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Sunrise's commitment to the project, will enable ASI to realise the potential they have envisioned says state official. (Photo:ASI)

New York investor floats ASI hopes



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Alaska Seafood International, the stalled fish factory in Anchorage, could be up and running in time for the summer wild salmon runs thanks to new cash from a New York investment firm, state and company officials said Tuesday.

ASI hopes to close the deal with Sunrise Capital Partners in the next 30 days.

The deal means new life for the huge new plant, which had hoped to be producing heat-and-eat fish meals two years ago but so far has seen only financial troubles, layoffs and scant production.

Sunrise is a so-called "bottom feeder," specialising in buying and reviving bankrupt or financially troubled companies. Under the deal with ASI, Sunrise would invest USD 5 million and open a line of credit to buy raw fish and processing materials. In exchange, Sunrise would get a controlling 51 per cent stake in the company.

Bob Poe, a state official who has scrambled for months to rally investors and save ASI, said Sunrise is "a business that's in the business of turning around companies."

The state itself owns a quarter interest in ASI. The state also built and owns the USD 50 million, 202,000-square-foot factory building that ASI occupies.

That Sunrise insisted on a controlling interest in ASI is reasonable because of the big job it has ahead of it, Poe said.



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"You couldn't imagine a harder turnaround right now than ASI," he said. "ASI has no contractual sales. They don't have production."

ASI is not bankrupt but has been essentially dormant since last summer, after financing problems erupted with the company's backers in Taiwan. ASI executives blamed political upheaval in Taiwan for a sudden loss of financing, but sources from inside ASI said the Taiwanese balked after seeing millions of their dollars spent by the start-up company and then being asked repeatedly for more.

The Taiwanese, including the Central Investment Holding Co. of Taipei and Bank SinoPac, have stayed involved with ASI after tough negotiations with the state. One of the state's bargaining chips was a USD 17 million guarantee the holding company had made as security to Alaska for erecting the factory building.

To accommodate Sunrise, the Taiwanese companies under the deal would agree to a smaller ownership stake and fewer seats on the board of directors, as would the state. Sunrise would control six of the 11 board seats.

ASI and the big factory building were conceived as an important economic development project for Alaska and a way to revolutionize the seafood industry. Alaska is fish rich but most of its seafood leaves the state raw or with little value-added processing. ASI had hoped to employ some 450 people to make a wide range of breaded, sauced and marinated fish meals from salmon, cod, halibut and other species.

But the factory, wracked by financial problems, has never operated at anything close to capacity or employed more than a few dozen people.

One factor for Sunrise is the outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease and mad cow disease now ravaging the European beef industry - a potential boost for alternative protein like seafood, said Jeff Bush, a state economic development official who also has been serving as ASI's board chairman.

For the deal to become final, the leaders of the Taiwanese companies and the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, the state agency, which acts as ASI's landlord, must approve, Bush said. The AIDEA board meets 12 April.

ASI founder Howard Benedict would retain his small minority stake under the deal, Bush said.

Joseph Julian Jr., a principal in Sunrise, said in a written statement: "ASI fits perfectly into our strategy to acquire controlling interests in middle-market companies with solid underlying fundamentals and growth prospects which can be strengthened by the commitment of capital and

operational resources. We are particularly focused on assisting ASI in taking its innovative products into the North American and European markets where demand for high-quality seafood is accelerating rapidly and we expect these trends to continue."

ASI and state officials had said for months that they hoped to land a company with either food or seafood manufacturing experience, something regarded as lacking at ASI.

They didn't get that in Sunrise, Poe said, but they did get a company that knows how to recruit the right people, using events like the International Boston Seafood Show now under way.

Sunrise, added Bush, "truly believes that this business can and will make it and they are very willing to invest all that they believe is necessary to make the business work."

But established Alaska seafood processors have never given ASI much chance of succeeding, for one simple fact: Anchorage is far away from fishing grounds, suppliers and markets alike, increasing transportation costs.

Likewise, ASI president John Brady has always argued the ASI business plan can work given enough of a chance.

Sunrise's commitment to the project, he said in a statement Tuesday, "will enable us to realise the potential we have envisioned."

By Wesley Loy

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ALASKA SEAFOOD INTERNATIONAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEW SHAREHOLDER AND INVESTMENT CAPITAL

Alaska Seafood International's (ASI) Board of Advisors announced today that Sunrise Capital Partners of New York City, has signed a Letter of Intent to purchase a controlling interest in the Anchorage-based seafood manufacturing company. The letter of intent from Sunrise has been approved by the ASI Board of Advisors, and closing is anticipated in the next thirty days.

"We are extremely excited to have a quality company such as Sunrise enter into this transaction. Their commitment to the project will enable us to realize the potential we have envisioned," said John Brady, Chief Executive Officer of ASI. "This investment of capital and management will enable us to immediately complete the infrastructure necessary to get our innovative products to market."

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position as a premier provider of value-added seafood."

"We are delighted Sunrise Capital Partners has decided to join the ASI team," said Jeff Bush, Acting Chairman of ASI. "This transaction meets all of the criteria the board established when we initiated our search for a new partner. Sunrise Capital's well-established track record of helping companies achieve their potential makes this an ideal partnership. We feel the State of Alaska's investment is now in excellent hands."

Sunrise Capital Partners is an affiliate of Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin, one of the nation's premier providers of investment banking services to middle-market companies. Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin, specializes in the placement of debt and equity capital, mergers and acquisitions advisory services, valuation services and financial restructuring advisory services.

Alaska Seafood International is a manufacturer of value-added custom Alaskan seafood products, located in Anchorage, Alaska. The 202,000 square foot facility is the first of its type in North America, offering culinary quality portioned and flavored seafood products. For more information: reference ASI via the web, or call Gregory Galik, 907 770-8200.

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Hugo Llorens arrived in Vancouver to officially take over his assignment as U.S. Consul General on August 9, 1999. He has come from Washington, D.C. where he served as Deputy Director of the Office of Economic Policy and Summit Coordination in the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. In that capacity Mr. Llorens played a key role in the launch of the historic Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) negotiations in 1998. He has been in the U.S. Foreign Service for 19 years with extensive diplomatic service as economic counselor, commercial attache, narcotics coordinator, and consular officer in Central and South America, as well as in Asia. Prior to joining the Foreign Service Mr. Llorens worked as an Assistant Treasurer at the Chase Manhattan Bank, International Division, New York.

Mr. Llorens received his Master of Science in National Security Studies, National War College in 1997; Master of Arts in Economics, University of Kent at Canterbury, England in 1980; and Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University in 1977.

He has earned numerous Superior and Meritorious Awards from 1984-1998. He is also the recipient of the prestigious Cobb Award for excellence in promotion of U.S. business and trade policy and was runner-up for the Saltzman Award for distinguished performance in advancing U.S. international economic interests. He speaks Spanish, French and Tagalog.

Mr. Llorens is accompanied by his wife, Lisett, and their two children, Andrew (12) and Dirk (11).

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B.C. fish farms breaking laws, report says

Provincial investigators say they have uncovered widespread violations

Scott Simpson Vancouver Sun

An unprecedented, exhaustive examination of salmon farming operations along the B.C. coast has uncovered widespread violations of environmental protection laws, according to a report by B.C. government investigators.

The report, released quietly this week by the B.C. environment ministry, shows that the majority of B.C. salmon farms are failing to properly store hazardous materials such as diesel fuel, pesticides and drugs, are not properly disposing of human waste generated on-site at fish farms, and are not keeping up with paperwork required to document their activities.



Vancouver Sun / A coastal fish farm

Industrial investigators with the ministry's conservation service, along with pollution prevention staff from the Vancouver and Lower Mainland regions inspected 124 farms -- 84 active, 40 inactive or fallow -- between July and December 2000, with the majority of inspections completed by October.

The inspections revealed a varying degree of compliance with legislation such as the B.C. government's Waste Management Act.

Investigators found that refuse disposal, feed handling and storage, and storage and disposal of fish that die in pens met B.C.'s requirements in most cases.

However, they also determined that, as a whole, the industry needs to improve its compliance with regulations governing sewage disposal, cleaning wastes, hazardous products and wastes, discharge of blood water from on-site fish gutting, firearm licensing and predator control

authorizations, and unlicensed

use of freshwater from nearby streams.

Violations of regulations, as cited in the report, include:

- Waste material and waste water from net cleaning are being discharged to the environment contrary to the provisions of the Waste Management Act;
- Approximately 50 per cent of B.C.'s fish farms have appropriate sewage treatment facilities, but only one-quarter of these farms discharge their sewage to a depth greater than 15 metres below the surface, as required by regulations; almost half the fish farms do not even have appropriate sewage treatment facilities.
- The majority of farms stored a variety of hazardous products and special waste. Less than half the farms had appropriate secondary containment for diesel fuel. Most farms did not have adequate containment and protection for other hazardous materials on site.
- Approximately two-thirds of the farms stun and bleed fish at off-site processing facilities. The remaining farms discharge blood water to the environment contrary to the provisions of the Waste Management Act;
- Of the 26 farms using firearms for marine-mammal control at the time of inspection, 17 were able to produce both the required provincial documentation and the (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) marine-mammal predator control licence;
- About half of the farms inspected use water from streams, and the majority of these operations do not hold a water licence.
- Information on operating parameters, site characteristics and operational plans was not received by June 15 as required for any of the farm sites. As of January, a portion of the information had been submitted for the majority of sites. Fifteen per cent of the farms submitted all the required information.

A spokesman for B.C. Agriculture, Food and Fish Minister Ed Conroy said he would not be commenting on the report, stating that the violations detailed in the report do not pertain to legislation within his ministry's jurisdiction.

In January, Conroy released a report from his own ministry that gave a glowing endorsement to the salmon farming industry, which has been a repeated target of environmental groups because of pollution and chronic escapes of alien species such as Atlantic salmon. It stated the industry was fully in compliance with B.C. fisheries ministry

regulations governing escapes, fish health and over-all management.

A month later, federal auditor-general Denis Desautels released a report challenging the assumption that salmon farming poses a low risk and said monitoring of the industry is inadequate.

Desautels' report said federal support for salmon farming is partly based on outdated research and discounts a recent increase in the number of farmed salmon in B.C.

However, Desautels did not explore the environmental problems revealed in the new provincial report.

His report was aimed at Fisheries and Oceans Canada, which has been promoting salmon farming as a viable industry and has not, according to the auditor general, enforced the Fisheries Act at fish farms or prosecuted a single salmon farm operator.

David Lane, executive director for the T. Buck Suzuki Foundation -- an environmental group aligned with United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union -- said the new B.C. report finally confirms all the criticisms levelled at the industry over the last 15 years.

"We've known that there are huge problems and that the industry is far from being environmentally sustainable but we've been waiting for the actual proof," Lane said. "This is the proof. It's about time that these farms had full inspections. We're glad the government finally got around to it, but now it's time to crack down on these farms.

"Let's see some charges laid."

Lane said blood water was a particular concern because of the heightened risk of disease at salmon farms, and the risk that such fish waste could create an opportunity for disease to spread to wild fish -- particularly juvenile salmon, which are known to congregate outside of net pens because of easy feeding opportunities.

Another concern is that more than 70 per cent of farms use toxic, copper-based antifoulant chemicals on nets -- and waste water from net cleaning is being discharged into the ocean contrary to the B.C. Waste Management Act.

The report is described as the environment ministry's "first stage" in a gradual approach to bringing salmon farms into compliance with the law, with individual companies being obliged to inform the ministry of how they intend to respond. If they continue to shirk, they'll receive a warning and, subsequently, will receive tickets and formal charges.

"What we need to see is a crackdown on the worst offenders," Lane said.

Brad Hicks, a director of the B.C. Salmon Farmers Association, said there was nothing new in the report, suggesting that the same concerns were raised in the mid-1990s.

Asked why the industry had not responded to those concerns in the intervening years, Hicks said the province has had a spotty track record when it comes to explaining and enforcing its laws.

Hicks agreed that the industry needs to respond by coming into compliance with some of the concerns expressed in the report -- notably the storage and containment of hazardous materials -- but said other concerns are open to debate.

For example, he said, he wants the industry to sit down with ministry officials and debate the environmental impacts of discharging net-wash directly into the sea instead of forcing compliance.

He also said that the industry does not consider blood water to be a hazard.

Lance Sundquist, a Nanaimo-based enforcement manager for the B.C. environment ministry, said investigators are still processing all the information they collected and may consider immediate action against individual farms where it is deemed necessary.

On industry-wide issues such as net washing, Sundquist said, there will be consultations with the entire industry before action is taken.

"Net washing has developed as a sort of standard operating practice for the entire industry and it hasn't been flagged up to this point as an area where we need to do more work.

"Now we have an understanding of how much of it is going on in the field and we need to talk with industry about the most appropriate way of protecting the environment while they're doing this operation."

Sundquist agreed with Hicks' claim that the ministry was putting unprecedented scrutiny on the industry and said that may account for some of the compliance problems, notably the completion of paperwork.

B.C. SALMON FARMING REPORT CARD

1. Refuse Storage and Handling -- A

2. Refuse Disposal -- B

3. Sewage Treatment and Disposal -- Fail
4. Storage of Hazardous Materials -- Fail
5. Net Cleaning -- Fail
6. Feed Handling -- B
7. Dead Fish Storage -- C
8. Dead Fish Disposal Method and Location -- A
9. Harvesting Practices -- B
10. Predator Prevention and Firearms Use -- B
11. Proper Water Use and Appropriate Licensing -- Fail
12. Record Keeping and Reporting -- Fail

PROBLEMS AT A GLANCE

Problems with the B.C. salmon farming industry:

- Improper disposal of human waste, creating environmental pollution from fecal coliform.
- Improper handling of hazardous materials so that diesel, gasoline, propane, oil, acids, disinfectants and anesthetics may enter the marine environment.
- Improper disposal of net waste including oxygen-deprived sludge and toxic antifoulant chemicals that have long-term effects on marine organisms.
- Unauthorized removal of water from nearby streams, which can compromise fish movement and reproduction.
- Failure to keep proper documentation and report on fish farm practices as required for appropriate regulation and monitoring.
- Failure to produce firearms licence authorizations, where firearms are used to kill fish predators.
- Improper storage of dead fish.
- Improper disposal of fish blood waste from cleaning on-site, posing unknown risks to wild stocks.

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Alaska - Canada Affairs

International Trade Profile / Recent Events / Highlights

Alaska and Canada have a healthy and active relationship. Canada has traditionally ranked a strong third place among Alaska's export markets. Canadian mining companies are the biggest investors in Alaska's mining industry. Alaska and Canada exchange delegations on a regular basis. If the proposed Alaska natural gas pipeline project is initiated along the Alaska Highway route through Canada, this is likely to have a major impact on the regional and cross-border business activity. Trade with Canada has occurred with relatively few obstacles or problems, but there have been disputes centered around the use of natural resources in maritime and land border areas.

BUSINESS / TRADE

Alaska Exports to Canada

- Canada is Alaska's traditional No. 3 trading partner, after Japan and Korea.
- Alaska exported \$165 million (USD) worth of commodities in 2000, about 7 percent of Alaska's total exports.
- Although Alaska exports to Canada declined in 2000 from the 1999 total of \$203 million, last year's exports to Canada were about average for the past decade.
- Leading export: minerals and ore – more than one-third of the export total.
- Seafood and forestry products ranked second and third. While overall exports were down, wood product exports increased significantly over 1999.

Alaska Imports from Canada

- Alaska imported \$120.9 million (USD) of Canadian goods in 1999. Canadian exports to Alaska dropped dramatically in 1999 from the 1998's total of \$282 million. Canadian goods delivered to Alaska in the years 1995-1997 ranged from \$123 million to \$151 million (USD).
- Import commodities: Refined petroleum products, construction and mining machinery, sawmill products, prefabricated buildings, aircraft and parts, communication and electronic equipment

Mining

- Canadian firms are heavily involved in Alaska mining industry in investment, exploration, development and production, accounting for 81 % of Alaska 1999 exploration expenditures, \$37 million (USD).
- Cominco Alaska, subsidiary of Canada's Cominco, operates Red Dog Mine, Kotzebue, world's largest lead-zinc mine. Cominco won Governor's Exporter of Year Award in 1999 for Red Dog, its second award in past decade. Cominco is working toward increasing its Red Dog production.

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- Kinross Gold Corp. of Toronto operates Fort Knox Mine near Fairbanks and is Alaska's largest gold producer. This is one of three Kinross flagship mines, along with mines in Ontario and in Magadan, Russian Far East, which relies in part, on logistics support from Alaska.
- Teck, in partnership with Sumitomo Metal, is developing Pogo Mine near Fairbanks.
- Canadian mining companies have used Alaska for logistics and staging for Russian Far East exploration and development to take advantage of Alaska-RFE flights, proximity and availability of supplies and personnel, and Alaska's close relations with RFE regions.
- Canadian mining companies have used Southeast Alaska towns and ports for logistics and staging for mine operations in the Yukon Territory and British Columbia. But a downturn in mining in the Yukon has had a negative impact on Skagway, Alaska and the operations of the White Pass Railway.

Agrium / Fertilizer

- Agrium, Inc., based in Calgary, purchased the world class Unocal fertilizer plant in Nikiski, Alaska for \$325 million (USD) in 2000. The plant produces ammonia and urea for agricultural and industrial customers in the Pacific Rim region, and Agrium anticipates a growing Asian market. Agrium now has 11 fertilizer plants in North America, five in Canada and six in the U.S.

Construction

- Western Canada has been active in arctic housing and construction projects in rural Alaska, working on projects with regional governments, housing authorities, AHFC and HUD. Canadian construction companies also compete with Alaska companies in the Russian Far East. Canadian firms and government housing agencies are active in prefab/modular construction, arctic design and arctic utility development.

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

- The proposed Alaska Highway Natural Gas Pipeline project presages a new era of increased activity involving Alaska and Western Canada. Already, government and business leaders are anxiously anticipating the policies and actions that will bring the long-awaited project to life.
- In Western Canada, there is competition between YT and NWT over a highway route versus a Beaufort Sea route. In Alaska, discussion also includes an all-Alaska route to an Alaska port. Ultimately, the companies that control the resource and would bear the cost of getting it to market – as well as market dynamics – will determine which way the project goes.
- The various proposals have stirred intense debate, lobbying and discussions in regional capitals and corporate boardrooms. Alaska companies are positioning themselves for work in Canada while Western Canada is showing more ambitious interest in Alaska than it has for quite a while.

TOURISM

- Alaska works with three Western Canadian provinces -- British Columbia, Yukon Territory and Alberta -- on joint tourism marketing and promotion, "Tourism North", to attract tourists to all four regions via Alaska Highway travel.
- Alaska ferries link Southeast Alaska to Bellingham, WA, via Prince Rupert, B.C.

- Large cruise ships ply the Inside Passage between Vancouver and Juneau along with others towns in Southeast Alaska.
- Tourism supports seasonal flights on several airlines and routes linking Alaska's three main cities, Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau, with Whitehorse. Tourism also supports seasonal flights between Anchorage and Vancouver.

GOVERNMENT & BUSINESS DELEGATIONS & VISITS

Visits by Alaska officials to Canada and Western Canadian officials to Alaska are regular occurrences that have gone on for years with little fanfare. The past few years have brought a marked increase in official visits, delegations, negotiations and attention to Alaska-Western Canada affairs. This has been a result of disputes over salmon fisheries, issues of concern over development and the environment, business opportunities and, most recently, the stepped up discussions, conjecture and debate about the proposed Alaska gas pipeline. Some of the recent visits include the following:

U.S. Consul General Hugo Llorens

- U.S. Consulate, Vancouver, B.C., covers Western Canada: British Columbia and Yukon Territory.
- Issues: Natural gas pipeline project, fisheries, business development, Alaska-Western Canada affairs. Juneau, April 2001.

U.S. Consul General Roy Chavera

- U.S. Consulate, Calgary, Alberta, covers Central Canada: Northwest Territories, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan.
- Issue: Natural gas pipeline project. Juneau, Anchorage, Prudhoe Bay, February-March 2001.

Canadian Consul General Roger Simmons

- Canadian Consulate, Seattle.
- Latest in a regular series of visits by Canadian consulate staff. Focus: UA Canadian Studies program and business issues; accompanied by several Western Canada provincial officials. Juneau, Anchorage, February 2001.

Yukon Territory

- Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles, and other Alaska leaders, met with Yukon Territory leader Pat Duncan on a number of occasions over the past year, and they renewed an Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord in Juneau in September 2000. That agreement pledged cooperation on matters such as trade, energy, fisheries, tourism and other common issues.

Northwest Territories

- Alaska and NWT leaders also met on several occasions – focusing on the proposed Alaska natural gas pipeline route, over which Alaska and NWT disagree.
- Delegations from the Northwest Territories have visited Alaska to discuss arctic construction and housing issues, to promote their expertise, to visit project sites and to hold talks with AHFC, HUD, regional and local government agencies and Native corporations. Trade, energy, transportation and other issues were also discussed. Two

most recent visits: March 2001, Juneau and Anchorage, and March 2000: Juneau, Anchorage, Nome, Stebbins, Barrow and Prudhoe Bay.

Northern Quebec

- Northern Quebec delegation of government, business and Native leaders traveled the Alaska Highway on a fact-finding tour with the aim of using the Alaska Highway as a model for economic and tourism development in Northern Quebec's James Bay region, meeting with state officials, Native groups and Alaska tourism companies. May 2000.

Alberta

- Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles traveled to Calgary to speak about his vision for the proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline, March 2001.
- Alaska legislators visited Alberta in September 2001.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES & CONTROVERSIES

Gasline

- Alaska Highway Natural Gas Pipeline route is preferred by the state and Yukon Territory, but NWT prefers an arctic route across the Beaufort Sea to the MacKenzie Delta and then down through NWT.

ANWR

- Arctic National Wildlife Refuge development is opposed by Canadian authorities and Gwich'in Indians in neighboring western Canada (and in Alaska), thus putting Canadians in opposition to state policy on ANWR.

Tulsequah Chief Mine, B.C.

- The Knowles administration, particularly the Dept. of Fish & Game, and Alaska fishing interests, are concerned that development of this near-border project in British Columbia, poses an environmental threat to Alaska fisheries. Discharges and tailings going into the Taku River watershed could create potential environmental hazards harmful to the salmon fishery in Alaska waters.

Pacific salmon

- U.S.-Canada negotiations have led to a recent agreement resolving long and bitter disputes over Pacific salmon fisheries, though concerns remain over the future health of the stocks, catch allocations, and related issues. - *Stable since June of '99*

State ferry seizure

- State ferry was held hostage in Prince Rupert Port by B.C. fishermen angry over Alaska/U.S. fisheries policies, and hard feelings may still linger.

Lumber

- U.S.-Canadian trade dispute at the federal level.

Railroad

- Should the Alaska and Canadian Railroads be extended to connect?

Border

- Long-standing but relatively quiet U.S.-Canadian border dispute over Dixon Entrance maritime boundary between SE Alaska and British Columbia.

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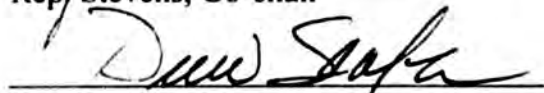
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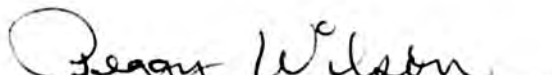
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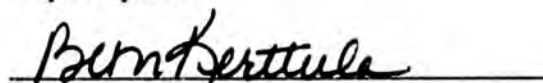

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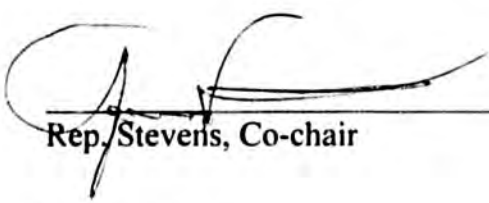
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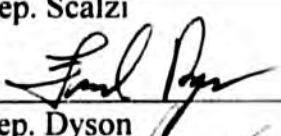
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Reappointed: 03/30/2001 Term Expires: 06/30/2004


Rep. Stevens, Co-chair

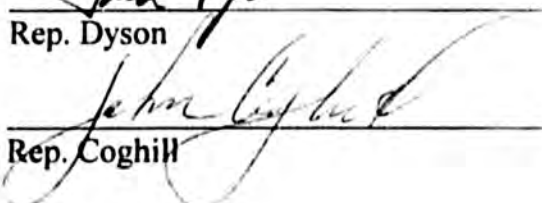
Rep. Wilson, Co-chair

Rep. Scalzi

Rep. Kapsner


Rep. Dyson

Rep. Kerttula


Rep. Coghill

RESUME

DR. JOHN R. WHITE

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Present Employment:

Commercial Salmon Fisherman
Kuskokwim Area
1974-present

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

Experience for position:

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

Past Board Member and President: Salmon Research Foundation

Past Chair and Vice-Chair: Alaska Board of Fish

Past chair: Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

Past member: Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee

Past member and chair: Western Alaska Salmon Coalition

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

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

Past Board Director: Bering Sea Commercial Fisheries Development Foundation

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

RUSSELL S. NELSON

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OBJECTIVE

Continue to serve on the State of Alaska, Board of Fisheries

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

ALASKA NATIVE LEADERSHIP PROJECT

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

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

TRAINING WITHOUT WALLS

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

- Certificate of Achievement for completion
- Two executive management training sessions a year with The Growth Company.
- Monthly professional development and career coaching.

Professional networking with people who can make a difference to your career.

Minority Business Executive Program, Tuck School of Business

Dartmouth University, Hanover, New Hampshire

- Certificate of completion
- A nationally-recognized program for owners and senior executives of minority-owned firms

EXPERIENCE

CHOGGIUNG LIMITED

Land Manager

April 15, 1997 to present

- Maintain land records.
- Manage over one half million acres of corporate land.
- Manage land programs i.e. 14(c), lease, land use permit, subdivision, rock quarry and gravel.
- Provide and /or solicit expertise in land development projects.
- Coordinate with other Native Corporations and resource agencies on land related programs or issues.
- Management of land related consulting agreements as necessary.
- Advise management on issues of importance.
- Submit anticipated operating budget needs and capital expense requests.

- Organize Land Committee meetings.
- Routine reports to Land Committee and /or Board of Directors
- Work with management and staff on training and improve skills in area of expertise.

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

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

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION*Environmental Coordinator**October 3, 1995 to April 14, 1997*

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

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION*Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Council Executive Director**November 7, 1995 to April 14, 1997*

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

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION*Regional Land Use Specialist**August 30, 1993 to October 3, 1995*

- Assisted Bristol Bay Village Councils in developing federal subsistence proposals.
- Submit Subsistence Proposals to the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Board.
- Defend Subsistence Proposals at Federal Subsistence Board meetings.
- Worked with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Subsistence Division to develop a Fresh Water Fish /Large Land Mammal Survey Contract.
- Developed a contract with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Migratory Bird section to conduct a Migratory Bird Subsistence Survey in the Northern Bristol Bay region.

- Hired and trained village residents to conduct fresh water fish and migratory bird surveys.
- Wrote an Environmental Protection Agency, Indian General Assistance Grant and was funded for BBNA to start an Environmental Program.
- Was awarded a continuing Environmental Agency, Indian General Assistance grant for the 1997 fiscal year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Alaska State Board of Fisheries, Board Member 1998 to present
- Nushagak Advisory Council Member 1997 to 1998
- Choggiung Limited, Board of Directors 1981- 1991
- Choggiung Limited, Board of Directors 1996-1997
- Dillingham Native Village Council, Chief 1981-1991
- Rural Alaska Television Network, Board of Directors 1983 to 1991
- Rural Alaska Television Network, President 1991 to 1995
- Alaska Rural Communications Service, President 1995 to 1998
- Dillingham City Planning Commission Member 1998
- Dillingham Volunteer Crash Rescue Squad 1978-1982
- Dillingham Volunteer Fire Department 1977-1982
- Alaska Army National Guard, Honorable Discharge 1989-1992

HONORS

- Department of the Army, The Army Achievement Medal

SKILLS

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

REFERENCES

HARVEY SAMUELSEN, VILLAGE ELDER

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FRED TORRISI, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Office of the Spokesman

For Immediate Release

April XX, 2001

MEDIA NOTE

The United States and Canada Successfully Conclude
Yukon River Salmon Negotiations

Representatives of the United States and Canada successfully ended sixteen years of negotiations on Yukon River salmon during the week of March 26, 2001. The negotiations took place March 26 – 30, 2001, in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada. The U.S. delegation was led by Stetson Tinkham and the Canadian delegation was led by Amos Donohue.

Following productive negotiations, the Delegations prepared and initialed the text of a Yukon River Salmon Agreement that addressed all conservation and management issues, including harvest shares.

While the Whitehorse text will be reviewed in Washington and Ottawa before the final agreement is signed, the delegations agreed that their intent was to apply the elements of the initialed text as soon as possible for organizational and planning purposes. The Yukon River Panel, to be established, will meet this fall to resume management recommendations. The Panel advises the United States and Canadian Governments on conservation and management of the salmon originating in the Canadian portion of the Yukon River.

OES PRESS GUIDANCE
April 3, 2001

U.S. – Canada Initial Yukon River Salmon Agreement

Q1. How does the Yukon River Salmon Agreement relate to the Pacific Salmon Treaty?

A:

- **THE YUKON AGREEMENT IS AN ANNEX TO THE PACIFIC SALMON TREATY. THE BROAD PRINCIPLES OF THE TREATY APPLY. THE AGREEMENT IS A SEPARATE REGIME OF THE TREATY.**

Q2. What elements of the agreement have been reached and what remains to be agreed upon?

A:

- **ALL MAJOR POINTS HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON. WE EXPECT THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS QUICKLY.**

Q3. When is the agreement expected to be finalized and when will the official document receive official status?

A:

- **BOTH COUNTRIES WILL MANAGE THEIR SALMON FISHERIES ACCORDING TO THE AGREED MANAGEMENT REGIMES ON AN INTERIM BASIS. WE ANTICIPATE THE TEXT AND LEGAL STATUS OF AGREEMENT WILL BE FINALIZED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Drafted: OES/OMC:SCochran ext. 7-1073

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CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 3/18/02

The House Special Committee on Fisheries has reviewed the qualifications of the following appointee:

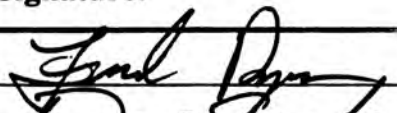
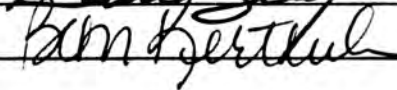
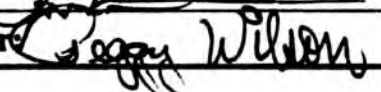
Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC)

Mary McDowell - Juneau

Appointed: 10/06/1997 Reappointed: 08/20/2001

Term Expires: 03/01/2006

The committee reports the following individual recommendations:

Signature:	Printed Last Name	Confirm	Do Not Confirm	No Rec
	Dyson	✓		
	SCALZI	✓		
	KERTULA	✓		
Co-chair 	Stevie Wilson	X		
Co-chair 	Wilson	X		

Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.

McDowell, Mary
Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Mary E. McDowell
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Juneau, AK 99801-8079
(907) 789-6160 - work

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COMMISSIONER. COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

Juneau, Alaska, November 1997- present

Administrative law judge and co-administrator of agency responsible for administering Alaska's limited entry program and the permitting and annual licensing of commercial fishing operations statewide.

SPECIAL STAFF ASSISTANT. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Juneau, Alaska, May 1995 - October 1997

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

SPECIAL STAFF ASSISTANT. OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Juneau, Alaska, December 1994 - April 1995

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

LEGISLATIVE AIDE. ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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

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

SELF-EMPLOYED COMMERCIAL FISH BUYER

Angoon, Alaska, May through September, 1976-1994

Operated fish buying station for local salmon troll and halibut fleet for 18 seasons. Responsible for grading, purchasing, and handling of fish, bookkeeping, and hiring and supervision of employees.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, graduated 1976

Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology

Emphasis on Alaska Native cultures

University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut 1973-1974

Research Assistantship in anthropology / archeology

Two summers of field work in Aleutian Islands, Alaska; one semester research, analysis and writing on campus.



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

March 15, 2002

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Representative Gary Stevens, Co-Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Stevens,

United Fishermen of Alaska supports the re-appointment of Ms. Mary McDowell to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

Ms. McDowell has done an exemplary job as a Commissioner. She conducts herself in a very professional manner and listens well to the concerns of commercial fishermen. She has worked to build a good working relationship between the CFEC, fishery participants and the public. Ms. McDowell has provided valuable clarification to UFA, fishermen, and the legislature on a variety of complex issues and legislation regarding Alaska's fisheries. Her expertise and input will continue to be essential in efforts to revitalize the salmon industry.

United Fishermen of Alaska represents twenty-nine commercial fishing groups, whose membership includes over 2/3 of Alaska's permit holders who live in communities throughout the state.

We look forward to a continuation of the fine working relationship between Ms. McDowell and the CFEC and UFA.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas M. Gemmell
Executive Director

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Trollers Association • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve
Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association
Copper River Salmon Producers Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Douglas Island Pink and Chum
Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • Kodiak Seiners Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association
Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Old Harbor Fisherman's Association • Petersburg Vessel Owners Association
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative
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United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Salmon Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters

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CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 5/1/02

The House Special Committee on Fisheries has reviewed the qualifications of the following appointee:

Board of Fisheries
Brett Huber - Soldotna
Appointed: 07/01/02 Term Expires: 06/30/05

The committee reports the following individual recommendations:

Signature:	Printed Last Name	Confirm	Do Not Confirm	No Rec
<i>Frank Dymally</i>	Dymally			✓
<i>Dan Secrest</i>	Secrest		✓	
<i>Bruce Berman</i>	Berman	✓		
<i>John Coghill</i>	Coghill	✓		✓
Co-chair: <i>[Signature]</i>	Frederick	X		
Co-chair: <i>Reggie Wilson</i>	Wilson	✓		X

Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.

ART NELSON BIO

Arthur N. Nelson

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Work: 907-276-8252

Objective

Appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Work experience

At-sea Processors Association
Anchorage, Alaska

October 1999 to present

Employment/Development Coordinator. Managing an ongoing program to recruit and place Alaskans on catcher/processor vessels operated by member companies. Analyze catch and employment statistics. Represent the interests of member companies and their CDQ investors before the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Bering Sea Fishermen's Association
Anchorage, Alaska

March 1996 to October 1999

Fisheries Specialist. Coordinated and assisted with field projects monitoring and restoring chum salmon runs in Kotzebue and Norton Sounds and the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. Principal Investigator to project examining alternative commercial fishery resources in the Kotzebue Sound region. Represented Western Alaska's small-boat fisheries interests at policy meetings such as the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

Kawerak, Incorporated
Nome, Alaska

March 1994 to March 1996

Fisheries Specialist. Planned and directly implemented field projects monitoring and restoring chum salmon runs to the Norton Sound/Bering Strait region. Represented Native subsistence and commercial fishing interests of at policy meetings such as the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the north Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

F/V Gunvor
Elfin Cove, Alaska

May-August 1993

Crewmember. Salmon trolling and halibut longlining in Southeast Alaska.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Cordova, Alaska

May-July 1990

Technician I. Worked at remote project site, tagging Dolly Varden and Cutthroat Trout.

Veco, Incorporated

June-August 1989

Prince William Sound, Alaska

Oil Recovery Technician. Worked on Exxon Valdez oil spill cleanup efforts, including beach washing, skimmer barge operator and water pump operator.

F/V Orca and F/V Lady Dianne

May-August (many years)

Cordova, Alaska

Crewmember. Grew up working summers on family owned commercial fishing boats in Prince William Sound and on the Copper River flats.

E d u c a t i o n

Dimond High School, Graduated 1987

University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Fairbanks, Alaska

Senior status, 4 credits remaining towards B.S. Biology degree

I n v o l v e m e n t i n F i s h e r i e s I s s u e s

Seafood Industry Human Resources Consortium, *Co-chair*

January 2001-present

Seafood Advisory Committee, *Advisor At-Large*

November 2000-present

United Fishermen of Alaska, *Alternate Board Member*

October 2000-present

Nome Chum Salmon Working Group, *Facilitator*

December - March 1999

Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee, *Secretary*

July 1995 - March 1996

ART NELSON CONFIRM

**United Cook Inlet Drift Association****43961 K-Beach Rd, Ste E, Soldotna, AK 99669 ~ (907) 260-9436 ~ fax (907) 260-9438**

April 15, 2002

House & Senate Members
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

RE: Board of Fisheries Confirmation

Dear Members of Alaska House of Representatives
and Members of Alaska State Senate:

We at United Cook Inlet Drift Association oppose the confirmation of Brett Huber to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We support the confirmation of Gerry Merrigan and Art Nelson.

We suppose the Legislature would expect our disappointment over the nomination of Mr. Huber given his obvious efforts to destroy the commercial salmon fishery here in Cook Inlet. But, our concerns are not just about Cook Inlet. Mr. Huber has consistently proven, by his actions and statements, that commercial sport fishing and tourism promotion must take precedent over, and grow, without limits, at the expense of every other historical use such as commercial, subsistence, and resident sport fishing. We believe such an attitude and commitment would certainly not be confined to Cook Inlet, but, realistically, be applied throughout the state.

Such one-dimensional thinking about resource uses, displayed by Mr. Huber, comes at a particularly bad time given the statewide effort to help the commercial salmon industry recover and compete with farmed salmon. The Board of Fisheries will play an important role as Alaska "reinvents" our commercial salmon fisheries, most especially regulations that will provide stability of harvest and promote a top quality product.

Recently, some one hundred fifty residents of the Kenai Peninsula publicly (Peninsula Clarion, 4/14/02) disassociated themselves from the goals put forth by Kenai River Sport Fishing Association, which are the goals of their Executive Director, Brett Huber. The majority of those objecting are not commercial fishers, but rather, prominent residents from all walks of life who have sport fishing in common, and disagree with Mr. Huber's views on salmon management. They have all been displaced by commercial sport fishing, and now, have even been denied harvest opportunity on some Kenai River king salmon. And for what? Simply to provide the maximum economic benefit to commercial fishing guides and tourism promotion.

We at UCIDA ask you to think long and hard about who you confirm to serve on the Board. It is our contention that anyone appointed to the Board must take into account the consequences of their actions, whether those consequences be to the resource, its habitat, or the toll it may take on other resident's lives, expectations, and in many cases, a lifetime of building and investing in their future, as well as, Alaska's future. Disregarding the damage done to people, especially residents, should never be justified in the name of economic development.

Should you choose to confirm Mr. Huber perhaps he will prove our concerns wrong. But, until such time, we must assume his future decisions will be no different than his past decisions. As such, for our industry that translates into the final and complete destruction of commercial salmon fishing here in Cook Inlet. This, in spite of the harvestable surplus of salmon that there is now, and always has been produced in the greater Cook Inlet watershed.

Again, we cannot take a chance, and we certainly cannot endure another three years of relentless attacks on our industry. Therefore we must ask you to not confirm Mr. Huber.

Sincerely,



Bob Merchant
President, UCIDA



North Pacific Fisheries Association, Inc.

HEADQUARTERS:

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Alaska State Legislature
Representative Andrew Scalzi
Juneau AK
907-465-3472 FAX

4/17/2002

RE: Confirmation of Gerry Merrigan and Art Nelson to Alaska Board of Fish

North Pacific Fisheries Assn. (NPFA) of Homer, Alaska is a multi-gear commercial fisherman's organization active since 1955. NPFA agrees with Governor Knowles nomination of Gerry Merrigan and Art Nelson to the Alaska Board of Fish. NPFA believes these individuals will bring experience and knowledge about fishing issues to compliment the Board process. NPFA urges the Alaska Legislature to confirm Gerry Merrigan and Art Nelson to Alaska Board of Fish.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Lane, President

Cordova District Fishermen United

Celebrating 65 Years of Service to Commercial Fishermen in Cordova, Alaska

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April 28, 2002

House Resources Committee
Alaska Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3101)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 907.465.3472

RE: Board of Fisheries Confirmation

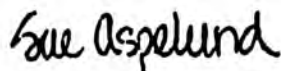
Dear Members,

Cordova District Fishermen United would like to recommend Art Nelson to you for confirmation to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Nelson has a wealth of fisheries experience: commercial, sport, and subsistence. Mr. Nelson grew up seining commercially in Prince William Sound. He is an avid saltwater sport fisherman, and having worked previously for Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, has a keen understanding and appreciation for the importance of the in-river freshwater fisheries, both for commercial and subsistence users. In his present position as Employment/Development Coordinator for At-Sea Processors he has the opportunity to maintain those ties with rural Alaska through his recruitment effort to provide employment to Alaskans.

We believe that Mr. Nelson's appointment would bring a wide variety of perspectives to the process, and urge your confirmation of his appointment.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sue Aspelund
Executive Director

GERRY MERRIGAN BIO

Gerry Merrigan

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Fisheries Policy Experience

1.) Policy Analyst: Prowler Fisheries, Petersburg AK. May 2001 to present.

- Consultant on NPFMC groundfish management issues for a Bering Sea freezer-longline company. Member, NPFMC IFQ Implementation Team.

2.) Director: Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, Petersburg AK. April 1998 to May 2001. PVOA is an advocacy group for commercial fishermen that promotes rational management and conservation of fisheries resources.

- Sole employee of 60 member fisheries association. Duties included representation at fisheries meeting as well as organizational and office duties such as membership, newsletters, bookkeeping, scholarship fund, community service projects, and media communications.
- Represented PVOA at the NPFMC and BOF, as well as legislative bodies (Petersburg City Council, Alaska Legislature, U.S. Congress) and other fisheries and resource forums (DOT/SATP, USFS, NPS etc.).
- Represented PVOA members in the following fisheries: SE salmon (troll, gillnet, seine), Bristol Bay salmon and herring (gillnet), SE herring (seine, gillnet, and pound), SE crab (Dungeness, Tanner, brown/red/blue king), Bering Sea crab (red king, opilio, hair), BSAI p-cod (longline), GOA p-cod (pot, longline, and trawl), IFQ longline (halibut and sablefish), and statewater longline (sablefish/rockfish/groundfish).
- Participated in the formation of two industry/agency work groups: the SE King/Tanner Task Force, and the SE Dungeness Task Force. Served as interim chairman of the King/Tanner Task Force.

3.) Alaska Northern Panel Member, Chinook Work Group Member, Stakeholder. U.S. Section, US/Canada Pacific Salmon Commission, Pacific Salmon Treaty, 1992 to 1997.

- Represented the State of Alaska and Alaskan salmon trollers at international treaty negotiations. Participated in negotiations that resulted in abundance-based approach to chinook management and escapement goal policy reform.

Commercial Fishing Experience

- Currently hold SE salmon troll permit and federal halibut IFQs (2-C).
- SE salmon troll: Owner/operator, 35 foot power troller, 1985 to present.
- Halibut longline: Owner/operator and crewmember, 1983 to present.
- Bristol Bay salmon gillnet: Crewmember, 1993, 1994, 1996.
- False Pass salmon gillnet: Crewmember, 1997.
- Miscellaneous crew: Tender, SE Tanner crab, 1987. Chatham black cod longline, 1981. Oregon Dungeness crab, 1979.
- Participation in SE sport and personal use fisheries.

Other Related Experience

- Fisheries Biologist 1, ADF&G. 1981-1983. Stream mapping and habitat.
- Forest Technician, USFS. 1977-1980. Silviculture, survey, and recreation.
- Past Boardmember AMSEA (Alaska Marine Safety Education Association) and Narrows Broadcasting (KFSK), Petersburg.
- Member: UFA, PVOA, and Halibut Coalition.

Education

- Masters of Forestry (M.F.), 1977. School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.
- Bachelor of Arts in Science, 1977. Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida.

References

- Arne Fuglvog, President, Petersburg Vessel Owners Association (PVOA), NPFMC Advisory Panel.
- Bob Thorstenson, Jr., President, United Fishermen of Alaska; PSC.
- Gordon Jensen, former BOF, NPFMC, and IPHC commissioner.
- Jev Shelton, Alaskan Commissioner, Pacific Salmon Commission.
- Linda Behnken, Director, ALFA; former NPFMC member.

GERRY MERRIGAN CONFIRM

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March 26, 2002

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

Dear Governor Knowles:



United Cook Inlet Drift Association strongly supports Mr. Bob Merchant, Dr. Roland R. Maw, and Mr. Gerry Merrigan for appointment to the Board of Fisheries. We believe it is vitally important that prospective board members have a solid understanding of all the statewide blue water commercial fisheries, resource management, and the ability to look out for resources and habitat of the state. UCIDA believes that these three candidates will bring experience and balance to the Board of Fisheries for our great state.

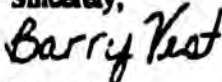
Mr. Bob Merchant is presently a member of the Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee, President of United Cook Inlet Drift Association, Board Member of Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association and member of Cook Inlet Salmon Brand, Inc. steering committee. He has a Bachelor Degree in Social Science, History/Geology, holds a Cook Inlet drift permit and has many years of commercial sport fishing experience and knowledge to offer.

Dr. Roland R. Maw has an academic background in both fisheries and wildlife management. He has a strong background in arbitration, mediation and conflict resolution from both a practical and academic background. Dr. Maw has a Ph.D. in Forestry & Wildland Management, a Master of Education Degree in Outdoor Recreation, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology, Animal Ecology. He currently holds a Cook Inlet drift permit.

Mr. Gerry Merrigan is presently a Policy Analyst in the Southeast and is a member of UFA, PVOA, and Halibut Coalition. He currently holds a SE salmon troll permit and federal halibut IFQs and additionally participates in SE sport and personal use fisheries. Mr. Merrigan has a Masters of Forestry Degree and a Bachelor of Arts in Science Degree.

All Alaska fisheries are important to all of our citizens and must be managed wisely both for today and future generations. UCIDA believes that all three candidates have strong qualifications for the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,



Barry Vest
1st Vice President, UCIDA

[Fwd: [Fwd: BOARD OF FISH Appointments]]

Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: BOARD OF FISH Appointments]]

Date: Mon, 25 Mar 2002 09:30:45 -0900

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: [Fwd: BOARD OF FISH Appointments]

Date: Sun, 24 Mar 2002 08:40:14 -0900

From: stardust1@gci.net

To: ATA <ata@gci.net>

Subject: BOARD OF FISH Appointments

Date: Sat, 23 Mar 2002 17:26:47 -0900

From: stardust1@gci.net

To: Governor <office_of_the_governor@gov.state.ak.us>,

"Lt. Governor" <Fran_Ulmer@Gov.state.ak.us>

CC: Heather Bradner <heather_bradner@gov.state.ak.us>, John Sisk <John_Sisk@gov.state.ak.us>,
Frank Rue <Frank_Rue@fishgame.state.ak.us>, Kevin Duffy <KevinD@fishgame.state.ak.us>

Dear Governor Knowles and Lt. Governor Ulmer:

The Alaska Trollers Association strongly supports Gerry Merrigan and Dave Cobb for appointment to the Board of Fisheries.

Given the number of issues confronting salmon fishermen, and considering that up to 40% of the statewide salmon harvest occurs in our region, ATA thinks it imperative that a commercial fishermen from our region be appointed to the Board of Fisheries this round.

Gerry Merrigan has an outstanding resume revealing a broad knowledge of Alaska's fisheries and habitat, which makes him uniquely suited to a position on the Board of Fisheries. Mr. Merrigan has personally participated in a number of commercial and sport fisheries around the state. Whether serving the State or industry, he has been an active and productive contributor in all forums that regulate our fisheries, proving his outstanding ability to sift through copious amounts of information, identify and articulate problems, and work with others to find effective solutions. You will be hard pressed to find anyone more studious and dedicated to fish and fisheries. Mr. Merrigan is a no-nonsense person who brings to the table the depth of knowledge and common sense so crucial for planning the sustainable use of our fisheries resources.

While not a commercial fisherman himself, **Dave Cobb** earned an ATA endorsement based on his years of work in the hatchery program in Prince William Sound, as well as his academic background in fisheries. Hatcheries are an important part of Alaska's fisheries program and Mr. Cobb's in-depth knowledge in this area should prove very beneficial. Further, he understands well the needs of small Alaskan communities and the importance of a strong and fair public process. We believe Dave Cobb would be a broadly accessible member of the Board of Fisheries with a good variety of skills to make him an outstanding candidate.

Your positive consideration and appointment of these two fine individuals will be greatly appreciated.

[Fwd: [Fwd: BOARD OF FISH Appointments]]

Dale Kelley
Executive Director
Alaska Trollers Association
130 Seward #211
Juneau, AK 99801
586-9400 ph / 4473 fx
ata@gci.net



North Pacific Fisheries Association, Inc.

HEADQUARTERS:

BOX 796 • HOMER, ALASKA 99603

Alaska State Legislature
Representative Andrew Scalzi
Juneau AK
907-465-3472 FAX

4/17/2002

RE: Confirmation of Gerry Merrigan and Art Nelson to Alaska Board of Fish

North Pacific Fisheries Assn. (NPFA) of Homer, Alaska is a multi-gear commercial fisherman's organization active since 1955. NPFA agrees with Governor Knowles nomination of Gerry Merrigan and Art Nelson to the Alaska Board of Fish. NPFA believes these individuals will bring experience and knowledge about fishing issues to compliment the Board process. NPFA urges the Alaska Legislature to confirm Gerry Merrigan and Art Nelson to Alaska Board of Fish.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Lane, President

Subject: Re: Board of Fish Confirmation
Date: Sun, 28 Apr 2002 20:56:43 -0700
From: "Charlette Carroll" <carroll@ctcak.net>
To: <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@Legis.state.ak.us>

To House Resources Committee:
Representative Drew Scalzi:

We support confirmation of Gerry Merrigan and Art Nelson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Both will provide much needed balance to the current Board, as well as knowledge and expertise of the resource and user bases in diverse regions of the State. WE URGE YOUR SUPPORT!!

Sincerely,
Virgil L Carroll Commercial Fisherman
Charlette J Carroll

Subject: BOF Confirmations
Date: Mon, 29 Apr 2002 06:02:21 -0800
From: "Dennis Zadra" <dzadinak@ctcak.net>
To: <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Dave_Donley@legis.state.ak.us>

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Thank you for your time.

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dennis Zadra

Cordova District Fishermen United

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April 28, 2002

House Resources Committee

Alaska Legislature

State Capitol (MS 3101)

Juneau, AK 99801-1182

SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 907.465.3472

RE: Board of Fisheries Confirmation

Dear Members,

CDFU—representing the commercial fishing families of the Copper River and Prince William Sound—is extremely pleased to recommend Gerry Merrigan of Petersburg to you for confirmation to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We believe that it is extremely important for the blue-water commercial fisheries of Alaska to have representation on the Board, and can wholeheartedly support Gerry's appointment in that capacity.

We have worked with Gerry in a variety of fisheries arenas and find him to be knowledgeable, a good communicator, fair-minded, a critical thinker, and well able to hear and assimilate large volumes of information. His solid understanding of the federal fisheries is an added benefit given the increasing interaction of the Board of Fisheries with the NPFMC process and issues. Gerry has another characteristic important for service in this arena: a keen sense of humor! Gerry has lightened many a tense moment with his wry wit, while still appreciating the importance of the proceedings to those dependent upon our fisheries resources.

One would be hard pressed to find another candidate with Gerry's abilities in this venue. We urge your confirmation of Gerry Merrigan to the Board of Fisheries. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Sue Aspelund

**Sue Aspelund
Executive Director**

BRETT HUBER BIO

BRETT W. HUBER

P.O. Box 822
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

(907) 262-8588 work

QUALIFICATIONS

Excellent oral and written communication skills	Ability to analyze & solve problems
Works well in collaborative/group processes	Highly motivated and goal oriented
Ability to work well under pressure	Computer proficient - MAC & IBM
Comfortable with leadership responsibilities	Respects confidentiality

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING

- Design and execute nonprofit fundraising events (Kenai River Classic)
- Develop and implement outreach programs and advertising strategies for a successful non-profit
- Responsible as Account Executive / Sales Manager for servicing existing accounts, prospecting new business, creating packages and promotions to achieve formulated goals for radio, print and television advertising
- Write, compile and design reports, proposals, newsletters and other publications

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

- Manage all aspects of a million dollar nonprofit organization
- Responsible for supervision of personnel to ensure productive overall business operation
- Develop and maintain a network with federal/state agencies, legislators, lobbyists, community groups and citizens for various activities
- Responsible for administration/research for the Alaska State Senate Natural Resource Committee
- Chief-of-Staff in charge of all daily operations of an Alaska State Senate office
- Owned and operated hunting, fishing and tour business in remote Alaska
- Owned and operated a custom design and fabrication business
- Maintained personnel records including knowledge of payroll laws, health insurance benefits and profit sharing plan operations
- Managed all aspects of a 500K per year industrial fabrics manufacturing company including inventory, A/R, A/P computer control system, personnel and sales
- Operated and managed a 25 guest fishing lodge in south-central Alaska

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

2002	North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Subsistence Halibut Proxy committee member
2001 - present	Alaska Board of Fisheries, Rainbow Trout Task Force member
2000 - present	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, Public Advisory Group member
2000 - present	Kenai River Special Management Area Advisory Board, Vice President
2000	North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Halibut Charter IFQ committee member
1999 - present	Alaska Board of Fisheries, public advisor to various committees
1999 & 2000	National Rifle Association, Friends of the NRA Committee Chairman
1998 - present	Alaska Outdoor Council, Vice President & Fisheries Committee Chair

1998 – present	Alaska Outdoor Council Political Action Committee, Vice President
1995 – 1999	Mat-Su Blue Ribbon Fisheries Commission Board member
1994 – 1998	Governor's Recreational Rivers Advisory Board
1994 – 1996	Mat-Su Resource Conservation and Development board member
1993 – 1994	Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce, Director
1988	Alaska Wildlife Safeguard, Fairbanks Public Relations Director

WORK EXPERIENCE

1999 – present	Kenai River Sportfishing Association, Inc, Executive Director, Soldotna, AK
1994 – 1999	Alaska State Legislature, Chief-of-Staff to Senator Rick Halford and staff to the Senate Resource Committee
1989 – 1994	Mahay's Riverboat Service, Chief Guide and Lodge Manager, Talkeetna, AK
1992 – 1994	Denali Top Shop, Owner and Operator, Talkeetna, AK
1988 – 1989	KQRZ-FM, Account Executive, Fairbanks, AK
1986 – 1987	Bristol Bay Adventures, Owner and Operator, King Salmon, AK
1984 – 1986	Alaska Tent and Tarp, Branch Manager, Anchorage, AK

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

1990 – present	United States Coast Guard, master's license
1990	Certified as emergency medical tech I
1981 – 1983	Colorado State University pre-vet med/business, Fort Collins, CO
1980	Longmont High School, Longmont, CO

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

BRETT HUBER CONFIRM



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April 19, 2002

The Honorable Rick Halford
President, Alaska State Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

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

Dear Senator Halford and Representative Porter:

On behalf of the Alaska Outdoor Council Board of Directors and unanimous direction from Member Club Delegates to the 2002 Annual Meeting, we are writing to support the legislative confirmation of Brett Huber to the State Board of Fisheries. The Alaska Outdoor Council represents thousands of fishers, hunters, trappers, and public access interests from all across Alaska, as well as 45 outdoor Member Clubs for a collective membership of 12,000 Alaskans.

We feel very confident that Mr. Huber's background in the legislative process, regulatory process of the Board of Fish, Executive Directorship of the Kenai River Sportfishing Association, and Vice Presidency of the Alaska Outdoor Council make him an excellent choice for confirmation to the Board of Fish.

Several traits come to mind when considering Mr. Huber's confirmation: a keen ability to work with diverse interests, a strong grasp of conservation, a commanding knowledge of fishery issues, a demonstrated work ethic, a quick study on controversial and complex issues, and perhaps most important, a consistent and genuine concern for the resource. In short, Mr. Huber will help ensure the resource stays healthy for all users.

We appreciate the opportunity to go on record supporting legislative confirmation of Mr. Huber to the Board of Fish. Any assistance you could provide in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jerry Burnett, President

Carl Rosier, Chair, Fisheries Committee

cc: Senate & House Resources Committee's, House Special Committee on Fisheries.

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"Protecting your hunting, fishing, trapping, and outdoor heritage since 1953."

[Fwd:]

Subject: [Fwd:]

Date: Thu, 25 Apr 2002 08:17:37 -0800

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject:

Date: Wed, 24 Apr 2002 23:15:13 -0700 (PDT)

From: Dave and Betty Lowery <lowerydb@yahoo.com>

To: Representative_Brian_Porter@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Jim_Whitaker@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Bill_Williams@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us

I strongly urge you to vote yes for Brett Huber's appointment to the Board of Fish.<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Mr. Huber will bring a great amount of knowledge, experience and honesty to the board in a impartial manner.

Once again I encourage you to vote FOR MR . HUBER'S CONFIRMATION !

Dave and Betty Lowery, AK Registered Voters

Do You Yahoo!?

Yahoo! Games - play chess, backgammon, pool and more

Subject: Kenai

Date: Wed, 24 Apr 2002 00:43:13 EDT

From: MikeW84858@aol.com

To: SENATE Resource Committee Chair <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>,
HOUSE Resource Committee Co-Chair <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

Legislators,

I'm from Oregon--I fish Alaska 2-3 times /year. You SHOULD confirm Mr. Huber. There is a fallacy in his opponents argument. They want to harvest SURPLUS Kenai Kings.. There are no surplus fellas. The runs are depressed. The day of killing everything you catch are over in the lower 48 and unless Alaskans carefully manage their wonderful salmon resource, fishery disaster looms. I'm 60 years old and grew up in a small fishing town, Astoria, Oregon. I've seen the great years and the declines. Don't make the mistakes we made. Don't catch the last 60 pound King from the Kenai. Look at your own fisheries dept. numbers. The crisis is NOW! You must move towards more catch and release.

I know I'm not an Alaskan, but I have some Alaska bkgd--ie--In Turnagin Area of Anchorage during Good Friday earthquake-1964. Joined Army at Ft. Rich. Fish Alaska regularly. And frankly, I just love the state--wish I did live there.

Mike Weinstein
1945 SW 71st
Portland, Oregon, 97225

e-mail--MikeW84858@aol.com

CONFIRM BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

Subject: CONFIRM BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

Date: Mon, 22 Apr 2002 08:50:18 -0800

From: Joe and Billie Hardy <jhardy@alaska.net>

To: SENATE Resource Committee Chair <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>,
HOUSE Resource Committee Co-Chair <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear elected official of the People,

Please support Bret Huber's nomination to the Board of Fish. Bear in mind that there is a smear campaign in progress by those opposed to his nomination and against the Kenai River Sport Fishing Association. Bret is the best choice for the board. His knowledge of fishing issues and experience can be a great benefit to all Alaskans and the board process.

Joe & Billie Hardy
PO Box 3391
34120 Carolyn Ln
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DO CONFIRM BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

Subject: DO CONFIRM BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

Date: Tue, 23 Apr 2002 05:39:24 -0700

From: Craig Gittings <gitt-one@netmagic.net>

**To: SENATE Resource Committee Chair <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>,
HOUSE Resource Committee Co-Chair <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>**

Concerns on the Kenai have made your email address available for contrary beliefs to mine in the form of a email writing campaign to keep Brett Huber from filling the empty seat on tthe BOF. Brett Huber is foward minded in respect to the future of Alaska's fisheries. It would be sad to see interests on the Kenai River force his kind from becoming a member of the board of fisheries. I'm a strong proponet of catch and release. If the state is progressive enough to legislate catch and release of rainbow trout, it certianly should have the foresight to do the same certain runs of salmon and in this particular case, the early run of King salmon on the Kenai River to ensure its future viability.

Craig Gittings
Fremont, CA

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Date: Mon, 22 Apr 2002 08:50:18 -0800

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[Fwd: [Fwd: Huber Confirmation]]

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Date: Mon, 22 Apr 2002 13:41:53 -0800

From: Amy Seitz <Amy_Seitz@Legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Helen Donahue <Helen_Donahue@Legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: [Fwd: Huber Confirmation]

Date: Mon, 22 Apr 2002 13:40:22 -0800

From: Gene Therriault <Senator_Gene_Therriault@Legis.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

To: Amy Seitz <Amy_Seitz@Legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: Huber Confirmation

Date: Mon, 22 Apr 2002 15:17:51 EDT

From: KLes630543@aol.com

To: SENATE Resource Committee Chair <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>,
HOUSE Resource Committee Co-Chair <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Legislator,

I am in favor of confirming Brett Huber to the BOF. Brett has demonstrated experience and abilities and he will be a strong yet, I believe, open advocate for our fisheries resources. His commitment is ongoing and not just here today and gone tomorrow. By the way, I doubt there is any nominee who is not in some way controversial for this important assignment. Thank You.

Tom Lessard
21670 Snowflower Lp.
Chugiak, AK 99567
(907)688-1547

[Fwd: Huber]

Subject: [Fwd: Huber]

Date: Tue, 23 Apr 2002 10:33:05 -0800

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: Huber

Date: Tue, 23 Apr 2002 10:06:10 -0700

From: William b White <billwhite.alaska@juno.com>

To: Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us, Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us

I strongly support the nomination of Brett Huber for BOF. His knowledge of the issues are exceptional. Please support his candidacy.

Bill White,
Sterling

Subject: RE: Confirmation hearings for Board of Fisheries

Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2002 09:00:49 -0700

From: "Rick Wood" <rwood@ci.soidotna.ak.us>

To: "Representative Ken Lancaster" <Representative_Ken_Lancaster@legis.state.ak.us>

Ken

I feel that Brett will look into the best for our fishery through out Alaska by serving on this board. At the last Board of Fish I feel that Brett supported changes to the peninsula fishery that effected the sport and commercial fishery. These changes were based on research that fish and game and Kenai Sport Fish provided.

-----Original Message-----

From: Irv and Carla [mailto:irvcarla@alaska.net]

Sent: Monday, April 15, 2002 1:12 PM

To: Senator_Robin_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us;

Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us;

Senator_Loren_Leman@legis.state.ak.us;

Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us;

Representative_Con_Bunde@legis.state.ak.us;

Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us;

Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us;

Representative_Ken_Lancaster@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: Confirmation hearings for Board of Fisheries

Please find my attached letter regarding the confirmation of Brett Huber to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

I would ask you to pass it along to any legislator you feel should read it.

Thank you, Irv Carlisle

Subject: Brett Huber Support

Date: Wed, 24 Apr 2002 13:27:01 -0800

From: "4D Carpet" <4dcarpet@kenai.net>

To: <Senator_Gary_Wilken@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Rick_Halford@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Senator_Ben_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Robin_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Senator_Kim_Elton@legis.state.ak.us>, <senator_georgianna_lincoln@legis.ak.us>,
<Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Hugh_Fate@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Joe_Green@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_John_Coghill@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Mary_Kapsner@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us>

I would like to urge you to support Brett Huber's appointment to the Board of Fish. Brett has the knowledge and constitution to support change before - not after its to late!
Dan Mortenson

Subject: [Fwd: Brett Huber's Appointment to the BOF]

Date: Tue, 23 Apr 2002 08:31:00 -0800

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: Brett Huber's Appointment to the BOF

Date: Tue, 23 Apr 2002 06:19:54 -0800

From: "Ronald Rainey" <ronaklo@worldnet.att.net>

To: <Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Joe_Green@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Hugh_Fate@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>,
<Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us>

Please help protect our fish by supporting Brett Huber's nomination to the Board of Fish. At a recent meeting he was asked what he would do if his position was in conflict with a user group that supported him? He answered, "I would do what is best for the fish". Mr. Huber is informed, fair, works well with varied groups and is dedicated to protecting our resources.

Please work for his conformation.

Ron Rainey
PO Box 1248
Kenai, Ak 99611
(907)252-1355

[Fwd:]

Subject: [Fwd:]

Date: Mon, 15 Apr 2002 15:39:32 -0800

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject:

Date: Mon, 15 Apr 2002 10:18:19 -0800

From: "Joe Connors" <kr12@gci.net>

To: <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Gary_Wilken@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Rick_Halford@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Ben_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Robin_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Kim_Elton@legis.state.ak.us>, <senator_georgianna_lincoln@legis.ak.us>, <Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Hugh_Fate@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Joe_Green@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_John_Coghill@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Mary_Kapsner@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us>

Good Morning, I would like to take this opportunity to strongly encourage you to support the confirmation of Brett Huber to the State of Alaska, Board of Fish. As a 32 year resident of Alaska and a person who is extremely concerned about the increasing demands upon of fish resources, Brett Huber is an excellent choice. There is a need for people to think "outside of the box" and to come up with new and creative ways to deal with the our resources and he is capable of doing so. His record of working for the habitat, conservation and the resource is extensive. I encourage you to look at the person and not the rhetoric of the day that is being put forth by those with little or no record of positive action.

As an individual as well as the President of the Kenai River Professional Guide Association, I support Brett Huber's nomination to the Board of Fish. Our Board of Directors unanimously supports his confirmation also.

Sincerely,

Joe Connors, (907) 262-9496

[Fwd: Board of Fisheries Confirmation]

Subject: [Fwd: Board of Fisheries Confirmation]

Date: Thu, 18 Apr 2002 08:46:33 -0800

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: Board of Fisheries Confirmation

Date: Thu, 18 Apr 2002 08:13:53 -0800

From: Bruce Knowles <bigfish@matnet.com>

To: Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Representative Scalzi,

I am writing in support of Mr. Brett Huber confirmation to the Board of Fisheries. I have worked with Mr. Huber on fisheries issues for more than 10 years. I have found him to be a very knowledgeable person with the ability to work well with people. . He has worked with the Board of Fisheries on several special committees and has developed an extensive knowledge of the fishing issues facing Alaska. He has worked with committees on federal fishing issues.

Mr Huber is known by all the current board member and will be able to hit the ground running. I feel that he is an outstanding choice for the Board of Fisheries. Mr. Huber concern first and for most is for Alaskan resources.

Bruce Knowles
907-745-4965

[Fwd: Fwd: Brett Huber's Board of Fish Nomination]

Subject: [Fwd: Fwd: Brett Huber's Board of Fish Nomination]

Date: Mon, 15 Apr 2002 09:35:52 -0800

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: Fwd: Brett Huber's Board of Fish Nomination

Date: Fri, 12 Apr 2002 03:33:23 EDT

From: Agil4u2fish@aol.com

To: Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us

CC: Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: Brett Huber's Board of Fish Nomination

Date: Fri, 12 Apr 2002 03:20:13 EDT

From: Agil4u2fish@aol.com

To: representative_beth_kerttula@legis.state.ak.us

Brett Heber is an excellant choice for the Alaska Board of Fish because he knows the board's system and is very knowlegeable about Alaska fisheries. He is an intelligent man who will work well with the other board members,as well as with sport fishing and commercial fishing interests.

[Fwd: BOF Nominee]

Subject: [Fwd: BOF Nominee]

Date: Mon, 15 Apr 2002 15:40:15 -0800

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: BOF Nominee

Date: Mon, 15 Apr 2002 10:34:15 -0800

From: "Tim Evers" <tnjevers@alaska.com>

To: "Senator Robin Taylor" <Senator_Robin_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Rick Halford" <Senator_Rick_Halford@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Murkowski" <email@murkowski.senate.gov>,
"Senator Kim Elton" <Senator_Kim_Elton@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator John Torgerson" <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Georgianna Lincoln" <senator_geotgianna_lincoln@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Ben Stephens" <senator_ben_stephens@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Representative Gary Stevens" <Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Representative Peggy Wilson" <Representative_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Representative Mike Chenault" <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Representative Mary Kapsner" <Representative_Mary_Kapsner@legis.state.ak.us>,
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"Representative Fred Dyson" <Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Representative Drew Scalzi" <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Representative Beverly Masek" <Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Representative Beth Kertula" <representative_beth_kertula@legis.state.ak.us>

Please add my name to the list of supporters in regards to the Governor's nomination of Brett Huber to the Board of Fish.

Thank You,

Tim Evers

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Tim Evers <tnjevers@alaska.com>

owner/operator

Fishward Bound Adventures/Deep Creek Sport Shop/Big Valley Fishing Lodge

[Fwd: Fish Board]

Subject: [Fwd: Fish Board]

Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2002 13:18:26 -0800

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: Fish Board

Date: Wed, 17 Apr 2002 09:37:05 -0700

From: "Don McKay" <donmckay@ptialaska.net>

To: <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Gary_Wilken@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Rick_Halford@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Ben_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Robin_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us>, <Senator_Kim_Elton@legis.state.ak.us>, <senator_georgianna_lincoln@legis.ak.us>, <Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Hugh_Fate@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Joe_Green@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Lesil_McGuire@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Gary_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Peggy_Wilson@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_John_Coghill@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Fred_Dyson@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Mary_Kapsner@legis.state.ak.us>, <Representative_Beth_Kerttula@legis.state.ak.us>

Please accept this email as my enthusiastic support for Brett Huber as a Fish Board member. His knowledge of the resource and level-headed manner in dealing with thorny issues is a rare combination of attributes. Please confirm Brett Huber.

Sincerely, Don A. McKay

"Senator_Robin_Taylor" <Senator_Robin_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator_Ben_Stevens" <Senator_Ben_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator_Randy_Phillips" <Senator_Randy_Phillips@legis.state.ak.us>,
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"Representative Scalzi" <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator John Torgerson" <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Senator or Representative,

My name is Reuben Hanke. I currently own and operate Harry Gaines Kenai River Fishing on the banks of the Kenai River. I have been involved in Cook Inlet fisheries and the Board of Fish process for the past 20 years. I am emailing you today in regards to the upcoming Board of Fish confirmations.

First, I would like to voice strong support for Mr. Brett Huber. I believe that Mr. Huber has a vast knowledge of the Cook Inlet fishery as well as fisheries around the entire state. I have seen him involved in the public process at BOF hearings for the past several years and have seen first hand that he is honest, knowledgeable, professional and willing to put the fish first in all cases.

Second, I would like to voice support for Mr. Art Nelson and Mr. Jerry Merrigan. Both of these men are fine appointments and I believe that they will be strong, viable and knowledgeable additions to the Alaska Board of Fish.

As time draws near, I am sure that you will be receiving several emails on this very subject and you will be making your final decision. I would just like to say that we have three good appointments and that I would like to have your support for them. Please email me back and let me know what you have decided. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Reuben G. Hanke
Harry Gaines Kenai River Fishing

[Fwd: Brett Huber Support]

Subject: [Fwd: Brett Huber Support]

Date: Mon, 29 Apr 2002 09:02:39 -0800

From: Representative Drew Scalzi <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

To: Pat Hartley <Pat_Hartley@legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: Brett Huber Support

Date: Fri, 26 Apr 2002 19:27:47 -0800

From: "4D Carpet" <4dcarpet@kenai.net>

To: <representative_drew_scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

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From that time, while on the Board and in the years since, I have followed with interest Brett's activities on behalf of our State, its people and its natural resources. He continued to participate in appropriate Board of Fisheries meetings as it struggled with the very complex and controversial Cook Inlet issues. In this respect I have no doubt about his commitment. Wherever his career takes him I expect him to continue to deserve our trust in this commitment.

I believe that the five years he served in an aide capacity to two legislators gave him working knowledge and perspective in the legislative process which will serve well not only him, but also the Board of Fisheries as a whole in its efforts to accomplish legislative action. Such action is certainly required if Alaska is to regain control of natural resource management. Many of the scientific and ecological issues facing the state are mired in an economic and political morass. Unless we can bring competing forces together in support of the very real problems which are facing the natural resource base of Alaska we will see only a further dissipation of our fiscal and human resources. Unfortunately every person and special interest cannot and never will be satisfied. However I have the utmost confidence that Brett will continue to seek the best balance possible, but with the highest priority given to the needs of the fishery resource. He has been quite successful in bringing competing and differing opinions together in the past and I will expect him to do this as a member of the Board of Fisheries.

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I shall be happy to further discuss either his qualifications or my opinion in this regard if you wish to call me in Soldotna at 262-7132.

Sincerely yours,

Dick H. Bower

To: SENATE Resource Committee Chair <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>,
HOUSE Resource Committee Co-Chair <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

You no doubt have received a plethora of e-mails urging you to deny Mr Brett Huber confirmation to the BOF. Let me inform you that this is a well orchestrated campaign by a very vocal group in the Kenai Soldotna area who do not represent the majority of stakeholders regarding this issue. I am e-mailing you through one of their websites to facilitate viewers to mass-mail "Do not confirm" messages to every legislator in Juneau. Allow me to put the issue into better perspective. They are a bunch of squeaky wheels, whining for some sympathetic oil. They allege that Mr Huber spearheaded a campaign to deny them their God given right to harvest salmon from the Kenai River. Nothing could be further from the truth! While certain segments of the run have been protected from intentional harvest through "catch and release" restrictions, there remain provisions for harvesting king salmon early in the run as well as during the entire late run. There are only 20 days affected by the restriction, leaving residents an additional 50 days to exercise their Alaskan right to "whack" a pair of kings for the table before the end of the season.

None of these people are going to starve because of the new regulations! If any of these vocal longtime Alaskans are incapable of catching a pair of Kenai kings with 50 days of opportunity, they need to hire a king salmon fishing guide to enlighten them on how easy it really is. These folks have a multitude of other salmon harvest opportunities on the Kenai River including six pink salmon daily, three other salmon (sockeye and coho, two of which may be coho) daily, and a generous "personal use" allowance which could fill a typical household's freezer with dozens of sockeye for the season. That's more protein for one household than an entire third world nation. Okay, that's a bit of an exaggeration perhaps, but you get the point! They have the audacity to say that Mr Huber is favoring tourists over locals. If anything, it is the visiting non-resident fisherman (who already has reservations during the period June 11 to June 30) that will be most negatively impacted by these regulations.

What this is really about is a core of people who are too closed-minded to see that there is no one singular highest and best use of the salmon resource. They contend that any other use of salmon besides "catch and eat" is emphatically vulgar, unethical, immoral, and should not be tolerated. (This is the rhetoric, verbatim, that is being played out over the airwaves, cyber, and print media). They refuse to accept that a diversity of uses can actually be a good thing. For one, it brings more concerned stakeholders to the table when it comes to promoting a conservation agenda. Lost in all of this political mud-slinging is the fact that Mr Huber represents an organization (Kenai River Sportfishing Association) that promotes a genuine conservation agenda for the river and its fish. KRSA has done more than any single private entity to protect and restore riparian habitat, establish responsible public access, mentor to young people, and educate the public and key policymakers on the values of sportfishing on the Kenai River, while pumping precious dollars into the local economy. His confirmation will bring a healthy diversity to the BOF, which historically has been dominated by traditional commercial fishing interests. Governor Knowles didn't just pick a name out of the hat for this appointment. He wanted someone that would advocate for the fish first and foremost. He wanted someone who would safeguard the resource for the benefit of all stakeholders. He wanted Brett Huber!

These comments from a non-resident may not carry as much weight as those of your constituents, but consider this. I was raised in Alaska and still consider it home. I left the state in 1986 to pursue my medical education and now reside in Washington state. Like the salmon, I still return for my annual summer pilgrimage to the Kenai River without fail. Unlike the ravaged salmon stocks of the Pacific Northwest, Alaska's wild salmon resource remains healthy. Don't take it for granted! It takes good people to ensure that sensible fisheries policy will carry the day for future generations to come! Mr Huber is one of these people. **PLEASE CONFIRM BRETT HUBER'S APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES.**

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS V. ESTALILLA, M.D.
1720 SUMNER AVE
ARREDEN WA 98570

Subject: Confirmation of Brett Huber to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Date: Sat, 27 Apr 2002 14:56:42 -0800

From: "pat bower" <pbdbh@gci.net>

To: <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>

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