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Special Committee on Fisheries

AGENDA

Confirmation Hearing: Board of Fisheries
Monday, April 26, 1999
5 PM to 7 PM

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Establish Quorum.
- III. Board of Fisheries Appointees:

Dan Coffey in Anchorage (via teleconference)
Grant Miller in Sitka (via teleconference)
Virgil Umphenour in Fairbanks (via teleconference)

- IV. HCR 2, relating to state sovereignty

Joanne Grace -- Department of Law is available to testify and answer questions.

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April 23, 1999

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FR: Liz Cabrera, Committee aide
RE: Board of Fish Appointments

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Also, included in this packet are letters supporting and/or opposing these appointments from various individuals and organizations.

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RESUME'

This Resume' is being submitted in conjunction with my application for a position on the State Board of Fisheries.

Name and Address:

Phone Numbers

Dan Kelly Coffey
207 East Northern Lights Blvd.
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Anchorage, Alaska 99503

(907) 274-3385 work
(907) 243-5464 home

I was born August 6, 1946 in Seattle, Washington. I came to Alaska with my mother 3 days later aboard an Arnold Airlines DC-3. We landed at Merrill Field on August 10, 1946. I remember nothing about the trip. I've been an Alaska resident ever since.

My occupation is as an attorney. I have been admitted to the Alaska Bar since May, 1975 so I have been at this work for over twenty (20) years. I am currently a sole practitioner employing one associate and one paralegal. My law practice is limited to commercial/real estate work with some commercial litigation with an emphasis on the purchase and sale of businesses particularly licensed businesses. Prior to opening my own office I was a partner in the lawfirm of Kay, Saville, Coffey, Hopwood and Schmidt for several years.

I am also the owner of two businesses in Anchorage; Dollar Rent a Car and Q-Zar Laser Tag and Family Entertainment Center. I also own Dollar Rent a Car in San Diego, California. In addition, I own and operate several commercial real estate properties in Anchorage. Finally, I am currently developing a residential subdivision in west Anchorage.

I am divorced and have sole custody of my three sons, Ryan, Kevin and Shane aged 11, 9 and 7. Since finishing law school I have lived continuously in Anchorage, Alaska.

I am a member of the following organizations:

- 1) Alaska Bar Association
- 2) Anchorage Home Builders Association
- 3) ARBA/CHARR

My experiences relative to fishing are as follows:

- 1) 1969-1971 worked as a commercial fisherman in Homer and Prince William Sound.
- 2) Previously represented fish processor in Bristol Bay.
- 3) In the late 1970s and early 1980s assisted numerous clients in applications for shore fisheries/tidal lands leases.

- 4) 1985-1990 owned 1/2 interest in 80 foot halibut, bottom fishing and commercial tendering boat.
- 5) Previously represented commercial fishermen involved in the Bering Sea crab fishery.
- 6) Previously represented clients in joint venture operations relative to bottom fishery.
- 7) I have been a sports fisherman, both fresh and salt water for many, many years.
- 8) My father was a founder of the Fisherman's Union in Alaska in the 1930s and 40s. He fished commercially in Bristol Bay in the days of sail boats. The goal of the Union was to allow the small commercial fisherman make a living by eliminating the fish traps controlled by Seattle based commercial processors. He was very proud of the role he played in eventually eliminating the traps.
- 9) I served on the Board of F.I.S.H., Inc which sponsored the initiative to increase the allocation of salmon to sports fishermen.

My experiences on previous governmental or public service Boards and Commissions are as follows:

- 1) Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Board, 1988-92.
- 2) Anchorage Museum Board, 1991-92.
- 3) Barrier Free Recreation Board, 1979-present.
- 4) Chairman of numerous Bar Association Fee Arbitration Panels.
- 5) Vice Chairman Governor's Task Force on Charitable Gaming.

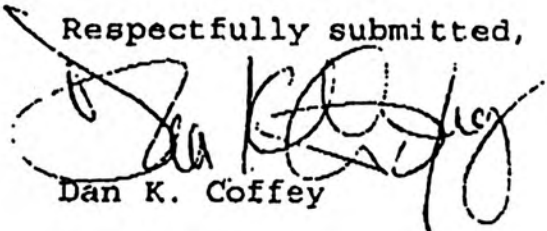
My qualifications for this position are as follows:

- 1) I am a problem solver, facilitator and a mediator. As a lawyer for twenty years, I know that the best way to resolve a difficult situation is to carefully listen to all sides, gather the facts, apply a sound criteria to the decision making process and then implement the decision in a fair and equitable manner so that all interested parties know what you are doing and why you are doing it.
- 2) I believe that reasonable solutions to difficult problems can be reached based a thorough understanding of the facts and on a willingness to engage in a dialogue with those who have differing opinions.
- 3) I have no preconceived notions about what should or should not be done. I have an open mind and a willingness to listen.
- 4) I do not represent any special interests nor do I have anything to gain from serving on the Board.

- 5) I have read the statutes establishing the Board of Fisheries, some of the regulations relative to the Board's operations and many of the cases decided by our Supreme Court relative to the duties, responsibilities and powers of the Board of Fisheries. I believe I know what is expected of the Board under the law.
- 6) Having lived in Alaska all my life, I know people all over the state in all walks of life. I can call on these people for information, for assistance and for ideas.
- 7) Having practiced as an attorney before various Boards and having sat on various Boards, I understand the public process within which the Board of Fisheries must operate.

I hope that this information is helpful to you in reaching a decision. If there is anything further which you require, please advise.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan K. Coffey

Grant J. Miller

**PO Box 6097
Sitka, Alaska 99835
(907) 747-7870**

Education/ Training

Rossford High School, Rossford Ohio	Graduated	1965
Ohio University, Athens Ohio		1966-67
Kildalls Navigational School, Seattle WA	Certificate	1978
Crawfords Nautical School, Seattle WA	Certificate	1991
Marine Firefighting School, Juneau AK	Certificate	1991
Radar School, Seattle WA	Certificate	1992

Employment

Commercial fishing

- Salmon Troll, Halibut Long Line, Herring Gillnet, SE Salmon Seine, Sitka, Alaska 1977-1998.
- Herring Bait Pound, Sitka, Alaska 1987-Present
- Herring Gillnet, Togiak and Norton Sound 1980-83.
- Anchovy Lampara Seine, Salmon Troll, Herring Gillnet, Sausalito, CA 1972-76
- Bottom Dragging, Scalloping, Fish trap, Lobster inshore and offshore, Cape Cod, Mass. 1966-71

Tour Boat Operator

- Allen Marine Sitka, Alaska 1998

Licenses

Marine fire fighting 1991-Present

Radar observer 1992-1998

USCG master any vessel 200 tons, master fishing vessels 500 tons, mate any vessel 1600 tons 1994-Present.

USCG mate uninspected vessels 500 tons 1978-94.

Boards

Alaska Board of Fish	1996- Present
Sitka Committee on Fisheries	1994- Present
United Fishermen of Alaska (NSRAA rep.)	1990- 1997
Vice President	1991
Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association	1985- 1997
President	1988- 1997
Seafood Producers Co-op	1994-1996
Sitka Committee on Alcohol and Other Drugs	1993- 1994
Seafood Producers Co-op	1981-1985
President	1985

Service on Vessels Requiring License

Aleut Packer	500 GT	1978-79
Kodiak Queen	500GT	1983
Woodbine	500GT	1994
Sea Otter	27GT	1998

RESUME
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OBJECTIVE

Appointment to the Alaska Board of Fish.

QUALIFYING EXPERIENCE

Have been involved in all aspects of the fishing industry: commercial, sport, subsistence.

Commercial

Fished commercially on the Tanana River in Fairbanks from 1984 until 1995 when I gave my permit to my son. In 1985 became a commercial fish processor, processing both fish and roe from my fish and buying from commercial fishermen in Fairbanks, Nenana, Norton Sound and villages along the Yukon River. Have expanded this business so that now my company operates year round doing smoked fish and value added salmon products per year. Upwards of 250,000 lbs of salmon and roe can be processed during the summer months pending availability of fish.

SPORT

Have been an avid sport fisherman all my life. I have sport fished from the Kenai Peninsula to the Seward Peninsula and am well aware of the importance of the sport fishing industry to both the Alaskan sport fisherman and the tourism industry. My company processes in excess of 40,000 lbs/yr of sport caught fish.

SUBSISTENCE/PERSONAL USE

Have subsistence or personal use fished in Nome, Copper River and Yukon River drainage since 1976. As a commercial fish processor and big game hunting guide, have dealt extensively with the commercial/subsistence fishermen of the Yukon River drainage and Norton Sound. For the most part, fishermen in these areas commercial fish to obtain cash to support their subsistence lifestyle. I have seen first hand the devastating effects of the failed fish runs on these people.

HUMAN RELATIONS

Past and present positions have required a wide range of interpersonal skills, public information management techniques and political awareness. As a commercial fisherman/processor and former military officer, have learned to deal with a wide range of individuals and be cognizant of their special interests and concerns. Am able to work with others to strike a consensus on critical issues. Was co-organizer of the Yukon River

together.

COMMUNICATION

Certified military instructor. Am completely at ease when speaking to large groups of people.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

CEO, Interior Alaska Fish Processors, Inc.
Registered Alaskan Hunting Guide
Officer, US Army Reserve, Retired

MEMBERSHIP

Member, Alaska Board Of Fish, August 1994 to present
Delegate, US Canada Yukon River Salmon Treaty Negotiating Committee since 1988
Co Chairman, Yukon River Drainage Fishermen's Association, Dec 1990 to July 1994
Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association, life member

REFERENCES

Jack Coghill, former Lt. Governor
State Senator Georgianna Lincoln
State Representative Richard Foster
Irene Nicholia, former State Representative
Allan Vezey, former State Representative
Charles Meecham, former Deputy Commissioner, ADF&G

To: House Fisheries Committee

Subject: Re-appointment of three board members to board of fisheries

Date: April 26, 1999

I come before this committee today to express my discontent with the current make up of the B.O.F. Of the three members up for re-appointment, two members have served for at least one complete term and still do not know how to present motions in any unstatutable regulatory language. Therefore they are incompetent to serve the people of Alaska. The third member has a pre-disposed agenda and is not open to any new concepts other than his own. There is no compromise in this position. Does this serve the people of Alaska? The current make up of the B.O.F. ignores the impact of their decisions and how they affect the local long term residents on the Kenai Peninsula. These board members tailor biological data that changes an abundant economy into one that is meager and of limited growth. A Profile of the Commercial Fishing Industry (Kenai Peninsula Borough) states that 22% of the residents and participants of the Kenai Borough's Commercial Fishery are of Alaskan Native ancestry. The B.O.F. states that they review the history before making impacting regulations, but they do not consider the impact on all the small communities and the impact by percentage of commercial fisherman in these communities.

These small communities are the backbone of rural economies of Alaska and in the Kenai Borough they are seriously overlooked by the B.O.F. The 1998 Soldotna board of fish dismantled the 1978 Cook Inlet Management Plan but stated that they implemented like considerations in their new step-down plan. Upon reviewing the B.O.F. considerations in the original 1978 plan, #2 "The commercial fishing industry in the Cook Inlet is a valuable long-term asset of the state and must be protected.....", #3 "...as recreational demands increase, the recreational users must be aware of what stocks will be managed primarily for commercial harvest in order that they don't become overly dependent on the fish for recreational purposes.....". These considerations are nowhere written in these new step-down plans. Forgotten? Or purposely negated?!! This board does not have equal representation and has never had an advocate of the Commercial Set-Net fishery statewide or even in Cook Inlet in spite of the fact that it is the dominant Limited Entry Permit Holder statewide! At present time, there is no represented, commercially knowledgeable, B.O.F. member who understands or has any commercial history in Cook Inlet. Yet there are three members that represent lesser users of the total resource. It is no wonder that recent regulations adopted for the major traditional user restricts that user to a lesser, non-viable category. Prejudice, contempt, bias, dipsomania, un-informed, arrogant, DIRTY DEEDS DONE DIRT CHEAP are all terms that I could use in describing the current board re-appointees. PLEASE, out of fairness and decency, DO NOT RE-CONFIRM: DAN COFFEY, GRANT MILLER, and VIRGIL UMPENHAUER.

From a hundred year family resident of the Kenai Peninsula.

Paul A. Shadura II



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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FISHERIES
committee name
committee on DAN COFFEY TO BO OF FISHERIES, dated 5-3-99
bill # / subject

May 2, 1999

Dear Committee Chairman Hudson:

I would like to inform you and your committee that I strongly support the reappointment of Dan Coffee to the Board of Fisheries.

I am a member of the Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee. Neither I nor any other member of our committee, to my knowledge, was surveyed for our opinion regarding the reappointment of Mr. Coffee. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly is completely out of touch with the majority of its constituency, especially those of us in Cooper Landing. We are aware that the Fisheries Board, and the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game are doing a fine job and are to be commended for preserving the Kenai River fishery. I understand that there is an active commercial fishing minority who would like to catch all the fish in Cook Inlet. Their short focus does not allow them to see what is obvious to the rest of us. If the fish don't make it to their spawning grounds, there will be no fish for the commercial fishermen. Commercial fishermen have consistently over-fished. There are plenty fish for everyone except for the fact that there are too many commercial fishermen.

The present Board, which includes Mr. Coffee, has done a fine job of balancing the commercial/sport fishing dynamic. I hope you will not be influenced by a very powerful and well-financed commercial lobby and will reconfirm Dan Coffee.

Thank you,

George R. Siter, Jr.
14865 Sterling Highways
Cooper Landing, AK 99572

Signed:

George R. Siter, Jr.

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

14865 STERLING HWY, COOPER LANDING, AK 99572

Address

907-595-1266

Phone number

May 3rd 1999

Subject's Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative members:

I have lived in Soldotna Alaska since 1958. My name is Connie Davis, I have commercial fished almost my whole life, I support the commercial fishing industry in the State of Alaska.

I urge you to reject delete Dan Coffey off the board of fisheries. I am upset with the fact that the board of fish was instrumental in dismantling the Upper Cook Inlet Management Plan, and the AK Board of fish members did not use their own guidelines regarding local economic and historical users in their decision making process.

Respectfully Yours
Connie Davis



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Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE RESOURCES
committee name

committee on BD OF FISHERIES CONFIRMATION, dated 5-3-99
bill # / subject DAN COFFEY REAPPOINTMENT

REMOVE DAN COFFEY, FROM THE BOARD OF FISHERIES
HE IS INCAPABLE OF EVALUATING A FISHING
ISSUE, WITH AN OPEN MIND,

A BALANCED MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF
FISHERIES, SHOULD BE A PRIORITY, AND IS ESSENTIAL
TO MAKING FAIR DECISIONS

Signed:

Eugene Svetc (EUGENE SVETC)
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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FROM : Riddles Guided Fishing & Lodge PHONE NO. : 9072833253+51

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committee name

committee on Confirmation of Dan Coffey to, dated 5/2/99
bill # / subject Board of Fish

Written Message attached - 2 pages

Signed: Joseph F. Cannors
Testifier
KENAI RIVER Professional Guide Association, President
Representing (Optional)
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Address
(907) 262-9496
Phone Number

5/2/1999

Dear Legislator:

The Kenai River Professional Guide Association is a organization that represents the Kenai River fishing guides. There were 347 licensed issued in 1998 of which 85% were Alaskan residents. Our organization has a 92% Alaskan resident component. We represent approximately 50% of those licensed.

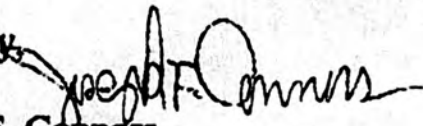
KRPGA has taken a serious and committed interest in the Board of Fish public process. This past year we had designated members in attendance at the hearings held in Homer, Wasilla, Kodiak and Soldotna. They participated extensively in the public process; offering testimony as well as participating in various committees. It is our feeling that the Board when out of it's way to insure that the public was heard. However, in the end decisions had to be made and everyone could not be a winner on each issue. From a guide perspective we will have 2 more serious restrictions imposed upon us in the year 2,000. The first will not allow us to take clients fishing on Mondays in May and June; this is a 14.3% reduction in our work week). The second will reduce the number of paid clients we can have in our boat from 5 to 4: this is a 20% reduction.

We strongly challenge you to look beyond the irresponsible emotional rhetoric that has been spewed forth by certain special interest groups in an attempt to discredit and thus prevent the confirmation of Dan Coffey, Grant Miller and Virgil Umphenour. We urge you to confirm the reappointment of the 3 above named individuals. They and their fellow boat members have met the challenge of determining when and how to provide opportunity to an every increasing number of Alaskans and Americans to utilize

our common resources while making sure that the habitat and resource is protected.

If I can be of any further assistance to you or the confirmation process please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and attention to this most important matter.

Sincerely,


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President, KRPGA
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committee name
committee on Board of Fisheries, dated 5/3/99
bill # / subject

To the House Special Committee on Fisheries for testimony on the Board of Fisheries
Confirmation hearing, 5/3/99.

Dan Coffey and the Fisheries Board have done a fine job in protecting the Alaska fishing
resource for all Alaskans. I strongly support the confirmation of Dan Coffey. Thank you.

From: Please PRINT the information below.

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George R. Siter, Jr.				

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Fisheries Committee

On, Dan Coffey to Bd. Of Fisheries, dated 5/3/99.

Please enter into the record, my testimony to the House Fisheries Committee on the confirmation hearing, 1999. Mr. Dan Coffey has shown on numerous occasions that he is not afraid to make the tough decisions that are required in order to preserve our precious fisheries resources. He is always well read and well prepared to discuss with and listen to both sides of any fisheries issue, and then make solid, common sense decisions, always erring on the side of conservation.

I feel strongly that the committee process that Mr. Coffey started has greatly enhanced the decision-making process and to a large degree lessened the posturing. The committee process also gets to the essential elements of fisheries problems, therefore building consensus rather than constant stonewalling.

Mr. Coffee is a leader in the Sustainable Fisheries Study initiated by this BOF. I cannot believe that we can continue the practice of Maximum Sustained Yield, and continue to have healthy fisheries for all user groups, especially in Cook Inlet. With Mr. Coffee's leadership and organization, the current BOF is on the right track to adopting Optimum Sustained Yield and putting behind us the politics of fisheries policy for commercial interests only, with all other groups getting the leftovers.

We, the sport fishers and personal use fishers of this state, need the current BOF members, all of them, to continue with the fine job they have started.

Please reconfirm Mr. Coffey, Mr. Umphenaur and Mr. Miller.

Signed:

Stephen S. Riddle

Stephen S. Riddle

Testifier

Board of Directors KRP&A

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Fisheries Committee

On, Dan Coffey to Bd. Of Fisheries, dated 5/3/99.

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Fisheries Committee on the confirmation hearing, 1999. Mr. Dan Coffee needs to be reconfirmed to the Board of Fisheries.

We need people of his caliber to help mold the decisions of the Board of Fisheries as the difficult process of saving the fisheries with Optimum Sustained Yield instead of the current policy. We need people who will not be intimidated by the sheer emotionalism and anger directed their way daily by the different user groups who depend on the Cook Inlet fish.

We, the sport fishers and personal use fishers of this state, need the current BOF members, all of them, to continue with the fine job they have started.

Please reconfirm Mr. Coffey, Mr. Umphenaur and Mr. Miller.

Signed: Donna L. Riddle Donna L. Riddle

Testifier

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committee name
committee on DAN COFFEY TO BO OF FISHERIES dated 5-3-99
bill # / subject

Please enter into record my testimony on the House Fisheries Committee on the confirmation hearing, 1999.

Mr. Dan Coffey is one of the best BoF members I have ever observed. He without question places our resources first and is unafraid to face the disbelievers. Mr. Coffey is responsible for starting the Committee Process which brings the stakeholders together to discuss issues. This to a large degree lessens the posturing and gets to the essential elements of fish questions.

In addition, Mr. Coffey is a strong proponent of this Boards Sustainable Fisheries Study. If we don't embrace the sustainable concept proposed by Mr. Coffey and this BoF and eliminate maximum yield maximum harvest, Alaska will go the way of the Pacific NW and the East Coast

Please reconfirm Mr. Coffey, Mr. Umphenour and Mr. Miller.

Ron Rainey, Chairman
Cook Inlet Public Fisheries Council

Signed:

Ron Rainey

Testifier

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Regarding House Fisheries
confirmation of Colleg, Miller and Umphreys.
I strongly disapprove of these three; first
because of their unbalanced, sports fish bias and
second because of their support of intentionally
overescaping the Kenai River system with
red salmon i.e. "optimal sustained yield" instead
of max sustained yield.

Thor Eversom
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MAY 03 1999

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE FISHERIES
committee name
DAN COFFEY TO
committee on BOARD OF FISHERIES, dated MAY 3 1999
bill/subject

Dear Chairman Hudson and Committee Members,

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE REAPPOINTMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF DAN COFFEY TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES.

As a member of a local advisory committee and a member of the public, I have testified before this Board member and served in the committee process several times recently. While we may not always agree, I feel his positions on issues have been well thought out and in the best interests of Alaska's resources and people. At no time is it possible to satisfy ALL special interests, including mine.

I ask you also to please disregard Kenai Peninsula Borough Resolution 99-034 strongly opposing the confirmation of the three current members. I am appalled and embarrassed that my local government, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly, would blatantly advocate and lobby for a special segment of our local economy to the detriment of other viable and vital parts of our local business sector, let alone the damage this type of thinking does to the public's uses of our common resources.

While conserving habitat and resource, the members of the Board of Fisheries must recognize the needs of subsistence, personal use, sport fishing, commercial sport fishing, and commercial fishing. This board member has worked hard to insure that these needs are met.

Please support the confirmation of the reappointment of Dan Coffey to the Board of Fisheries.

Signed: W. S. Stockwell
Testifier
Bill Stockwell
Representing (Optional)
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

House Fisheries
committee name

committee on Fisheries
bill # / subject

dated

5/3/99

I HAVE PROVIDED ALL OF YOU FOLKS A REPORT PREPARED BY ME. THIS REPORT WAS TITLED "UNITED TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF OUR LAND."

PLEASE UTILIZE THE REPORT AS MY WRITTEN COMMENTS WHY I AM OPPOSED TO CONFIRMATION OF THE THREE FISH BOARD MEMBERS THAT ARE UP FOR RECONFIRMATION.

Signed:

[Signature]
Testifier

COMMERCIAL FISHING FAMILIES

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Phone number

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The sub-committee process this Board came up with was a complete sham in my opinion. Although the legislature has been led to believe that the public was allowed to comment and give testimony during this process, I witnessed otherwise. These sub-committees were actually meeting at the same time in different parts of the same room. There was no way any one person could participate or even listen to all that was going on. It was wrong!

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Marilyn Keener, Life-long Alaskan

Marilyn Keener

P.O. Box 2833 Kenai

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committee name
committee on Virgil Umphenour to Board of Fisheries dated 5/3/99
bill # / subject

I oppose the reappointment of Virgil Umphenour to the Board of Fisheries, he has demonstrated a complete lack of competence in dealing with the Alaskan public, during his present term on the Board. A qualified appointee must be knowledgeable of, committed to, and have respect for the public process established at statehood for regulating Alaska's fisheries resources.

Signed:

Kenneth L. Lute

Testifier

7715 Highlander Dr; Anchorage, AK 99510

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(self)

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Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

committee on DAN COFFEY TO BO OF FISHERIES dated 5-3-99
bill # / subject

I am opposed to the reappointment of Dan Coffey to the Board of fish.

He has consistently proven his personal bias against commercial fishing - downgraded, even ridiculed the testimony of the Cook Inlet Comm. fish biologists - and openly stated in his first year of board membership that he was a "one-issue" board member - to get more fish up to the Mat-Su Valley.

Signed:

James Y. Gunnerson (TIM EVENSON)
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

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committee on DAN COFFEY TO BO OF FISHERIES dated 5-3-99
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Dear Sirs,

I urge you not to confirm Dan Coffey to the Board of Fisheries. I am a commercial fisherman in Cook Inlet. Dan Coffey has spearheaded the effort to reallocate fish from our fishery. This reallocation has been successful to the extent that I have lost over 40% of the access to our resource. This is simply too much reallocation for our fishery. The recent Board of Fisheries meeting in Soldotna resulted in unanimous votes to reallocate fish. Please create a vacancy in Dan Coffey's place which could be filled with someone who understands the effects of destroying 40% of an industry.

Signed: Rion T. Vampk

Testifier

Self

Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 251 Ninilchik, Ak 99639

Address

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Phone number

In my opinion the present Fish Board has shown total disregard for the health and well being of the Kenai River with no consideration to (and in fact encouraging) over escapment and habitat destruction.

I feel this board has a predetermined goal of killing the entire Cook Inlet drainage. Therefore I urge the legislature to not confirm:

Dan Coffee

Virgil Umphenour

Grant Miller

They have also shown total disregard for the economy of the entire Kenai Peninsula.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Garcia".

With these considerations allotted in
this brief time period I insist you do not
confirm Dan Coffey to the board of fish and
remember he is the one who brought most the
controversy to this board.

thank you
John McCombs
Ninilchik, AK

JOHN McCOMBS

Box 87

NINILCHIK, AK 99639

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Northern District set netters catch 1.5
cohos for every sockeye harvested.
Staff reported no conservation
concerns in the Northern District.
Mr. Coffey spent the last three ^{years} trying to
find fault with the dept., restrict the
drift fleet, and enhance the most
marginal fishery in existence, the
northern district set netters. Finally
this winter he succeeded in getting the
drift fleet restricted 3 of their last
openings in a massive allocation, to
the Northern District. He trivialized
the 40% cut to the fleet by calling it
a viable fishery, yet did not consider
the financial impact which the board
is mandated to be based on their own
allocation criteria. Mr. Coffey
authorizes rules but can't operate by
them. In an interview this last winter
Mr. Coffey referred to himself as a friend of
the governors and when asked about a
controversial action he mockingly quipped
"call me the anti-christ". ^{nam et with said in jst.}

Dining with Bob Penney during deliberation
having a tourism related business, recent
employment by the Wazilla Fire-Meyer,
a new business partnership with Grant
Miller, could speak to a possible
conflict of interests.

May 02, 1999

Three years ago Dan Coffey was confined to the board of Fish, after copious public outcry against, at 11:46 P.M. After authoring the F.I.S.H. initiative and a scrape with the A.P.O.C. about a deposition, Mr. Coffey became Bob Penny's second attorney on the board. He started his own Cook Inlet agenda, bringing forward agenda change requests, Cook Inlet issues out of cycles every year, creating the board generated proposals, and re-inventing the committee process. Mr. Coffey became the chairman of the committee committee, determined the proposals, groupings, a road map, and was put in charge of who was seated on the various committees.

A once successful public process has been turned into the Dan Coffey show. He did his best to alienate and trivialize the local advisory committees, Affected major changes ~~in which~~ on how the board conducts business without the traditional public notice and comment period, and ignored staff reports to such a degree as to harmfully impact both resource and habitat.

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May 03, 1999

Dick & Molly Musgrove
PO Box 3522
Kenai, Alaska 99611

We oppose the reconfirmation of Mr. Coffee to Board of Fish.

He voted to increase the maximum escapement goal for the Kenai River with out any concern about the future survival of this magnificent system. As Fish & Game have shown over escapement of salmon year after year is detrimental to the future of this fishery. He must realize too many fish up this River just decreases the number of spawners that return. His interests seem to be about getting more fish in the river for sportsmen and guides immediate compensation, than the health of this system.

Also Mr. Coffee does not seem concerned about the jobs lost or the effect on the local economy.

For these reasons we are opposed to Mr. Coffee being reappointed to the Board of Fish. Please consider future board members who are concerned about the health and the environment of this River for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely yours

Dick Musgrove
Dick Musgrove

Molly Musgrove
Molly Musgrove

To: House Fisheries Committee

Subject: Re-appointment of three board members to board of fisheries

Date: May 3, 1999

I come before this committee today to express my discontent with the current make up of the B.O.F. Of the three members up for re-appointment, two members have served for at least one complete term and still do not know how to present motions in any unstatutable regulatory language. Therefore they are incompetent to serve the people of Alaska. The third member has a pre-disposed agenda and is not open to any new concepts other than his own. There is no compromise in this position. Does this serve the people of Alaska? The current make up of the B.O.F. ignores the impact of their decisions and how they affect the local long term residents on the Kenai Peninsula. These board members tailor biological data that changes an abundant economy into one that is meager and of limited growth. A Profile of the Commercial Fishing Industry (Kenai Peninsula Borough) states that 22% of the residents and participants of the Kenai Borough's Commercial Fishery are of Alaskan Native ancestry. The B.O.F. states that they review the history before making impacting regulations, but they do not consider the impact on all the small communities and the impact by percentage of commercial fisherman in these communities.

These small communities are the backbone of rural economies of Alaska and in the Kenai Borough they are seriously overlooked by the B.O.F. The 1998 Soldotna board of fish dismantled the 1978 Cook Inlet Management Plan but stated that they implemented like considerations in their new step-down plan. Upon reviewing the B.O.F. considerations in the original 1978 plan, #2 "The commercial fishing industry in the Cook Inlet is a valuable long-term asset of the state and must be protected.....", #3 "...as recreational demands increase, the recreational users must be aware of what stocks will be managed primarily for commercial harvest in order that they don't become overly dependent on the fish for recreational purposes.....". These considerations are nowhere written in these new step-down plans. Forgotten? Or purposely negated?!! This board does not have equal representation and has never had an advocate of the Commercial Set-Net fishery statewide or even in Cook Inlet in spite of the fact that it is the dominant Limited Entry Permit Holder statewide! At present time, there is no represented, commercially knowledgeable, B.O.F. member who understands or has any commercial history in Cook Inlet. Yet there are three members that represent lesser users of the total resource. It is no wonder that recent regulations adopted for the major traditional user restricts that user to a lesser, non-viable category. Prejudice, contempt, bias, dipsomania, un-informed, arrogant, DIRTY DEEDS DONE DIRT CHEAP are all terms that I could use in describing the current board re-appointees. PLEASE, out of fairness and decency, DO NOT RE-CONFIRM: DAN COFFEY, GRANT MILLER, and VIRGIL UMPENHAUER.

From a hundred year family resident of the Kenai Peninsula.

Paul A. Shadura II

Paul A. Shadura II



Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE FISHERIES

Please enter into the record my testimony to the _____
committee name

committee on BD OF FISHERIES CONFIRMATION, dated 5-3-99,
bill # / subject DAN COFFEY REAPPOINTMENT

REMOVE DAN COFFEY, FROM THE BOARD OF FISHERIES
HE IS INCAPABLE OF EVALUATING A FISHING
ISSUE, WITH AN OPEN MIND.

A BALANCED MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF
FISHERIES, SHOULD BE A PRIORITY, AND IS ESSENTIAL
TO MAKING FAIR DECISIONS

Signed:

Eugene Svetc (EUGENE SVETC)
Testifier

SELF

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Alaska State Legislature

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committee on BOARD OF FISHERIES CONFIRMATION dated 5-3-99

bill # / subject VIRGIL L, UMPHENOUR REAPPOINTMENT

REMOVE VIRGIL L, UMPHENOUR, FROM THE BOARD OF FISHERIES.
HE HAS DEMONSTRATED A COMPLETE LACK OF KNOWLEDGE,
WHEN DEALING WITH FISHING ISSUES.

A COMPETENT BOARD MEMBER MUST UNDERSTAND THE
FISHING RESOURCES

A BALANCED AND INFORMED MEMBERSHIP ON THE
BOARD, IS ESSENTIAL TO MAKING FAIR DECISIONS

Signed: _____

Testifier

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TO: HFSH RE: BD OF FISHERIES 5-399

I urge you to reject Dan Coffey
to the B.O.F.

He has already served a term and
has been involved in the F.I.S.H. initiative
and should never have been
appointed in the first place.

Dan Coffey, as well as all the
B.O.F. members were appointed by the
Governor. There is not one on the
Board from the Cook Inlet area
who fishes in the main fishery
that's being affected — it couldn't be
more unbalanced or unfair —

I've been in the fishing
industry for 25 yrs and more, and
have never seen mismanagement
and arrogance for our
fisheries and local economy

It appears to me it's all
being sacrificed for tourism and
in-river fisheries which will
soon ruin the nurseries.
Salmon cannot live without
the habitat — they don't spawn
in the salt-water, so this makes
the tributaries precious and
a very sensitive area.

Please do not confirm Dan Coffey
Virgil Thompson or Grant Miller.
I don't feel that any of them are

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qualified
Steve Kenel



Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

committee on Dan Coffey TO 19 of Fisheries dated 5.3.99
bill # / subject

I would like to urge you not to confirm Dan Coffey, Virgil Umphenour, and Grant Miller as they showed no regard for economics, people or fish habitat. It was clear they had a predetermined agenda, they ignored the local advisory committee recommendations further they formed committees at the Alaska Board of Fish meeting in Soldotna.

I sent you representatives a packet of signatures from concerned people from the community voicing their concerns over the total disregard from the board of fish process, over the people, economy, fish habitat.

Signed: _____

Testifier

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I would urge you to not confirm
Dan Coffey
Virgil Umphreus
Grant Miller
as they have shown no regards to
the people, habitat, economies of the
Kenai peninsula people.

Thank You
Suzanne L. Ducker

Signed:

Suzanne L. Ducker
Testifier

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Confirm:

Dan Coffey
Virgil Umphenour
Grant Miller

to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

I believe ~~you~~ they have shown no
regard to the people, economies or habitat
of the Kenai peninsula.

Signed:

Chad Davis

Testifier

Self

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Bill Hudson, Chair
Alaska House of Representatives
Select Committee on Fisheries

Sitka, AK
April 19, 1999

Dear Chairman Hudson,

My name is Eric Jordan. I am a lifelong Alaskan fisherman. I have served 15 years on the Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee, 8 as secretary and 4 as chair. I served 8 years on the Advisory Panel to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. My grandfather, father, and sons have or presently commercially fish in Alaska. I troll salmon, work as a charter operator, and subsistence fish and hunt to sustain myself. I am a current member of the Sustainable Fisheries Committee advising the Board OF Fisheries.

I am here representing myself.

I have worked with and testified to Boards of Fisheries since 1973. I have worked closely with this board. I have found this board and the individual members commitment to public process and fact finding unparalleled. I have participated in the Board sub-committee process and support it. I find that it compliments and amplifies the advisory committee process.

I support the Governor's nominations and urge you to confirm all these incumbents, Grant Miller, Dan Coffey, and Virgil Umpenour. This is one of the best, hardest working Board OF Fisheries in a legacy of fine Alaskan fisheries boards. Service on the Board OF Fisheries takes a great deal of work and dedication. Alaska is fortunate that these dedicated, experienced members are willing to serve again. I urge unanimous support from the legislature.

Sincerely,



Eric Jordan
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Sitka, AK 99835
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TO: HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES
ATTN: REP. BILL HUDSON, CHAIRMAN FAX: (907) 465-2273 PHONE: _____
FROM: SITKA LIO PHONE: 747-6276
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Signed: Kenneth L. Sveta (Kenneth L. Sveta)
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Bruce J. Gabrys
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March 30, 1999

Honorable Tony Knowles
Governor, State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Sent By: FAX (907) 465-3532
and USPS

Re: Request for Appointment to the Board of Fisheries

Dear Governor Knowles,

I am requesting appointment to the Board of Fisheries. Adding my name to the list of applicants provides an option for you to balance the composition of the Board. I am a twenty year resident of Alaska, a small business owner in Eagle River, a sport fisherman, and a commercial fisherman with fifteen years of experience fishing Gulf of Alaska and Cook Inlet waters. I am confident that I have the broad range of experience and integrity required for serving on this very important board.

My background includes over twenty years of public service, fifteen of which has been in the Alaska National Guard. As a reference of my integrity, dedication and character; I offer one of your former commissioners, Jake Lestenkof. I had the privilege to work for Major General Lestenkof for the four years prior to his retirement.

I can be contacted at the address listed above, by telephone at (907) 694-3874, by fax at (907) 694-3832, or by e-mail at: gabrys@alaska.net. I am looking forward to serving on the Board of Fisheries. I am certain you will be pleased with my performance as your appointee.

Sincerely,


Bruce J. Gabrys

Commercial Fishing

Property Management

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May 3, 1999

Representative Bill Hudson
Chairman,
Special Committee on Fisheries
State Capitol, Room 108
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Sent By: FAX (907) 465-2273

Re: Objection to Appointment of Dan K. Coffey to Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Hudson,

I ask your support in rejecting the confirmation of Dan K. Coffey to the Board of Fisheries. The current Board of Fisheries is not a balanced, well-rounded board. The Board of Fisheries currently has three members, including Mr. Coffey, which reflect Cook Inlet sport fishing interest. I urge you to use this board seat vacancy to balance Cook Inlet influence by rejecting the confirmation of Mr. Coffey and urging the Governor to appoint a commercial harvester to the board. The Governor had received requests to serve on the board from myself and other qualified applicants from which he could select to balance the board.

I will be at the Anchorage LIO for the 5:00 p.m. hearing today and would like to speak on behalf of balancing the board. I can be contacted at the address listed above, by telephone at (907) 694-3874, by fax at (907) 694-3832, or by e-mail at: gabrys@alaska.net.

Sincerely,



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April 26, 1999

Mr. Bruce J. Gabrys
10229 Baffin Street
Eagle River, AK 99577

Dear Mr. Gabrys:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The deadline for making these appointments was March 31, 1999, the day we received your application. Each candidate had impressive professional and personal qualifications.

Governor Tony Knowles has reappointed Dan K. Coffey of Anchorage, Grant J. Miller of Sitka, and Virgil L. Umphenour of Fairbanks to public seats on the Board of Fisheries.

We appreciate your willingness to assist Governor Knowles by applying for service on the board. If there are other boards or commissions that you would like to be considered for, please notify my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cindy Smith".

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

**Lake and Peninsula Borough**

P.O. Box 495
King Salmon, Alaska 99613

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April 30, 1999

Bill Hudson
Co-Chair of House Resources Committee
Facsimile Message: 465-2273

RE: Alaska Board of Fisheries Reappointment

Dear Representative Hudson,

The Lake & Peninsula Borough has a strong interest in maintaining the health of the fisheries resources adjacent to the fishing communities within Borough boundaries. The Assembly is active in working to minimize bycatch in commercial fisheries and protecting essential habitat for all marine resources within State waters.

We wholeheartedly support the reappointment of Virgil Umphenour because he is not hesitant to address these sensitive issues.

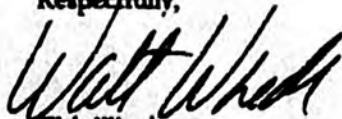
As you know there are different vessel types and sizes that harvest different species within state waters. These differences bring a sharp awareness to fishermen that target the same stocks, intercept stocks, or ruin habitat in areas that others rely on for other species. All this is said because different regions support different appointees to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

We support Virgil Umphenour because he has stood strong in the face of tough opposition on these tough issues. As Co-Chair of House Resources Committee, we ask you to recognize his unwavering stance in telling the industry to clean up their act. Fishing can be conducted profitably and still reduce bycatch and stop ruining crab habitat.

He also encourages reducing intercept fisheries where possible. Resources within our state are for all of us to use. If fisheries were managed to allow maximum intercept in some areas, our state would lose in the long run because the impact would decimate discrete stocks.

Thank you for considering our recommendation. Virgil takes his appointment seriously and does a good job for the state.

Respectfully,


Walt Wrede,
Borough Manager



Alaska State Legislature

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 committee on DAN COFFEY TO committee name
BOARD OF FISHERIES dated MAY 3, 1999
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Signed:

W. S. Stockwell
 Testifier

BY STOCKWELL
 Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 721, COFFEY LANDING, AK 99572
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Chugach Regional Resources Commission

May 3, 1999

Chenega Bay

Eyak

Nanwalek

Port Graham

Quetzak
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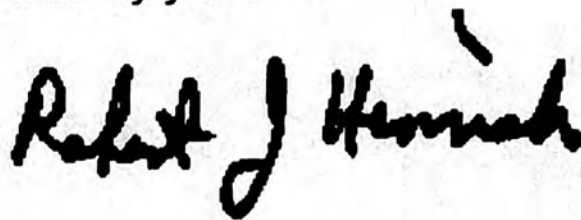
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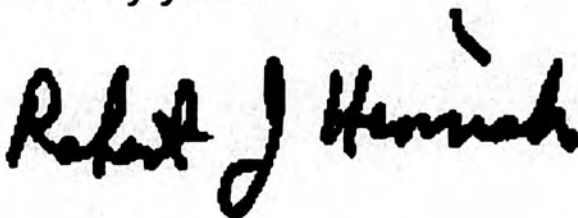
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Alaska State Legislature

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committee name
committee on Dan K. Coffey dated 5/3/99
bill # / subject

I oppose the reappointment of Dan K. Coffey to the Board of Fisheries, he has shown his bias against the Cook Inlet commercial fishing industry by his actions during his present term on the Board. A qualified appointee should be an unbiased decisionmaker willing and able to factfind to make the best decision possible based upon the available information.

Signed: Kenneth L. Svetc (Kenneth L. Svetc)
Testifier
(self)
Representing (Optional)
7715 Highland Drive; Anchorage, AK 99518
Address 907-349-6028

Bruce J. Gabrys
10229 Baffin Street
Eagle River, AK 99577
(907) 694-3874

May 3, 1999

Representative Bill Hudson
Chairman,
Special Committee on Fisheries
State Capitol, Room 108
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Sent By: FAX (907) 465-2273

Re: Objection to Appointment of Dan K. Coffey to Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Hudson,

I ask your support in rejecting the confirmation of Dan K. Coffey to the Board of Fisheries. The current Board of Fisheries is not a balanced, well-rounded board. The Board of Fisheries currently has three members, including Mr. Coffey, which reflect Cook Inlet sport fishing interest. I urge you to use this board seat vacancy to balance Cook Inlet influence by rejecting the confirmation of Mr. Coffey and urging the Governor to appoint a commercial harvester to the board. The Governor had received requests to serve on the board from myself and other qualified applicants from which he could select to balance the board.

I will be at the Anchorage LIO for the 5:00 p.m. hearing today and would like to speak on behalf of balancing the board. I can be contacted at the address listed above, by telephone at (907) 694-3874, by fax at (907) 694-3832, or by e-mail at: gabrys@alaska.net.

Sincerely,



Bruce J. Gabrys

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March 30, 1999

Honorable Tony Knowles
Governor, State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Sent By: FAX (907) 465-3532
and USPS

Re: Request for Appointment to the Board of Fisheries

Dear Governor Knowles,

I am requesting appointment to the Board of Fisheries. Adding my name to the list of applicants provides an option for you to balance the composition of the Board. I am a twenty year resident of Alaska, a small business owner in Eagle River, a sport fisherman, and a commercial fisherman with fifteen years of experience fishing Gulf of Alaska and Cook Inlet waters. I am confident that I have the broad range of experience and integrity required for serving on this very important board.

My background includes over twenty years of public service, fifteen of which has been in the Alaska National Guard. As a reference of my integrity, dedication and character, I offer one of your former commissioners, Jake Lestenkof. I had the privilege to work for Major General Lestenkof for the four years prior to his retirement.

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Sincerely,



Bruce J. Gabrys

Commercial Fishing

Property Management

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April 26, 1999

Mr. Bruce J. Gabrys
10229 Baffin Street
Eagle River, AK 99577

Dear Mr. Gabrys:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The deadline for making these appointments was March 31, 1999, the day we received your application. Each candidate had impressive professional and personal qualifications.

Governor Tony Knowles has reappointed Dan K. Coffey of Anchorage, Grant J. Miller of Sitka, and Virgil L. Umphenour of Fairbanks to public seats on the Board of Fisheries.

We appreciate your willingness to assist Governor Knowles by applying for service on the board. If there are other boards or commissions that you would like to be considered for, please notify my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cindy Smith".

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions



Lake and Peninsula Borough

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King Salmon, Alaska 99613

Telephone: (907) 246-3421
Fax: (907) 246-6602



April 30, 1999

Bill Hudson
Co-Chair of House Resources Committee
Facsimile Message: 465-2273

RE: Alaska Board of Fisheries Reappointment

Dear Representative Hudson,

The Lake & Peninsula Borough has a strong interest in maintaining the health of the fisheries resources adjacent to the fishing communities within Borough boundaries. The Assembly is active in working to minimize bycatch in commercial fisheries and protecting essential habitat for all marine resources within State waters.

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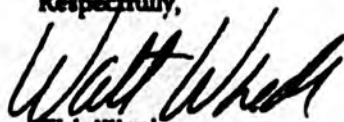
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We support Virgil Umphenour because he has stood strong in the face of tough opposition on these tough issues. As Co-Chair of House Resources Committee, we ask you to recognize his unwavering stance in telling the industry to clean up their act. Fishing can be conducted profitably and still reduce bycatch and stop ruining crab habitat.

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Respectfully,



Walt Wrede,
Borough Manager



Alaska State Legislature

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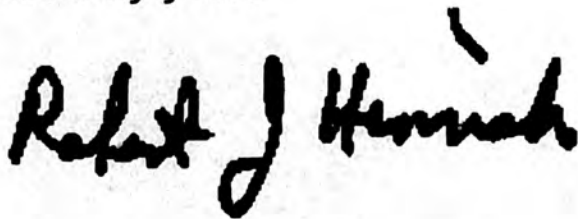
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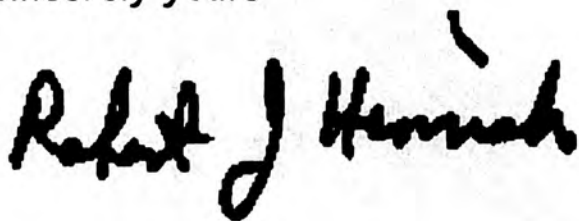
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5731 Faust Rd
Ellensburg, WA. 98926

(509) 925-4947

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Dear Sir:

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Mr. Umphenour's statements concerning PWSAC and Copper River fishermen have more than effectively demonstrated his unsuitability for the Board.

I have been a Copper River fisherman for 20 years and find his comments extremely offensive.

It is absurd to think Copper River fishermen want to "kill every fish", as Mr. Umphenour maintains. My family and I are dependent on a healthy run which means we have a direct interest in the future of the Copper River salmon returns.

Mr. Umphenour's demonstrated bias against PWSAC also concerns me. PWSAC restructured its debt in 1997. Payments are expected to start June, 1999 which is earlier than originally anticipated. According to Bud Perrine, CEO, Mr. Umphenour should be aware of this from meeting's he attended earlier this year.

Mr. Umphenour has stated to you, "I don't remember any executive sessions during the last Area E Board meetings". Since these meetings are a matter of public record, a tape of this occurrence should be listened to by every committee member. Not only would this be proof an executive session was called, it would also be another demonstration of Mr. Umphenour's unsuitability to be a Board member. I would also recommend that committee members read through the entire record of this meeting and see for themselves how consistently Mr. Umphenour demonstrates his bias concerning Copper River fishermen.

Mr. Umphenour's statements to you and his record from previous Board meetings should disqualify him from future consideration. If

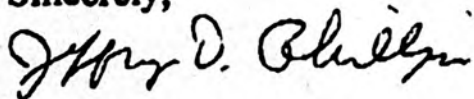
this was a court of law, Mr. Umphenour would not be able to hear a case concerning Copper River fishermen. We deserve no less from the Board of Fisheries.

In my experience testifying and observing Fish Board meetings I have seen many Board members leave their biases at the door and deliberate with open minds. Mr. Umphneour seems incapable of this. As a comercial fisherman, sports fisherman, and an Alaskan resident I deserve open-mindedness from my Board members.

Mr. Umphenour should not be retained as a Board of Fisheries member

Thank-you.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey D. Phillips
Box 1565
Cordova, AK. 99574
(907) 424-3174

To: Representative Bill Hudson, Chairman Fisheries Committee

Robert D. Schell
From: Robert D. Schell, Chairman, Board of Directors, Seafood Producers Co-op

Subject: Board of Fish Appointees

Date: April 23, 1999

Seafood Producers Cooperative endorses the reappointment of Grant Miller of Sitka to the board of fish. Our cooperative consists of 495 members who participate in hook and line fisheries, primarily the troll salmon fishery and the various long line fisheries of Alaska.

Grant is knowledgeable of these fisheries as well as the net and sport fisheries of Alaska. This knowledge combined with the demonstrated ability to listen to the various constituencies who use these resources makes him much too valuable a board member to be lost to the political vagrancy of the various factions involved in fishery allocations.

The board of fish is a tough assignment. I have participated in their meetings over the past decades and know only too well the animosities that can develop if decisions do not go the way some parties would prefer. The board of fish members should not be scapegoats for making the tough decisions.

Box 1367
Sitka, Alaska 99835
907-747-8541

April 24, 1999

Representative Bill Hudson
Chairman: Fisheries Committee
State Capitol Rm. 108
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Hudson,

I have been a commercial fisherman residing and fishing out of Kodiak for the past 33 years. During that time, I have been on the Board of Directors of the United Fisherman's Marketing Association for over 20 years and more recently I have been the Vice President of the Alaska Dragger's Association for the last 4 years. My involvement in fisheries politics has up until now been on a local level.

At the January Board of Fisheries meeting held in Kodiak I testified as a stakeholder on Proposal #132: Ban Bottom Trawling in State Waters-Kodiak, and subsequently became a member of the groundfish committee. From there I was appointed by the BoF to serve on the Non-Pelagic Trawl Task Force which I did for 2 months before the March BoF meetings in Anchorage. I must say that the inclination of the BoF to close ALL State waters to non-pelagic trawling had me in disbelief. That this governing body was making decisions affecting so many people and would be so biased and unwilling to listen to both sides of the issue was shocking. In particular, Mr. Umpenhower's manner of professional conduct could not have been LESS professional.

During the March BoF meeting in Anchorage, and more specifically the final deliberations by the BoF on Proposal #132, Mr. Umpenhower's predisposed, biased and totally unprofessional conduct was rampant, as is demonstrated by the enclosed tape. The tape begins with Dr. White, Chairman of the BoF, asking Mr. Dave Jackson, Dept. of Fish & Game-Kodiak, about safety issues relating to proposed closed areas. Following, Mr. Umpenhower launches his perspective.

You be the judge. Is this the kind of individual who will make intelligent, fair, unbiased decisions that will not only affect the livelihoods but also the