparent decision-making; and, bridging diverse interests for the good of all. That kind of attitude is precisely what's needed on the Board, and far outweighs the wearing of any particular fishery stripe.

Therefore, ATA supports Mr. Ruffner for the Board, because we believe he will be studious about learning what he needs to know and applying that knowledge to best serve the resource and fishing public. We hope you agree and will vote to confirm his appointment to the Board of Fisheries.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information or be of help in any way.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Kelley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Best Regards," text.

Executive Director



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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March 8, 2015

Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Robert Ruffner and Al Cain for Board of Fisheries

Dear Senator Giessel and Committee members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 34 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters.

The UFA board has considered the governor's appointments to the Board of Fisheries and we support the nominations of Robert Ruffner and Al Cain.

Mr. Ruffner has an impressive background in both scientific and public leadership described in his resume. Mr. Ruffner's longtime experience with the Kenai Watershed Forum and Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership shows that he is familiar with the issues that arise in Board of Fisheries work and fisheries management. His scientific studies and personal awards demonstrate that he has a strong dedication to all of the State's different fisheries. Mr. Ruffner's professional background as well as his experience and ability to bring diverse points of view together would bring a unique perspective to the Board while also maintaining balance.

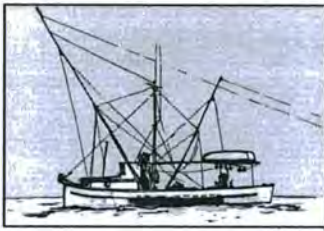
Al Cain's long service as a liaison to the Board regarding enforcement matters would bring a broad statewide knowledge of Alaska's fisheries, and direct expertise and experience with the Board's processes.

The Board of Fisheries is well known to be among the most demanding of all volunteer public service appointments in the state. We feel Mr. Ruffner and Mr. Cain are both highly-qualified applicants and we appreciate their willingness to serve. Thank you for your time and attention to this important appointment.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune
President

Mark Vinsel
Executive Administrator



Alaska Trollers Association

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Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resources
Alaska Legislature
Juneau, AK 99811

March 4, 2016

Dear Senator Giessel and Committee Members:

The Alaska Trollers Association (ATA) supports the confirmation of Al Cain to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF).

ATA represents commercial hook and line salmon fishermen who fish in state and federal waters off Alaska's coast and deliver fine quality seafood to market. The troll fleet is the largest resident fleet in the state. There are nearly 2,000 permits and over 1,100 were fished last year. The troll fleet is 86% resident; nearly one of every 40 people in the Southeast region works on a troll boat.

Al Cain is an interesting candidate. He provides the legislature with a unique opportunity to confirm someone whom, without question, has more BOF experience than any candidate in the last three decades. Having traveled to every meeting across the state during his 15 year tenure as Enforcement Advisor to the Board of Fisheries, Mr. Cain is well-known by members of our organization, all key user groups, and the fisheries agencies. He has played a crucial role in helping to find common ground amongst groups with disparate positions and crafting practical, enforceable regulations.

Captain Cain's resume is packed with but a sampling of the training, duties, and positions held during his 40 years of service to the state. The many honors and awards bestowed upon him speaks to what many of us recognize as his deep commitment to ensuring the health and sustainability of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources for the good of the citizens who rely upon them. It also reveals a man of substantial character who has multiple times been recognized for valor and meritorious service.

We in the fishing industry typically call on the state to appoint BOF members from a cross-section of working fishermen, subsistence users, and anglers, because we believe in a lay board process involving people with first-hand knowledge of fish, fisheries, operation of gear, regulations, and challenges faced by those who so heavily rely on the resource. But occasionally, someone comes along with such a broad base of personal knowledge, demonstrated skill-set, and commitment to the ideals of the state and greater fishing community that we are compelled to support them. Al Cain clicks all of those boxes.

We hope you will agree that Mr. Cain is a uniquely qualified Board of Fisheries candidate who is worthy of this important position. Please vote in support of his confirmation.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information or help in any way.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Executive Director

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: John McCombs
Representing: myself
Bill No./Subject: Board of Fisheries Nominees
Committee: _____
Date of Hearing: March 29, 2016

I oppose Payton.

I am neutral on Al Cain.

I support, without reservation

Robert Ruffner.

Thank you.

John McCombs
Nimilchik, Alaska
907-567-3334

**SENATE
APPOINTEE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 03/21/16

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


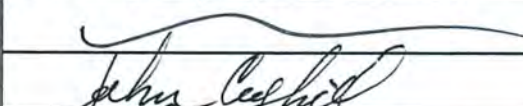
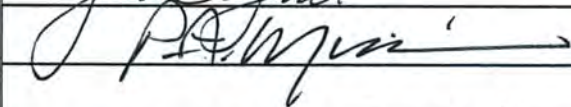
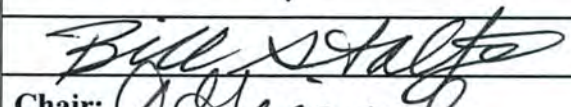
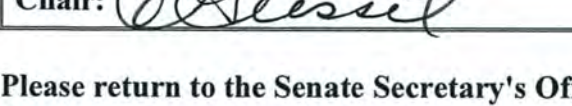

Board of Fisheries

Israel Payton – Wasilla

Appointed: 7/1/2016

Term Expires: 6/30/2019

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	COSTELLO
	WIELECHOWSKI
	COGHILL
	MICCICHE
	STOLTZE
Chair: 	GIESSEL

Please return to the Senate Secretary's Office (Room 211).

General Information

Board of Fisheries

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Game, Board of Game

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:

Preference Order Board

2) Fisheries

3) Big Game Commercial Services

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:

None

First Name

Israel

Middle Name

Paul

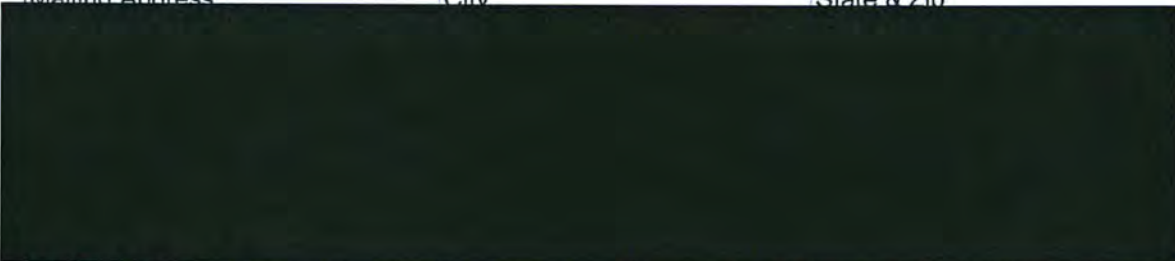
Last Name

Payton

Mailing Address

City

State & Zip



Military Service

Conflict of Interest

Full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010 is required for certain boards and commissions. Are you willing to provide this information if required for the board or commission which you are applying?

Yes

Service in a public office is a public trust. The Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110) prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Is it possible that you or any member of your family will benefit financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying? If you answer 'yes' to this question you MUST explain the potential financial benefit.

No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.

2014-Present

Airframes Alaska, Birchwood, Alaska
Outside Sales/Technical Support/Customer Service

2012-2013

Professional Wilderness Services, Nikiski, Alaska
Bear Guard/Wilderness Safety Professional

2011-2013

Hunter Trapper Aviation, Wasilla, Alaska
Aircraft Mechanic

2011

Nana Construction, Big Lake, Alaska
Structural Welder

2008-Present

Self-Employed, Wasilla, Alaska
Income Property Owner/Builder/Manager

2006-2010

Schulmberger, Prudoe Bay, Alaska
Oil Field Operator

2004-2005

McGee Construction, Anchorage, Alaska
Construction/Iron Worker

2004

Glacier Granite, Anchorage, Alaska
Mason Granite Cutter/Fitter

2002-2005

True Wilderness Adventures, Skwentna, Alaska
Owner & Operator Fish Guiding Service

1997-2011

Seasonal Hunting Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

1996-2005

Seasonal Fishing Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

1993-1995

Seasonal Deck Hand on Family River Barge, Skwentna, Alaska

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

Home Schooled in Skwentna, Alaska Elementary – Junior Year High School

High School Diploma Colony High, Palmer 1997

Testing Institute of Alaska Welding Certificate 2003

Pilot Training Commercial Pilot 1999-2002

CDL Truck Driving School CDL Tanker 2006

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

Commercial & Instrument Pilots License 1999-2001

Registered Big Game Guide License 2001 Currently Expired

Alaska Bow Hunter Certification 2004

Alaska Hunter Ed Card. 1994

Coast Guard OUPV licence 1998 Currently Expired

Sport fishing guides license 1998 Currently Expired

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

State of Alaska Licensed Foster Parent 2012-2014

Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee 2004-2005 & 2013-present

Aviation Safety Seminar Speaker 2014-present

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

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Type "I certify"

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Israel Payton, 37, of Wasilla and Skwentna is a life long Alaskan. Israel was home birthed in his parents 12x12 trappers cabin at the base of the Alaska Range near the Hayes River. His first trip into the woods was on his fathers back when he was 3 days old. Israel was raised in Skwentna and grew up harvesting fish and game, and living a subsistence life. His first job was a deck hand on his family's river barge service. Israel has had many jobs taking him all over Alaska; Guide, North Slope Operator, Welder, Pilot, Commercial Construction, Airplane Mechanic, and Home Builder. Israel currently works in sales for Airframes Alaska, Alaska's largest seller and manufacture of aviation parts. Israel has participated in the Board of Game/Fish and Advisory committee process for many years and enjoys reaching out to sportsman, getting different perspectives, and bringing people together on issues. Israel describes himself as the quintessential Alaskan bush rat and spends as much time possible going to his cabin with wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Emily. Israel was home schooled in Skwentna and moved into Wasilla his senior year, graduating from Colony High School. Israel is a Certified Pipe/Structural Welder, Commercial/ Instrument Pilot, and is working on getting his Aircraft Mechanic License. Israel enjoys, hunting, fishing, flying, and talking to people about those issues.

Submitted: 10/19/2015 12:23:38 PM

Oct 20, 2015

Dear Governor Walker,

My name is Israel Payton. I was home birthed by my father and mother in a 12 x 12 log trapper's cabin at the base of the Alaska Range, on the Hayes River. Being 75 air miles from the nearest hospital my parents weighed me with a Zebco fishing scale. I grew up in the bush, learning early on a deep respect for fish and wildlife resources since we subsisted off of them. This upbringing has instilled me the values I live my life by today.

Like many Alaskans I have had various jobs to make a living; airplane mechanic, boat builder, welder, fishing and hunting guide, tour guide, slope worker, wilderness professional, house builder, and landlord. Currently I work at Airframes Alaska, the largest aviation company in the state.

I have fished, hunted and worked in many different parts of the state, and have a diverse knowledge of Alaska Game and Fish as a whole. I am a member of the Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee and actively participate in the Board of Game and Fish meetings. I am constantly trying to recruit other young Alaskans in these processes as they are truly unique. In no other state can a single individual have so much impact on passing a fish and game regulation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Israel Payton



Israel Paul Payton



Trainings/Licenses & Certifications

Current: Commercial Instrument Pilot License, Alaska Bow Hunter Card, Alaska Hunter Education Card

Previous/ Expired: Registered Big Game Guide, CDL with hazmat, Coast Guard Captain, Fishing Guide, First Aid CPR, Pipe and Structural Welder

Community Service

State of Alaska Licensed Foster Parent	2012-2014
Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee	2004-2005 & 2013-present
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Formal and Informal Education

Home Schooled in Skwentna, Alaska (Elementary – Junior Year High School)		
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Israel Paul Payton
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Seasonal Deck Hand on Family River Barge, Skwentna, Alaska

From: John McCombs
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2016 11:19 AM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>
Subject: Israel Payton

Hello Senator, I write to oppose the confirmation of Israel Payton to the Alaska Board of fisheries. I challenge his qualifications and his ability to comprehend statewide fishery issues. He is put forward to placate a vocal minority of Mat-Su politicians who continue to support the wasteful management plans that allow a \$20,000,000 harvest able surplus escape. He was submitted as part of a suite of appointees and is the least acceptable of the three. Thank you, John McCombs Ninilchik.

KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

Email: Kenai_LIO@akleg.gov

Phone: 907-283-2030 / Fax: 907-283-3075

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Karen McGahan
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries - Payton
COMMITTEE: Senate Resources **DATE:** 3-21-16

Please DO NOT appoint Israel Payton to the Board of Fish.
He has been hand picked, in my opinion, by Bob Penney, Kenai Sportfishing Assoc., and Sen. Stoltze and will not be a good board member.
This is a political appointment, not a scientific appointment.

Thank you,
Karen McGahan
Nikiski, Alaska

KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

Email: Kenai_LIO@akleg.gov

Phone: 907-283-2030 / Fax: 907-283-3075

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Richard McGahan
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries - Payton
COMMITTEE: Senate Resources **DATE:** 3-21-16

Please do NOT confirm Mr. Payton to the Board of Fish.
He is not a scientist and has a biased view regarding Cook Inlet salmon.

Richard McGahan
Nikiski, Alaska

MAR 30 2016

**SENATE
APPOINTEE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 03/30/16

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

Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors

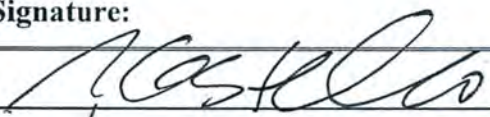






Dave Cruz – Palmer

Appointed: 9/13/2013

Reappointed: 9/14/2015

Term Expires: 9/13/2020

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	COSTELLO
	WIELECHOWSKI
	COGHILL
	MICCICHE
	STEDMAN
	STOLTZE
Chair: 	GIESSEL

Please return to the Senate Secretary's Office (Room 211).

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS FACTSHEETS

Alaska Gasline Development Corporation

Board: Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors

Board identification number: 367

Department: COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Authority: AS 31.25

Status: Active

Sunset date:

Requirements: Legislative Confirmation and Financial Disclosure

Prohibitions: The commissioner of natural resources and the commissioner of revenue may not be designated to serve on the board however the commissioner of natural resources may make reports and recommendations regarding the delivery and availability of North Slope natural gas in the state to include the identification of risks and recommendations for mitigation. The commissioner of revenue may provide a report to the legislature on financing options for state ownership and participation in a North Slope natural gas project. This may include developing a plan and suggesting legislation for municipalities, regional corporations and residents of the state to acquire ownership interests in a North Slope natural gas pipeline project.

Term: 5 years

Description: The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of five public members and two individuals designated by the governor, that are each the head of a principal department of the state. Public members shall be appointed in consideration of an individual's expertise and experience in natural gas pipeline construction, operation, and marketing; finance; large project management; and other expertise and experience that is relevant to the purpose, powers and duties of the corporation. Public members serve at the pleasure of the governor. The board shall elect a chair, secretary, and treasurer from among membership at each annual meeting. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for organizing the board, conducting its business, and exercising the powers of the corporation. However an affirmative vote of at least four members of the board is required to approve of: the sale/issuance of bonds, the sale/disposition of substantial assets or the substantial amount of assets of the corporation, the ownership structure for a pipeline project of which the AGDC is a participant, any action committing the corporation to an additional natural gas pipeline project, and action on other matters identified under the regulation (AS 31.25).

Function: The board manages the assets and business of the corporation and may adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws and regulations governing the manner in which the business of the corporation is conducted and the manner in which its powers are exercised. The board shall delegate supervision of the administration of the corporation to the executive director.

Chair: board elects

Special facts: Special facts: The corporation shall, for the benefit of the state, to the fullest extent possible, (1) develop and have primary responsibility for developing natural gas pipelines, an Alaska liquefied natural gas project, and other transportation mechanisms to deliver natural gas in-state for the maximum benefit of the people of the state; (2) when developing natural gas pipelines, an Alaska liquefied natural gas project, and other transportation mechanisms to deliver natural gas in-state, provide economic benefits in the state and revenue to the state; (3) assist the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Revenue to maximize the value of the state's

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None

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First Name David	Middle Name	Last Name Cruz
[REDACTED]	City Palmer	State & Zip AK 99645
[REDACTED]	Business Phone	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]		Are you a registered voter? Yes
6/ [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
I have been employed by Cruz construction for the last 26 years as President & CEO. Prior to 1989 I worked seasonal as a General Contractor & Seasonal Snow Removal employee for SOA Dept of Transportation, and worked on the North Slope for various Contractors.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:
I have been engaged in Alaska Pipelines, Oilfield & Heavy Civil Construction for the last 39 Years. I founded Cruz Construction from a one man operation to what Cruz Companies is today over 500 Employees. I have experienced the good times and the low times in Alaska Business and feel my experience would be beneficial to AGDC to progress our Gasline Projects

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:
I was elected to serve on the Associated General Contractors of Alaska Board of Directors and served 12 years. I also was elected to serve on the Associated General Contractors of Alaska Executive Board and went through the Chairs to serve as the President of the chapter in 2010.

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I was appointed to the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board Of Directors in September of 2013 and was appointed to the 2 year term that expires September 13th 2015.
I also server 9 Years as a Commissioner on the Mat-Su Borough Port McKenzie Advisory Board from 2003 thru 2012 ,
I also served 6 years on the Mat-Su Borough Forestry Agriculture Board form 1993 thru 1999

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No

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

{Dave Cruz , 57 of Palmer, Alaska President & CEO of Cruz Companies

Submitted: 8/28/2015 7:17:16 AM

**SENATE
APPOINTEE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 03/28/16

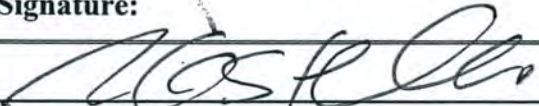
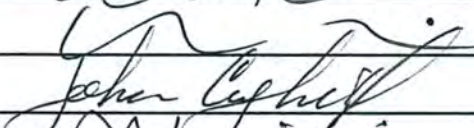
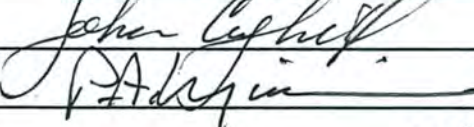
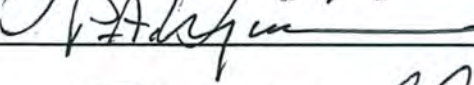
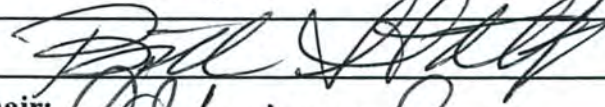
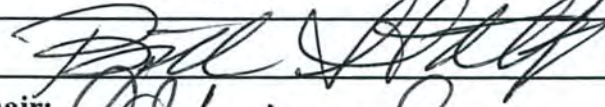

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Resources Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors

Luke Hopkins – Fairbanks
Appointed: 11/20/2015

Term Expires: 9/13/2018

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
	COSTELLO
	WIELECHOWSKI
	COGHILL
	MICCICHE
	STEDMAN
	STOLTZE
Chair: 	GIESSEL

Please return to the Senate Secretary's Office (Room 211).

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First Name

Luke

Middle Name

Thomas

Last Name

Hopkins

Mailing Address

[REDACTED]

City

[REDACTED]

State & Zip

[REDACTED]

Home/Message Phone

[REDACTED]

Business Phone

[REDACTED]

Cell Phone

[REDACTED]

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

Date of Birth

[REDACTED]

Gender

Male

Ethnicity

White

Military Service

[REDACTED]

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{Your Name}, {age} of {hometown}, is {job title/place of employment} holds {education level, school, or relevant experiences}. AK Gov PR text: November 20, 2015 ANCHORAGE – Governor Bill Walker announced his new appointments to the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors today. Luke Hopkins of Fairbanks will join the seven-member board, which oversees the agency's efforts to build a natural gas pipeline and liquefaction plant in Alaska. Mr. Hopkins is the former mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. He will fill the seat vacated by former AGDC Board Chairman John Burns.

"I am pleased to welcome Luke Hopkins to the AGDC Board of Directors. As the mayor of the Fairbanks Borough, Luke was instrumental in creating a new municipal gas utility for the Borough, and directing major funds to develop lower cost natural gas supply for Fairbanks residents," said Governor Walker. "I also want to thank John Burns for his service to the AGDC board and the state. John is a talented attorney and I hope to utilize his skills in a different capacity of this project going forward."

A resident of Fairbanks for nearly 50 years, Mr. Hopkins has an extensive background in local government and project development. He served on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Planning Commission for seven years, and was a Borough Assembly member for more than five years. In October 2015, Mr. Hopkins completed two terms as the Borough mayor, where he was actively involved in keeping military troops at Eielson Air Force Base and bringing major economic growth to the Fairbanks region. Mr. Hopkins has been involved in a wide variety of local and statewide boards and commissions, including the State of Alaska Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board, the Association of Defense Communities, the Alaska Municipal League, and the Alaska Gasline Port Authority.

Submitted: 1/19/2016 2:50:00 AM

Luke T Hopkins



I most recently completed six years as Mayor of Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) in October 2015. I have been a resident of Fairbanks for over 49 years. Arriving in 1966, I attended the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF) in undergraduate studies and continued my involvement with the campus for over 35 years in various planning and operational capacities, completing my career as Superintendent of Maintenance at UAF and the 5 regional campuses under UAF. I have also served on the Fairbanks North Star Borough's Planning Commission for seven years and was a Borough Assembly member for more than five years in several roles including serving as the Assembly's Presiding Officer, Deputy Presiding Officer, Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, and Chair of the Audit Committee, for a total of 19 years serving the local FNSB government. During the first half of the 70's, I owned and operated Enep'ut Shops, a woodworking business that manufactured children's solid wood toys and furniture among other products.

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With my leadership efforts during my two, three year terms as mayor, the borough government's financial position continued to improve. I was directly involved with promoting FNSB in bond sales

Luke T Hopkins



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Augustine J. Merrick II



Objective **To obtain a Board of Directors position on the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation.**

Profile

- Strong interpersonal relationships with craft, management and legislators.
- 15 years experience as a foreman in construction/pipeline industry in Alaska.
- Reputation for dependability and credibility with excellent safety record.
- Effective negotiator with high ethical standards.
- Goal-oriented individual with strong leadership capabilities.
- Organized, highly motivated, and detail-directed problem solver.
- Ability to work well under pressure, achieving results while maintaining level-headedness and common sense.

Employment

Business Manager, Secretary-Treasurer, Laborers' Local 341, Anchorage	2006-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for the oversight of a non-profit Labor Union with a \$2 million budget• Negotiations in collective bargaining agreements	
Business Agent, President, Laborers' Local 341, Anchorage	2003-2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily interaction with management to provide opportunities for members• Apprenticeship coordination	
Operations Manager, General Superintendent, General Foreman, Houston Contracting Company, HC Price, North Slope, TAPS Line wide, Valdez Marine Terminal	1991-2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for the construction of new, and maintenance of existing, multi-million dollar petroleum based projects	
Apprentice/General Laborer, Laborers' Local 942, Fairbanks	1989-1991

Professional Positions

- Alaska Petroleum Joint Craft Council, Vice President
- Alaska Gasline Inducement Act Committee, Charter Member
- Alaska Workforce Investment Board, Board Member
- Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Presidents Advisory Committee, Committee Member
- Alaska District Council of Laborers, President
- Laborers-Employers Cooperative Education Team, Executive Board Member
- Alaska AFL-CIO, Vice President
- Central Labor Council, Executive Board Member
- Alaska Laborers Training Trust, Labor Trustee
- Alaska Laborers Pension Trust Investment Committee, Labor Trustee
- Construction Industry Progress Fund, Board Member
- Oil and Gas Competitiveness Review Board, Member

**Community
Involvement**

The Alaska Support Industry Alliance, Member
Resource Development Council, Board Member
Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Member
Commonwealth North, Member
Alaska Military Youth Academy, Mentor
Chugiak Youth Soccer Association, Coach
Knik Little League, Coach
Mustang Hockey Association, President