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Denby Lloyd for Commission ADF+6

House Fisheries / Committee questions first

- 1) Hold bear, wolf, trapping, Sport & Subsistence hunting, ~~hunting~~ ^{Rifleranges etc} for hearing in House Resources
- 2) Segregate questions
 - a) general background and managerial
 - b) Federal / international
 - 1) Pacific Salmon Treaty
 - 2) International Pacific Halibut Commission
 - 3) North Pacific fisheries Management Council
 - c) ~~Subsistence~~ fishing
 - d) ~~Sport~~ and Personal use fisheries
 - e) Commercial fisheries
 - f) Mariculture ^{shellfish} - deal with finfish hatcheries in either sport or commercial section
 - g) Other.

— This will be a public hearing - short ^{informative} comments ~~that~~ that might ~~help~~ help the committee. Of course we are

a) General and managerist

How would you define and balance your constitutional responsibility to manage our fishery resources for the maximum benefit of the people with the Board of Fisheries regulatory authority?

UAF

BS Division

Habitat issue in Division

- ✓
b) Federal / International
1) Pacific Salmon Treaty

2) IPHC Pacific Halibut Commission
? roll for Department in Sport or Charter
Halibut

State EO
for Southeast
Skipper + ^{Paid} Crew - i.e. commercial operation sport fishing with
fish on board

- 3) North Pacific Fisheries Management Council

Federal vs State Constitutional philosophy
Rights & permits to investors vs only to participating fishermen

View on Federal Rationalization schemes

✓ Define Rationalization for us.

Did you support concept in §113 last year?

Do you support allocation of fish in State waters

to investors who purchased and don't participate in
~~federal~~ fishing i.e. many ^{federal} LHP holders.

b. cont.

Do you support changing gear to reduce waste ~~and~~ bycatch and habitat destruction

Do you support accounting for waste or lost fish in the IFQ fishery

Sablefish / black cod fished in areas of whale abundance may have 50-70% of catch lost to whale predation if caught on longlines vs 0 if pot fished. Would you tend to support the individual assessment of the resource loss or mandate some harvest method or not worry about it

c) Subsistence

d) Sport and personal use fisheries

Is new sport hatchery program going to be effective or too costly?

Personal use dipnetting

Disposal of heads and guts on river bank + mouth a concern for Department.

Do you support the rehabilitation and enhancement efforts of the Department and permitted private parties (especially PWS native corporations) for coxles and Razor clams in PWS and Southcentral.

non natural
Any concern for putting the additional eggs/sperm or larvae into the local ecosystems.

E) Comm Fish.

The report ~~year~~^{to Dept} prepared at the request of House fisheries analysing success achieving salmon escapement goals. ~~the~~

We appreciate it because for the first time we can really see the possible tremendous economic loss to Alaska. We now have over half of all monitored systems in the state above their upper escapement goals.

Page 1 really shows the wrong trend line since 2001 through 2006
It's

SE loops flat ending 2006 as started in 2001 but better at having less below ^{minimum} goal

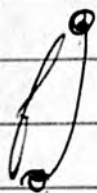
Southcentral again worst ever and bad trend line.

It's though good having fewer below minimum
AYK increased from 227 to 717 above the upper goal

Westward pretty much held its own but consistently over 50% above maximum.

How address

How much economic loss by not maximizing these returns for maximum benefit to the people of the State.



Mariculture

~~Quote from~~ Recent hearings a ^{top} former
to fisheries official talked about
mariculture should to move to commerce
as DNR to get with agriculture as
it is about a zero priority in ADFG.

The mariculture head answered a question ~~about~~
about lack of research " "

Genetic Stock ID

Salt water fisheries

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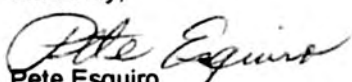
Rep. Paul Seaton, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (mail stop 3100)
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Dear Representative Seaton:

The Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association, (NSRAA) would like to express its support for the confirmation of Mr. Denby Lloyd, as Alaska's next Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Lloyd's experience and background as a biologist combined with his prior history in the Department of Fish and Game make him, at this time, a very logical choice for Commissioner.

We look forward to working with Mr. Lloyd as we move forward with protecting and enhancing our wild Alaskan salmon industry. Thanks for allowing us to express our opinion on this important matter.

Sincerely,


Pete Esquiro
General Manager

accepted get
S.E. but not S.E.

2007

3-A

2-C

ADF/6 E.O. - Restriction on charter capture/creel
keep fish (applying to all sp. fish
not just halibut) state has not
ability to single
out

Long Term - likely at maintenance

① I.F.Q.

② Angler DFB restrictions

③ License limitation scheme

Gone to full depth surely some
degree of state rights for halibut
haven't met back yet

Restrictions also applies to commercial
fishery

April: 10 March review of Crab-R.T. Program
90-10 split

Boat Artisan houses program

6/4 due identify state's position

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 3/7/07

The House Special Committee on Fisheries has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Commissioner - Department of Fish and Game
Mr. Denby Lloyd

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

Signature:	Printed Last Name
<i>Kyle B. Johansen</i>	JOHANSEN
<i>Boe Edgmon</i>	EDGMON
<i>Gregory Wilson</i>	WILSON
<i>Phillip Lloyd</i>	LLOYD
Chair: <i>Paul K. Seaton</i>	SEATON
Chair:	

Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATES

- B.S. 1977. University of Alaska-Fairbanks. Magna cum laude; major in Biological Sciences. Emphasis in fisheries; secondary focus in economics.
- M.S. 1985. University of Alaska-Fairbanks. Biological Oceanography from the Institute of Marine Science; additional work in management.
- Certified Fisheries Scientist - American Fisheries Society, 1988.
Associate - American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists, 1987.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Sept 2005 Director - Division of Commercial Fisheries
to Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Present Juneau, Alaska

Direct the operations of the largest division in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, with 300 permanent full-time employees and another 300 seasonal workers, annual budget of approximately \$60 million, 24 area and regional offices, some 80 field camps, five major research vessels and a number of aircraft. Responsible for the management of all commercial fisheries, as well as subsistence and personal use fisheries, within state waters, plus several in adjacent federal waters. Oversee applied research programs to assess abundance and distribution of salmon, herring, groundfish, and shellfish. Direct policy development and interaction with the Alaska Board of Fisheries, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the Alaska Legislature, federal resource and land management agencies, as well as with public interest and industry groups.

- Oct 2000 Regional Supervisor - Div. of Commercial Fisheries
to Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Sept 2005 Kodiak, Alaska

Administered all fishery management and research functions for the Division of Commercial Fisheries in the Westward Region, including areas around Kodiak Island, Chignik, the Alaska Peninsula, the Aleutians Islands and the Bering Sea. Supervised 55 permanent full-time employees, administered an annual budget of approximately \$ 11.5 million, oversaw one regional and six area offices, and supported two research vessels and four aircraft. Implemented management and research programs for salmon, herring, groundfish, and shellfish within state waters, plus in federal waters for specific species under delegation or direction. Duties involved significant interaction with local government and industry interests, the Alaska Board of Fisheries, and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council process.

June 1998 Regional Finfish Research Supervisor
to
Oct 2000 Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Kodiak, Alaska

Administered the salmon and herring research programs for the Westward Region of the Division of Commercial Fisheries, involving projects in the Kodiak, Chignik, Alaska Peninsula, and Aleutian Islands areas. Supervised ten permanent employees, administered budgets of approximately \$2.5 million, and established goals and objectives for projects to estimate the distribution and abundance of juvenile and adult salmon and spawning herring. Research included not only estimating abundance, but also establishing spawner-recruit relationships, escapement goals, and forecasting future run strength. Worked under a variety of funding sources, which required close coordination with state, federal, and local governments as well as regional non-profit aquaculture associations, native corporations, and industry groups.

May 1992 Chief Resource Analyst
to
June 1998 Aleutians East Borough
Anchorage/Juneau, Alaska

Compiled and analyzed biological and socioeconomic information on natural resources, and regulatory issues, important to residents and fishermen in the eastern Aleutian Islands/lower Alaska Peninsula. Promoted and defended regional commercial fishing, subsistence hunting and fishing, and recreational activities. Represented local interests to the Alaska Board of Fisheries, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the state administration and legislature, and the federal government. Assisted with local land use and coastal zone issues, including planning and approval of port, harbor, and airport construction and seafood processing.

Nov 1990 Director - Division of Commercial Fisheries
to
May 1992 Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Juneau, Alaska

Responsible for administration and supervision of a division with a permanent staff of 200 employees and a budget of \$29 million per year, operating 50 specific programs to manage the commercial and subsistence salmon, herring, crab, groundfish and other fisheries of the State of Alaska, with a commercial exvessel value of over \$1 billion per year. Set policy and direction, and provided budgetary oversight, for management and research activities; oversaw personnel and administrative functions. Represented the division and the department to the Alaska Legislature, the Alaska Board of Fisheries, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and the public.

Jan 1989 Special Assistant for Natural Resources
to Office of the Governor
Nov 1992 Juneau, Alaska

As Special Assistant for Natural Resources, was the Governor's direct liaison with the departments of Fish and Game, Natural Resources, Environmental Conservation, and Revenue. Chaired the Governor's Resource Cabinet: led negotiation of policy positions among, resolved disputes between, and related Governor's directions to agency commissioners. Represented the Governor on resource issues to the public, industry, legislature, and federal agencies. Acted as the Governor's personal advisor on natural resource issues, including fishery management and development, the Exxon Valdez oil spill, subsistence fish and game management, oil and gas leasing, and land use and coastal zone planning.

Dec 1986 Plan Coordinator/Management Analyst
to North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Jan 1989 Anchorage, Alaska

As Plan Coordinator/Management Analyst, coordinated multi-agency teams of biologists, economists, statisticians, and regulatory specialists to support regional council management of groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands under provisions of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MFCMA). Duties required derivation, analysis, and presentation of regulatory measures and estimates of acceptable harvest levels for 13 species groups in the two-million ton per year fishery. Also, coordinated development of management plans for king and Tanner crabs, high seas salmon fisheries, and the allocative aspects of Alaskan halibut fisheries.

Mar 1983 Habitat Biologist III - Habitat Division
to Alaska Department of Fish and Game
July 1986 Anchorage, Alaska

As Projects Review Coordinator for Habitat Division, Region IV, was responsible for the department's review and permitting of private and public development projects in western and southwestern Alaska. Decisions required evaluation of construction and industrial projects (such as ports and harbors, mining, roads, timber harvests, seafood processing) in relation to state and federal environmental requirements, research of natural resources at risk, and negotiation of terms with industry and agency personnel to mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife. Also reviewed and analyzed state and federal land use plans and prepared departmental position papers on water quality issues.

Jan 1982 Habitat Biologist II
to
Mar 1983 Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Anchorage, Alaska

Evaluated potential impacts of development projects, most specifically coal mine proposals, on fish, wildlife, and their habitat. Recommended mitigation measures to industry planners and agency permittees. Also prepared departmental comments on surface mining regulations, coastal zone consistency determinations, and oil spill contingency plans. Routinely negotiated with consultants on design and execution of aquatic habitat and fisheries baseline studies.

Jan 1979 Research Assistant - Institute of Marine Science
to
Dec 1981 University of Alaska - Fairbanks
Fairbanks, Alaska

As a graduate research assistant, participated in projects investigating the oceanography and ecology of the Bering Sea and Prince William Sound. Primarily responsible for a project relating seabirds to their ocean environment. Conducted miscellaneous field work at Pt. Barrow, Chukchi Sea, Bering Sea, Pribilof Islands, Bristol Bay, Izembek Lagoon, Aleutian Islands, and Prince William Sound.

April 1978 Fishery Biologist
to
Dec 1978 National Marine Fisheries Service
Juneau, Alaska

Within the Environmental Assessment Division, reviewed permit applications and proposals for development projects and prescribed mitigation for marine and wetland organisms and their habitats. Coordinated permitting decisions with state and federal agencies and justified policy positions of the NMFS. Conducted field assessments of habitat quality and species distribution at several locations in southeast Alaska.

1973 to 1978 Fishery Technician/Biologist (seasonal)
ADF&G/University of Alaska

Held several positions involving field work in fisheries and oceanography, and laboratory work in environmental chemistry. Assisted in projects throughout much of the coastal zone and waters of Alaska.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS

NMFS Steller Sea Lion Recovery Team
NPFMC Steller Sea Lion Mitigation Committee
ADF&G Marine Protected Area (MPA) Task Force
Alaska Steller Sea Lion Restoration Team
ADF&G Technical Panel for the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy
Alaska Board of Fisheries Public Panel for the Sustainable Salmon Fisheries Policy
NPFMC IR/IU (Improved retention/improved utilization of groundfish) Committee
Alaska Scientific Review Group (ASRG) for marine mammals—advisory to NMFS
and USFWS under provisions of the MMPA
SWAMC (Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference) Fisheries Committee
Scientific Advisory/Management Committees—North Pacific Universities Marine
Mammal Research Consortium
NPFMC Halibut Bycatch Cap Committee
Chair, Governor's Resource Cabinet
Coordinator, NPFMC Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish Plan Team
Coordinator, NPFMC Halibut Regulatory Amendment Advisory Group
Resource Development Council (RDC) Fisheries Committee

SCIENTIFIC CRUISE/COMMERCIAL FISHERY PARTICIPATION

UA-F and UW oceanographic cruises (*R/V Acona*, *Alpha-Helix*, *T.G. Thompson*) in
the Bering Sea, Aleutian Islands, PWS, SE Alaska
USCG icebreaker cruise (*USCGC Polar Star*) to Bering/Chukchi Seas
Univ. Hokkaido (*R/V Oshoro Maru*) high seas salmon/squid gillnetting, Kodiak to
Seattle
NOAA (*R/V Miller Freeman*) pelagic/demersal fishery survey, Gulf of Alaska
NMFS/USFWS (*R/V Tiglax*) sea lion/prey assessment, western GOA
ADF&G (*R/V Resolution*) shellfish/groundfish surveys, GOA/Aleutian Islands
ADF&G/OCSEAP (*R/V Yankee Clipper* and others) nearshore fish surveys, lower
Cook Inlet/Kodiak Island
NMFS Delta submarine surveys, SE Alaska

Bristol Bay salmon drift and set gillnet
North Peninsula salmon drift and set gillnet
Dutch Harbor herring purse seine
South Peninsula salmon purse seine
Eastern Bering Sea pollock trawl
Western GOA pollock and cod trawl
Chignik salmon purse seine
Kodiak salmon set gillnet
Prince William Sound herring purse seine

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**North Pacific Fisheries Association**

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March 6, 2007

Rep. Paul Seaton
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
907-465-3472

Dear Representative Seaton;

The North Pacific Fisheries Association in Homer represents fishermen who fish throughout the state. Our members participate in fisheries from Ketchikan to Attu to St. Mathews. We are writing to ask that you support the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as Commissioner of ADF&G.

Mr. Lloyd is undoubtedly the best qualified person in our state for this position. He enjoys broad support from the fishing industry. He is well regarded by his fellow employees in the Department. And most importantly he knows the important issues regarding fishery resources facing the state. The Governor made a good choice in naming Mr. Lloyd acting Commissioner.

We appreciate your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Laukitis
President

Cc: Senator Gary Stevens



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February 19, 2007

Office of the Governor
Her Honor, Governor Sarah Palin
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Governor Palin,

The Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association (KPFA) has been a South Central fishing community advocate group for over fifty years. Originally formed as a cooperative many of our fishing families have operated and remain operating as family cooperatives to this day.

We are the principal set net representation group of the approximately seven hundred and forty five limited entry salmon permit holders within Cook Inlet waters and also facilitate as a set net fishing voice for individual Bristol Bay set net members who have joined as a coalition.

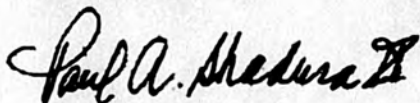
We have members who live within the South Central region and throughout Alaska and as far away as New York and Florida in the Continental United States. Many of us have remained in the fishery since the initiation of the limited entry program and others have deep ancestral roots for over a century.

We are over eighty-eight percent Alaskan Residents and are your doctors, lawyers, teachers, politician's, waiter's, mechanics and laborers. We are involved with the community and support the churches, senior citizens and those that just need a neighborly hand. We are the back bone of the south-central small communities and we will be here long after the other non-renewable resources are gone. We are the stewards of our environment because we depend on the ecosystem to sustain and nourish us.

With this in mind, we cannot over emphasize the necessity for you to appoint an honest, hard working individual to the position of Commissioner of Fish and of Game for the entire state of Alaska. Leadership and intelligence must go hand and hand for this crucial role in managing Alaska's bounty. A keen eye must be kept open for sustaining her resources through constant vigilance of a fragile yet at times a violent environment.

KPFA believes that the Choice of Denby Lloyd fulfills these requirements and will be looking forward to improve and sustain our common fishery resource with your trust and support and Mr. Lloyd's willingness to do what is right!

With all respect,



Paul A. Shadura II
Executive Director

For the Board of Directors and Members of the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association



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March 2, 2007

Representative Paul Seaton, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
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Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Seaton,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) supports the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as Commissioner of Fish and Game. Alaska's fish and game resources are fundamental to Alaska's economic and social well being. We need to continue our leadership in sustainable, science based management to ensure these resources for the economic opportunity and quality of life of future generations. UFA supports Mr. Lloyd as an experienced biologist and proven divisional manager to lead the Department of Fish and Game.

UFA is the largest statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 35 Alaska commercial fishing organizations from fisheries throughout the state and its offshore waters.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mark Vinsel
Executive Director

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Dragger's Association • Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association
Alaska Shellfish Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Crab Group of Independent Harvesters • Douglas Island Pink and Chum
Fishing Vessel Owners Association • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association
North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Old Harbor Fishermen's Association
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Sitka Herring Association • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance • Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association
Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • United Catcher Boats • United Cook Inlet Drift Association
United Salmon Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association • Western Gulf of Alaska Fishermen

United Cook Inlet Drift Association

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Date: March 6, 2007

Addressee: Rep. Paul Scaton, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
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RE: Denby Lloyd support

The United Cook Inlet Drift Association supports the confirmation of Denby Lloyd for Commissioner of Fish and Game and is confident he will make an excellent candidate for the position. However, this organization is concerned with the process the Joint Board utilized by forwarding only one name. It was our understanding that a list of names was to be forwarded to supply the Governor with a choice.

Thank you,



Steve Tvenstrup
UCIDA President

ams

**Concerned Area M Fishermen
35717 Walkabout Rd.
Homer, AK 99603**

March 6, 2007

**Rep. Paul Seaton, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature**

Dear Rep. Seaton and Committee members:

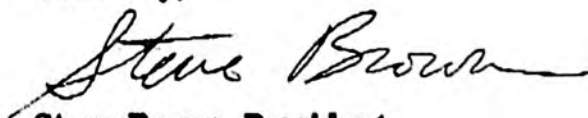
Concerned Area M Fishermen represents salmon permit holders who fish on the Alaska Peninsula. Our members live in towns throughout coastal Alaska.

I am writing in to ask your committee to endorse and recommend the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as Commissioner of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. Please support the Governor's choice for this position.

Like many in the commercial fishing industry, we were both surprised, and pleased, with the selection of Mr. Lloyd as Commissioner of ADF&G. Mr. Lloyd has had a long career with the Department, and has fulfilled both biologist and managerial positions within the Department. He is well regarded throughout the fishing industry, and he also has the support and respect of his fellow employees within the Department.

Governor Palin has made an excellent choice for the job, and I urge your Committee to endorse his nomination.

Sincerely,



**Steve Brown, President
Concerned Area M Fishermen
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March 1, 2007

Representative Paul Seaton, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (Mail Stop 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Seaton,

The Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association (ALFA) supports confirmation of Denby Lloyd as commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. ALFA supports Denby for a number of reasons as detailed below.

Of paramount importance, Denby is a scientist and ADF&G strongly needs a scientist commissioner. Denby's resume speaks for itself in terms of his qualifications, beginning with a B.S. in Biological Sciences with a minor in economics and a M.S. in Biological Oceanography. Not only was Denby the Director of Commercial Fisheries (twice), he also worked for the Habitat Division. An ecosystem approach to resource management is now demanded of agencies and Denby has the experience and education to understand this approach while still working toward the stability and economic viability of resource development, whether it be subsistence fishing and hunting, commercial fisheries, recreational fisheries, or tourism related industries like charter fishing and guided hunting.

Mr. Lloyd also has broad experience working with both government and private sectors. Working relations with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service are critical to the success of Alaska fisheries management and Denby has worked for these agencies and knows the process needed to get meaningful work accomplished. Additionally, he has worked for the Aleutians East Borough as their advocate for natural resources, which has given him broad experience with resource use from a coastal community perspective. This position also gave him knowledge and insight into hunting regulations and management from both a subsistence and sport perspective. In short, Denby's experience is broad-based and extensive.

ALFA maintains that biologists and managers must have been in the field commercial fishing if they are to understand the complexity and the impacts of regulations to the commercial industries. Denby passes this test. In addition to his oceanographic research, Denby has been in the field on a variety of commercial fishing operations including drift and set gillnet, purse seine, mid-water trawl, bottom trawl, and longline.

Alaska needs a commissioner who can uphold State standards for sustainable management of resources while truly understanding the science behind the assessments. Alaska also need a commissioner who is willing to ensure equitable resolution of allocation issues, keeping resource

health foremost in mind while also acknowledging the importance of all users to the health of the state's economy and the crucial role of Alaska's commercial fisheries to the State. ALFA considers Denby to be the person who meets all these standards and urges his confirmation as Commissioner.

Sincerely,

Linda Behnken
Executive Director
ALFA

**United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters**

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March 4, 2007

Representative Paul Seaton, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
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Sent Via Fax to: 907-465-3472

Dear Chairman Seaton,

The United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters (USAG) is an association of about 150 small business owners who catch salmon by drift gillnetting in Southeast Alaska and market salmon throughout the United States. Many of our members also participate in other fisheries such as crab, shrimp, dive and longline. USAG strongly supports Denby Lloyd for confirmation to position of Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Denby has an extensive background in fisheries management and has earned the respect of those in the industry with whom he has worked over the years. We have found Denby to be an approachable individual who will give due consideration to different points of view on issues and make a fair judgment on those issues. He has demonstrated strong administrative skills and a capability to build consensus between diverse groups. In short, we believe he has the qualifications and abilities to do an outstanding job for Alaska as the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

We appreciate your considering our support for Mr. Lloyd and hope your committee will confirm him for Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Yours Truly,

Kenneth Duckett
Executive Director

focused on integrating fishing and ecosystem conservation.

for me than this month, as we assembled our first-ever crew shots album.

keeps in touch with. So it's no surprise he got word early on the discontent of

Michael Crowley. Mike edited the story.
— Jerry Fraser

Northern Lights

Several shades of sustainability

For Alaskans, it begins right in our constitution. "Fish... belonging to the State... shall be utilized, developed, and maintained on the sustained yield principle" and, like all other natural resources, "for the maximum benefit of its people." The fight for Alaska's statehood was centered on the need to rebuild Pacific salmon runs and to protect



By Denby Lloyd

Fishermen, processors, managers, researchers, even politicians in Alaska tend to share a common view that puts the health of our fishery resources first. We rarely argue over the need to allow annual salmon escapements to pass unmolested to their spawning grounds, or to maintain sufficient biomass of groundfish and shellfish to produce future recruitment.

We've also taken difficult steps to protect the health of the seafood industry, through various forms of effort control, and we've implemented innovative programs to protect the interests of coastal communities in the resources surrounding them. We have a strong record of designing these programs with broad public participation, through the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

Indeed, much has been made, locally and nationally, of Alaska's fishery management. Along with a reasonable

measure of pride, however, sometimes creeps an uncomfortable degree of self-congratulation. Often we give insufficient credit, for example, to the favorable environmental conditions that have promoted decades of strong salmon returns, or to the fact that our groundfish fisheries are relatively new and uncomplicated compared to others around the country.

Perhaps the most important advantage we enjoy in Alaska is a short modern history. Much of our habitat is still pristine and productive. And as our fisheries have developed, there has been an abundance of history from more exploited parts of the world against which we have been able to evaluate our management proposals. We have been able to learn from other people's mistakes.

But that advantage can be all too quickly lost.

There are readily apparent difficulties in deriving maximum sustainable yields, or MSY, from more than one neighboring stock of fish at a time. There is growing concern that we are eliminating older, and more fecund, fish in our pursuit of large harvests. And there is no assurance that heavily fished populations provide sufficient prey for their natural predators. Almost 30 years ago, a notable fishery scientist wrote an "epitaph for the concept of maximum sustained yield." Recently, another scientist of note revisited the topic in a view on "the sustainability myth." Yet, MSY stands as a pillar of our state and national fishery policies. This poses an interesting conundrum for the emerging pursuit of ecosystem-based fishery management.

In establishing large-scale individual fishing quotas and other types of rationalized fisheries, we've reaped the benefits of longer seasons, more precise quota management, and the ability of fishermen to better choose their most effective means of harvest. On the other

hand, we've helped give away the value of those public resources, altered important subtleties in leverage between harvesters and processors, and not fully recognized that communities have legitimate interests in the disposition of fish in their areas.

Policymakers will need to grapple with evermore sophisticated mechanisms for the distribution of social and economic benefits. Managers and scientists will need to continually assess the comfortable fiction of MSY in the context of ecosystem function. We all will need to keep in mind the public's rights of ownership while limiting access to the resource among various users.

But just what is it that we are trying to sustain? It is certainly not just yield. It is not just the fish themselves. We are promoting possibilities for human endeavor: the opportunity to catch fish, to eat fish, to be financially and culturally enriched by these resources, to enjoy the benefits of healthy ecosystems. In this regard, Alaska's constitutional framers had it right, using seemingly simple and innocuous language: fish, sustained yield, maximum benefit, people. So long as we learn our lessons well, restrain ourselves from the temptations of overharvest, and wisely share the benefits of these resources, fisheries can sustain many of our livings and our ways of life far into the future.

In the end, perhaps all we need do is sustain an appropriate attitude: to avoid complacency, to challenge our assumptions, to evaluate the consequences of our actions.

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Denby Lloyd is serving a second stint as director of Commercial Fisheries for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. He has worked for the Alaska governor's office, the Aleutians East Borough, and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. Soon he will return home to Kodiak to manage a fishery research laboratory.

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RE: Legislative Confirmation for ADFG Commissioner Denby Lloyd

Dear Rep. Seaton,

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance (SEAFA) supports the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as Commissioner of Fish and Game. Commissioner Lloyd has a long history with ADFG and also has worked for the federal side. He knows the processes. He is learning and is getting a grasp on the wide and extremely complex variety of issues that are currently on-going in the Dept of Fish and Game from halibut charter issues to Polar Bears to Subsistence issues to Pacific Salmon Treaty along with the day to day issues. The Governor appointed Commissioner Lloyd as Acting Commissioner and this decision was further confirmed by the Board of Fish and Game after interviewing several candidates. Please continue the process and support Commissioner Lloyd through the legislative confirmation process.

Sincerely,


Kathy Hansen
Executive Director

Chairman Seaton

ADFG Commissioner Denby Lloyd is the most perfect example of how our system can work properly.

Southeast Alaska Seiners Association has been supportive of Mr. Lloyd throughout his career.

His work on behalf of fish-- and now game as well-- has been pure science at it's best and his integrity and commitment to the Maximum Sustained Yield principle is unquestionable.

I understand that there was some movement towards an old Palin family friend as Commisisoner and we can appreciate how difficult that must have been to not have put that name forward or demanded a call. Certainly we would have been comfortable with all 3 names proceeding, but you must understand that it was the Board of Game, not the Board of Fish, that insisted that the Game name not proceed.

The Board of Fish was left with 2 decisions: to either forward the names of Dr. Roland Maw and Mr. Lloyd, or to just forward the single name of Mr. Lloyd, which was the Commissioner the Governor requested in the first place by naming him acting Commissioner. The Board of Fish declined Dr. Maw's name in order to not infuriate the sport fishing constituency of the Mat-Su district.

And wisely so.

But now there seems to be a preponderance of folks who have been stirred up by the paid advertising and mailing campaign of a few disgruntled individuals on the game side. They should demand to know why the game folks didn't send the game name up. They are chasing their tails on this one, Mr. Chairman, and I would hope that you can recognize this for the sour grapes that it is.

Commissioner Lloyd serves Governor Sarah Palin. Although he and his Game-side deputy Commissioner have not been avid wolf hunters, I can guarantee you that he will grind the grist the mill requires on this one.

It is my sincerest wish that you let the new Governor have her day here. This is one of her wisest personell choices and I believe that you will see that in the next 4 years.

Sincerely

Bob Thorstenson, Jr.

Executive Director, Southeast Alaska Seiners Association

(and lame duck President of UFA ((who have not reviewed this letter)) until June 30th)

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Dear Representative Seaton:

Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) support the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Mr. Lloyd has a long and distinguished career working on behalf of Alaska's fisheries. With his past leadership in fishery management and his background in biological oceanography and science research, Mr. Lloyd has the experience and knowledge that will be needed to continue science based fisheries management throughout the commercial fishing industry in Alaska.

CDFU has represented the interests of the commercial fishermen of the Copper River and Prince William Sound, Area E, fishery since 1935. We have a history of constructive and successful involvement in supporting sustainable fishing practices, fisheries research, and promoting the economic stability of the fishing industry.

Thank you for your consideration,

Catherine Crawford

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DATE: March 8, 2007

TO: House Fisheries Committee

FAX: 465-3472 1 pages, including cover sheet

FROM: John Murray, Sitka constituent

MESSAGE: As a 29-year commercial fisherman resident of Sitka, I support the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as Commissioner of Department of Fish & Game. Mr. Lloyd is very experienced in fishery matters and I believe he would be an asset for the State of Alaska, for fishermen, and the resource we all so much depend on.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Chairman

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as commissioner for the Department of Fish and Game. This selection while always important, is at this time perhaps as critical as any you and your committee have ever made. While that statement may seem disproportionate to the current state of the resource and to all the sectors of the State which depend on the good management that is necessary for continued sustainability of fish and game populations, it is not.

I am commercial fisherman. I have been for 36 years, I have fished salmon, herring and rockfish; as well as and have for most of that time tendered multiple fisheries. For the most part these activities occur in S.E. Alaska, however from time to time I have been in other regions of the state for commercial operations. Beyond that over that same time frame I have had the opportunity to work for ADF&G as a temp for six years, as well to represent Fisherman and the commercial/sport industry in a number of forums where critical decisions were made as a matter of course and where on a first hand basis I was able to work and observe the representatives of the agency as it has done it's role, usually very well, as the State's voice and as the protector of the resource and the effected users of those resources.

I am currently serving on ASMI board of Directors, Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture board, the United Fisherman of Alaska board, and representing commercial fishing interests on the Tongass Roundtable, which is a group of State and Federal agencies, as well as timber, fisheries, environmental organizations, subsistence, and sport (commercial and personal) that are attempting to resolve the longstanding arguments on how the Tongass National Forest (the whole of the Peninsula is involved) will be managed. The point of this is to say that ADF&G is an diverse culture and that it more than and other Department finds itself engaged in that diversity. Such that, much like and iceberg, while it is mandated with the responsibility of the long term health of the States resources, it is clearly much more than just the day to day decisions of on ground regulation which are required of the Departments staff to fulfill that mandated responsibility.

Key to the performance of the Department is an ability manage the staff, understand the context of the multiple forums within which it operates, and understanding of the statutory and regulatory directives. Having been around these circumstances, I have a particular sense of their importance, and know how short the list is if all the requirements are to be met, and more importantly to be met with a substantive degree of excellence. Denby leads that list, and I strongly urge your committee's approval of his nomination for Commissioner.

Respectfully

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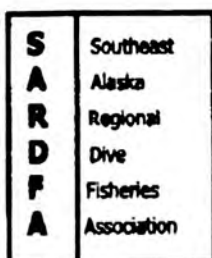
The Alaska Draggers Association supports the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as Commissioner of Fish and Game. The Association represents approximately 40 small trawl vessels that fish out of Kodiak.

As you may know, United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) voted to support Denby Lloyd's confirmation. UFA is the largest statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 35 Alaska commercial fishing organizations from fisheries throughout the state and its offshore waters.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Dear Representative Seaton,

The Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA) fully supports the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as Commissioner of Fish and Game. SARDFA appreciates the professional attitude that Mr. Lloyd brings to the Commissioner's office. Alaska's fish and game resources are fundamental to Alaska's economic and social well being. We need to continue our leadership in sustainable, science based management to ensure these resources for the economic opportunity and quality of life of future generations. SARDFA supports Mr. Lloyd as an experienced biologist and proven divisional manager to lead the Department of Fish and Game. We look forward with working with Mr. Lloyd in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Phil Doherty, Executive Director

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Dear Representative Seaton,

Armstrong-Keta, Inc. (AKI) supports the confirmation of Denby Lloyd as Commissioner of Fish and Game. We need to ensure the continued leadership in sustainable, science based management of our vital natural resources for the economic opportunity and quality of life of future generations of Alaskans. AKI supports Mr. Lloyd as a respected, experienced biologist and proven divisional manager to lead the Department of Fish and Game.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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