

4-09-09

**Confirma-
tion:**

**Board of
Fisheries,
Brent
Johnson**

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House of Representatives

Office of the Chief Clerk

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REFERRAL FOR CONFIRMATION

Date Referred: April 2, 2009

Committee: **House Special Committee on Fisheries**

Board of Fisheries

Brent G. Johnson – Clam Gulch

Appointed: 7/1/2009 Term Expires: 6/30/2012

Action Date: _____
(Same date as on the accompanying signature page)

Note: Attach to a signature page and return to the Chief Clerk's office.

Brent G. Johnson
resumé for application to Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Fisheries experience:

- Cook Inlet setnetter since 1962. My wife, Judy, and I have owned our own setnet site since 1977. Together with my mother and our children we currently fish 11 permits, one of the largest operations in Cook Inlet. We have developed a way to put all our fish into slush ice at the point of harvest (in the skiffs).
- Crewed on a Prince William Sound salmon seiner several times, most recently in 2008. I typically do this after the Cook Inlet setnet season has closed.
- Seined and setnet for herring in Cook Inlet.
- Crewed on Cook Inlet halibut longline vessels.
- Drafted Shore Fisheries Diagrams for clients in Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Area M and Bristol Bay.

Public service organization experience:

- Served on the Kenai-Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee for about 15 years, including terms as secretary and as chairman. Last service there was about 5 years ago.
- Served on the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association Board of Directors for about 15 years. Currently serving as president of that organization.
- Served on the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association Board of Directors for about 20 years, including several terms as president. Last term as president ended in the spring of 2008. At that time I retired from the KPFA Board of Directors, though I'm still a member of the organization.
- Served as an alternate to the Cook Inlet Salmon Brand (Kenai Wild) Board of Directors.
- Served on the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission for about 12 years. This is a paid position and I continue to serve there.
- Served on the Kasilof Regional Historical Association for about 4 years. Currently president of that organization.
- Elected president of the Kenai Peninsula Historical Association in May 2008 and continue to serve in that capacity.

Education:

Graduated from Ninilchik High School in 1973.
Numerous classes for personal development from U of A, Kenai River Branch.

Pertinent family ties:

- My brother-in-law, Doug Blossom, owns the setnet site adjacent to ours. He is also Chairman of the District 34 Republican Party.
- Two of my nephews work in the sport fish guiding industry and one of my nieces is married to a Cook Inlet salmon drift fisherman.
- My 89-year-old mother has been in Alaska since 1942.

Work:

- I worked for years for my father who was a private land surveyor. My brother has taken over his business and I've physically surveyed numerous Shore Fishery Leases for them.

A COUPLE OF NOTES:

When you call for a motion to move the judge to Resources, the phrase is:
“Do we have a motion to forward the name of Brent G. Johnson for confirmation to the Resources Committee?”)

RAY & SUE TAURIAINEN**46686 TAURIAINEN TRL****KENAI, AK 99611****Email: rtauri@gci.net****(907) 776-8885**

April 06, 2009

Legislators of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Ref: State Board of Fisheries Appointee

Dear Legislator,

I would like to show my support for the appointment of Mr. Brent Johnson to the State Board of Fisheries. Mr. Johnson has been a longtime resident of the Kasilof Community. His active participation in fisheries and local government give him the experience and expertise for such a position. It has been many years since a member of the Cook Inlet Commercial Fishery has been a part of the Fisheries Board. Cook Inlet is very often an issue before the board and therefore it's only fair that we have someone representing this area.

Please vote yes for Brent Johnson's appointment. Thank you for your consideration and support on this matter.

Sincerely,



Sue Tauriainen

April 5, 2009

Representative Bryce Edgmon

Chairman, Special Committee on Fisheries

State Capitol

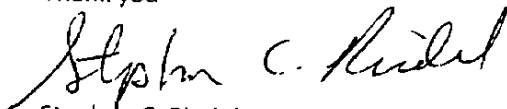
Juneau AK 99801

Dear Representative Edgmon

I am writing to support the appointment of Brent Johnson to the Board of Fisheries. I have been involved in five Board meetings for Area E and know firsthand how important it is to have knowledgeable people sitting on the Board. During the last cycle, I submitted a proposal to change the technical specifications on purse seines that would improve the quality of the harvest and increase the safety of operations. It was very difficult for Board members who had no experience with fishing equipment to understand what we were trying to accomplish. We need to have people on the Board of Fisheries who have a fundamental understanding of how these fisheries work.

I have heard that some of the Kenai sports fishermen are expressing concern over the impact of Mr. Johnson's appointment on the allocation between users. As an active Cook Inlet set netter, Mr Johnson would not be able to deliberate or vote on any proposals that affect Cook Inlet. I would also like to point out that at the last Board meeting dealing Prince William Sound and the Copper River there were no significant changes to the allocation between any of the competing user groups.

Thank you



Stephen C. Riedel

12300 Rockridge drive

Anchorage, AK 99516



ICICLE

April 6, 2009

Representative Craig Johnson
Representative Mark Neuman
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
120 4th Street, State Capitol, Room 3
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Co-chairs Johnson and Neuman,

I wish to express our support for the confirmation of Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Johnson has many years of experience as a commercial fisherman in Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound harvesting salmon, herring and halibut. Through his experience on the fishing grounds and as an active board member of various organizations, including the United Fishermen of Alaska and the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, he has acquired a very good knowledge of Alaska's fisheries. He understands the importance of scientifically based fishery resource management and is a strong supporter of utilizing practices that promote quality. Having more than a decade of service on the Kenai-Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory committee has prepared him for this appointment.

We believe that Mr. Johnson will make a fine member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries and respectfully request your support of his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Kris Norosz
Government Affairs

cc: Members, House Resources Committee

PETERSBURG FISHERIES

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Western Gulf of Alaska Fishermen

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Email jmchilders@gci.net

April 7, 2009

Rep. Edgmon, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
(Mail stop 3100)
Juneau AK 99801

Re: Board of Fisheries appointments

Dear Sir:

Western Gulf of Alaska Fishermen's Association is comprised of boat owners engaged in groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska and the Aleutian Islands. We fish for p-cod with pot and trawl gear and for pollock with trawl gear. Our vessels home port and operate out of Sand Point, Alaska. At this time there are 14 vessels represented by this association.

We unanimously support and endorse Brent Johnson for appointment to the Board of Fisheries.

Respectfully submitted by,



Joe Childers
Director

CC: Representative Munoz



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the ___ House Special Committee on Fisheries
confirmation Brent Johnson to Board of Fisheries _____, dated
040809 _____

Please accept the following as written testimony.

Brent is well respected in our community and has always been a person valued for his integrity, knowledge and sense of humor. His qualifications and ethical decency will be a great asset to the BOF process. He has been active for years in the BOF process and his desire to bring scientific management to the forefront will be good for the fish resource.

Thank you,

Signed: Dan Thompson, 35999 K Beach Rd
907-283-7242

Timothy Clark

From: Catherine & Erik [cark1@worldnet.att.net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 10:32 AM

To: Timothy Clark

Subject: BOF Brent Johnson appointment

To: House Fisheries Special Committee
Representative Bryce Edgmon, Chair
Attn: Timothy Clark

From: Catherine Cassidy
PO Box 599
Kasilof, AK 99610
(907)262-6189

I am writing in support of Brent Johnson's nomination to the Board of Fish. I have seen Brent in action on the Kenai Peninsula Borough's Planning Commission and I have worked with Brent on the Board of Directors of the Kasilof Regional Historical Association for several years.

Brent is very good at problem-solving. He is quick to grasp the big picture on issues and process the consequences of various actions. Along with a positive approach in general, Brent is skilled at seeking common ground and consensus in a group. He would be an unqualified asset to the Board and I strongly encourage his confirmation.

April 7, 2009

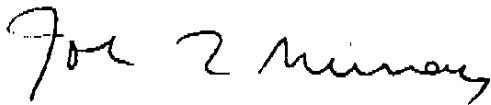
Dear House Fisheries Committee:

I would like to voice my support for Mr. Brent Johnson for a seat on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

He has been a member on a number of boards and commissions such as The Kenai Soldotna F&G Advisory Committee, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association and Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association, which greatly enhance his depth of knowledge required of a Board of Fish member. All these positions require a commitment and solid base of experience and he has served long terms showing that commitment.

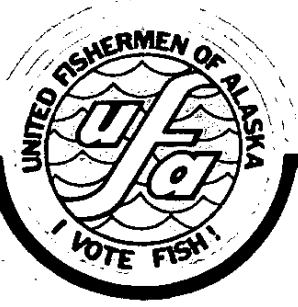
I believe he would make an excellent choice and would be an asset to the Board of Fish and to the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,



John L. Murray, F/V Loran
224 Observatory Street
Sitka, AK 99835

cc: Sen. Stedman
Rep. Wilson



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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April 8, 2009

Representative Bryce Edgmon
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 416
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for Confirmation of Brent Johnson for Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Edgmon,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the largest statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 37 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore waters.

UFA supports the confirmation of the appointment of Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We feel that Mr. Johnson's knowledge, experience and qualifications will enable him to understand and provide fair consideration of matters before the Board.

Thank you for your consideration,


Mark Vinsel
Executive Director



Trout Unlimited Alaska

Trout Unlimited Alaska
419 sixth st. Suite 200
Juneau, AK
99801
(907) 723-3662

Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Chair. House Fisheries Committee
State Capitol, Room 424.
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Edgmon,
Trout Unlimited Alaska supports the appointment of Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Mr. Johnson understands the important role habitat conservation plays in the well-being of fish and the sport, subsistence, and commercial users who benefit from our highly productive fisheries. Mr. Johnson has a balanced perspective on allocation between user groups and will address allocation issues based first and foremost on conservation of the resource and secondly by looking at the specific details of each fishery rather than applying blanket regulations across Alaska's diverse fishing areas, industries, and uses. We believe Brent Johnson will be a fair, open, and honest member on the Alaska Board of Fisheries and hope that the legislature will confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,

Tim Bristol, Director
Trout Unlimited Alaska

Trout Unlimited: America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation Organization
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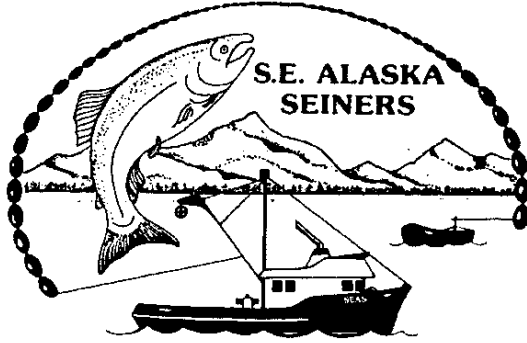
Please enter into the record my testimony to the ___House Special Committee
On Fisheries ___the confirmation of Brent Johnson Board to Fisheries ____, dated
040909_____.

Please accept the following as written testimony.

I and my family have been involved with Cook Inlet Fisheries and KPFA for over forty years. We have seen Brent Johnson put in many dedicated hours for the benefit of enhancing fisheries in Cook Inlet for everyone. He is an honest dedicated servant and will serve the Board of Fisheries well.

Signed: Joyce Honea

c/o Vern Kornstad --46695 Joyce Circle--Kenai, AK.99611
776-8842



Representative Edgmon
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801

April 8, 2009

Dear Representative Edgmon

Southeast Alaska Seiners Association (SEAS) is a non-profit fishing association representing well over 1000 direct and several thousand indirect jobs in the Southeast Alaska region. **We support both the confirmations of Karl Johnstone as well as Brent Johnson.**

While we have conducted our business in Southeast since 1968, we are very concerned about the regional and geographic balance on regulatory bodies that we deal with, such as the Alaska State Board of Fisheries. We understand that the Governor's appointments would now leave us with 3 seats in the Cook Inlet basin out of a total of 7 seats, these being Big Lake, Anchorage and Clam Gulch. With the remaining seats from Juneau, Petersburg, Kodiak and Naknek, there is quite a bit of diversity and geographic representation on the Board of Fisheries.

There will be statements and concerns coming from several quarters as to the geographic representation as well as the "balance" of this board. We are convinced that the Governors appointees are the right people for the job and will enhance and provide this balance. While most of our members are avid sportsmen as well as personal, subsistence and recreational users of the resource, our organization, SEAS, represents the commercial side of the Board of Fish arena.

Approximately 75% of all Board of Fish proposals are regulation changes, improvements, and management implementations that concern only commercial fishing. Thus, while you will hear that 4 of the 7 seats will now be considered "commercial", this is the way things should be. And the definition of "commercial" varies from region to region. Not one of these 7 Board of Fish members fish on a vessel large enough to qualify as a Southeast seiner. One of the "commercial" seats is a former processor who hasn't fished commercially for 40 years and the other 3 "commercial" seats have small enough vessels to fit on the deck of one of our boats.

✧ PO Box 23081, Juneau, AK 99802 ✧ 907-463-5030 ✧ Fax: 907-463-5083 ✧

Furthermore, one of the "sport" seats has fished commercially, in the past, for about ten years. Another "sport" seat used to be a fisheries biologist, Mr. Howard Delo, and he is one of our favorite board members. We never thought that we would be so inclined to be supportive of a fellow from Big Lake, but we are. (And please keep that in mind next year when this time of year rolls around again). We want Howard back on that board regardless of the fact that his home is not in Fairbanks. Some of the best folks may not come from the best geographic locations (not that Big Lake isn't a great place, it just isn't Fairbanks), but we want to see the best seven members on the board, regardless of affiliation or region.

Often we find more common interests with the so called "sport" representation than we do "commercial". And it helps that the "sport" seat can actually deliberate and vote on everything. **Interestingly enough, Brent Johnson will be not only conflicted out of voting on any Cook Inlet sport vs. commercial allocation issue but he will not be allowed to even deliberate. He must join the audience and is not allowed to speak on any conflicting issues.** We are bringing this to your attention so that you will know that some of the forces amassing against Mr. Johnson, while their points and concerns may be valid to their constituents, need to be reminded of this fact.

Brent Johnson will be unable to vote or deliberate on any contentious Cook Inlet issue because he is a Kenai setnetter.

I trust you will agree that the labels which are typically used for the Board of Fisheries members often do not work out to paint an accurate picture. What is most important is that potential board members have an open mind, a commitment to the fish resource, and an unbiased determination to do what is right to enable the state of Alaska to continue to have a sustainable resource to the benefit of all users. And when the member must choose in an allocation disagreement, that they use the highest ethical and moral means to guide them in these decisions.

Again, SEAS requests your 'yes' vote for the confirmation of both of Governor Palin's Board of Fisheries appointees, Brent Johnson and Karl Johnstone.

Sincerely

Robert M. Thorstenson, Jr.
Executive Director, SEAS
410 Calhoun Ave
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 463-5030

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To: The House Special Committee on Fisheries
Representative Bryce Edgmon, Chair

April 6, 2009

Dear Representative Edgmon,

First of all, I want to express my sincere appreciation for Governor Palin's appointment of Mr. Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

I have known Mr. Johnson for over twenty years and personally witnessed the dedication, knowledge, and fair-minded approach within Brent's character – positive attributes required for fair, complete, and reasoned decision-making by the Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Johnson understands fishery resource management, numerous commercial and sport fisheries and the important function of the Board of Fisheries. Mr. Johnson has extensive experience with the Board of Fisheries public process as: past chairman of the Kenai-Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory, past president of Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association, and president of Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association.

Mr. Johnson has dedicated thousands of hours of time and expertise to numerous non-profit associations and boards for decades. I look forward to the legislature's confirmation on the appointment of Mr. Brent Johnson.

Sincerely,

Jeff Beaudoin
P.O. Box 75
Kasilof, Alaska 99610

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Sincerely,

Jeff Beaudoin
P.O. Box 75
Kasilof, Alaska 99610

Name: John Burch

Address: P.O. Box 1012
Cordova, AK

Date: 4.18.09

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of BRENT JOHNSON to the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

John Burch

Name: John Platt

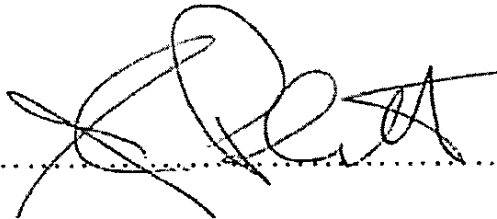
Address: Box 1085
Carleton AK 99574

Date: 4.18.09

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of BRENT JOHNSON to the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,



Name: *Dubbie Temmerman*

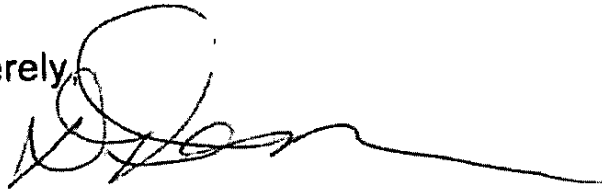
Address: *P.O. Box 19*
CDV AK 99574

Date: *4.8.09*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of BRENT JOHNSON to the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,



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Name: Steve Smith

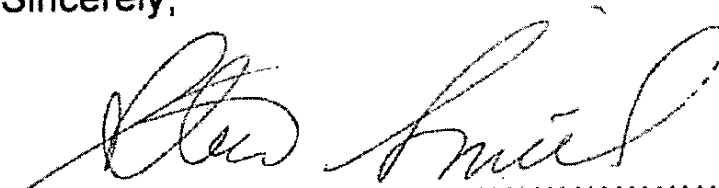
Address: B7 - 1774
Nordana AK 99574

Date: 4.18.09

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of BRENT JOHNSON to the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,


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Name: Robert Beedle

Address: P.O. Box 1242
CORDOVA ALASKA 99574

Date: 8 April 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of BRENT JOHNSON to the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Robert Beedle

Name: TORIE BAKER

Address: BOX 600
CORDOVA, AK 99574

Date: 4 / 8 / 09

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the confirmation of BRENT JOHNSON to the Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Torie Baker, Cordova, AK

Timothy Clark

From: Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 3:08 PM
To: Timothy Clark
Subject: FW: Confirmation of Brent Johnson

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

From: Captain Chris Babb [mailto:luckypierrecharters@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 10:56 AM
To: Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Subject: Confirmation of Brent Johnson

Dear Representative Edgmon,

I am writing to ask you to oppose the appointment of Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF).

By nominating Mr. Johnson to replace Bonnie Williams on the BOF, Governor Palin would remove the only subsistence/personal use and Fairbanks representation from the BOF. If confirmed, Mr. Johnson will tip the balance on the BOF overwhelmingly towards commercial fishermen at the expense of native, subsistence, and sport fishing interests.

The BOF already has ample representation of commercial fisheries interests. Replacing an up-river user on the Board with a Cook Inlet salmon setnetter will erode public confidence in the BOF process. Mr.

Johnson is past president of Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association (KPFA), a set netter trade association of Cook Inlet commercial fishing interests. He has consistently claimed commercial priority rights to the public fisheries of the region. Mr. Johnson has shown in his past interactions with the Board that he has not taken a fair and balanced approach to fish allocation decisions.

Mr. Johnson's confirmation would leave the BOF without Alaska Native or female representation in the management of Alaska's subsistence, sport, personal use, and commercial fisheries. The nomination of Mr.

Johnson leaves the Interior of Alaska without representation on the Board and does not correct the current lack of Alaska Native representation on the BOF.

The Governor needs to reach out and find a Board of Fisheries appointee familiar with interior fisheries issues and who will provide a fair and balanced approach to governance. Sincerely,

Chris Babb
P.O. Box 2438
Homer AK 99603

Timothy Clark

From: Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 3:09 PM
To: Timothy Clark
Subject: FW: confirmation of Mr. Brent Johnson for Board of Fisheries

From: kadams@gci.net [mailto:kadams@gci.net]
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2009 10:36 AM
To: Sen. Albert Kookesh; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. John Harris;
Representative_Charles_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Sen. Gary Stevens
Cc: frank.bailey@alaska.gov
Subject: confirmation of Mr. Brent Johnson for Board of Fisheries

Dear member of the Alaska legislature

I am a commercial fisherman and resident of Cordova. I seek your support for confirmation of Mr. Brent Johnson for the Board of Fisheries (BOF). I believe commercial fishing interests need to be upheld at the BOF and Mr. Johnson has the knowledge and experience in the fisheries to do the job. In these days of national economic stress, we don't want to lose commercial fishing and related industry jobs. Mr. Johnson is supportive of fisheries science and ADF&G's management of resources for sustainability. I believe he will be a valuable member of the BOF and I urge your support for his confirmation.

Yours truly,

Kenneth Adams
Box 1855
Cordova, AK
907-424-5456
kadams@gci.net

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Rep Bryce Edgmon's office

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Julie Decker of Wrangell (02) wrote the following message On 4/7/2009 at 14:50 about *Boards & Commissions*

Message:

Please support Brent Johnson for confirmation to the Board of Fisheries. Brent has the full support of the United Fishermen of Alaska. My husband, Gig Decker, and I also support him.

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Contact Info:

Julie Decker
Po Box 2138
Wrangell 99929-2138
Email:juliedecker@gci.net
day:907-874-3110
eve:907-874-3110
organization:personal comments

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William Lindow of Cordova (05) wrote the following message On 4/6/2009 at 12:04 about *Boards & Commissions*

Message:

I urge you to confirm Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. He is extremely knowledgeable on the issues and will fairly balance the interests of different user groups. He will be a great addition to the Board.

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Contact Info:

William Lindow

Po Box 1612
Cordova 99574-1612
day:907-424-3132

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Clemens Clooten of Fairbanks (07) wrote the following message On 4/8/2009 at 10:38 about
Boards & Commissions

Message:

I oppose the confirmation of Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I support Cliff Judkins and Theresa Sager for Alaska Board of Game.

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Contact Info:

Clemens Clooten
1163 Linda Lou Ln
Fairbanks 99712-1317

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Clemens Clooten of Fairbanks (07) wrote the following message On 4/8/2009 at 10:40 about
Boards & Commissions

Message:

I oppose the confirmation of Brent Johnson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. I support Cliff Judkins and Theresa Sager for Alaska Board of Game.

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Contact Info:

Clemens Clooten
1163 Linda Lou Ln
Fairbanks 99712-1317

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Robert Latto of Anchorage (27) wrote the following message On 4/8/2009 at 14:04 about
Boards & Commissions

Message:

Please reject Brent Johnson as the Govenor's appointment to the state Fisheries board .. Brent Johnson is a Commercial fisherman and as such is interested in locking all Alaskans out of catching their own fish to eat .. Namely the dip net fisheries and the subsistance gill net fisheries and sport fish..

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Contact Info:

Robert Latto
 7655 Jewel Lake Rd
 Anchorage 99502
Email:rvalto@gci.net
day:907-243-3423
organization:Family

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Jennifer Heck of Anchorage (31) wrote the following message On 4/8/2009 at 15:45 about
Boards & Commissions

Message:

Please vote AGAINST the confirmation of Brent Johnson to the Board of Fisheries. I strongly disagree with Mr. Johnson's opinions and feel he would be a detriment to dipnetting and sport fishing on the Kenai River.

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Contact Info:

Jennifer Heck
 12142 Rolling Meadow Cir
 Anchorage 99516
Email:jah@delaneywiles.com
day:907-257-0722
eve:907-529-1715
organization:Personal Watercraft Club of Alaska

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Danny Thompson of Kenai (33) wrote the following message On 4/8/2009 at 10:21 about
Boards & Commissions

Message:

I have know Brent Johnson for 22 years and know him to be fair, informed, knowledgeable and balanced about fishery issues in Alaska. I highly recommend his placement of the Board of Fisheries. Your vote is appreciated. He is an asset to any group he represents. The Board needs him.

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Contact Info:

Danny Thompson
 Po Box 21
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Lloyd Palmer of Sterling (34) wrote the following message On 4/8/2009 at 12:11 about *Boards & Commissions*

Message:

Please vote "No" on the confirmation of Brent Johnson for the Board of Fisheries. He would have conflicts with Cook Inlet regulation proposals, and would bias the board toward commercial-fishing interests. Encourage Gov. Palin to nominate a Native or subsistence user from the Yukon River Drainage. Thank you.

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Francis Mullen of Homer (35) wrote the following message On 4/6/2009 at 15:51 about *Boards & Commissions*

Message:

Please support Brent Johnson for Board of Fisheries. In the spirit of fairness, you need to be aware that it has been 35 years since there has been a Cook Inlet commercial fisherman on the BOF. Support scientific management of fisheries. Not political management. Thank you, Frank Mullen Homer, Alaska

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Wesley Humbyrd of Homer (35) wrote the following message On 4/7/2009 at 09:21 about *Boards & Commissions*

Message:

We haven't had a commercial fisherman on the Board of Fisheries since 1975 and that was Dan Gourette. I would hope you would put politics aside and put Brent Johnson on the Board. The commercial fishermen need equal representation which we haven't had since 1975. Thank you.

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the ___House Special Committee
On Fisheries ___the confirmation of Brent Johnson Board to Fisheries ____, dated
040909_____

Please accept the following as written testimony.

We have known Brent Johnson all his life and he has always been a "straight shooter". He grew up in a Kasilof fishing family, knowledgeable and responsible about the fisheries, serving his community in a variety of areas and has proven to be an outstanding leader. We highly recommend you vote in favor of Brent Johnson for Board of Fish.

Signed: Patrick and Mary Jo Mc Elroy

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Fisheries
 committee name

Committee on Board of Fisheries Confirmation, dated 4-7-09
 bill # / subject public hearing date

I am a 35 year resident of Alaska and the Kenai Peninsula, and have been a participant in the sport fishing industry for 25 years, during which time I have never been in or observed a conversation involving Brent Johnson that would make me at all comfortable with his presence on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Johnson's advocacy position for the Cook Inlet commercial gill net fishermen is and has always been very well known and obvious. His ability to listen to or recognize anyone else's opinion is, in my opinion, non-existent.

Mr. Johnson's advocacy position for hatchery enhancement of Alaska's salmon stocks is equally as resolute and unequivocal, not to mention unwise considering all of the 'hindsight' knowledge we have today concerning the negative impacts of hatchery enhancement projects to wild salmon stocks.

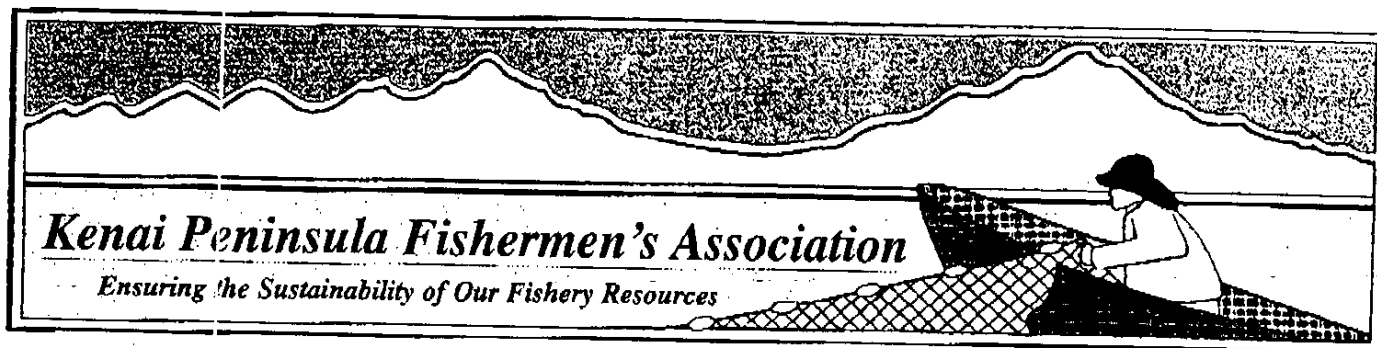
Finally, Mr. Johnson's position on allocation is so pro-commercial harvest that I believe this alone would preclude him from ever voting on any allocations involving commercial/sport interests.

Signed: Dennis H. Randa
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April 9, 2009

Chairman Edgmon, members of the House Fisheries Special Committee,

My name is Paul Shadura, I am the Executive Director of the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association.

This is the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Associations (KPFA) 55th year representing the setnet fishery within the waters of Cook Inlet. Many changes have taken place over these years but there is one constant that is always clear; if you have healthy returns that are managed for "Maximum Sustained Yield" then there will always be a "harvestable surplus"

KPFA's mission; "Ensuring the Sustainability of Our Fishery Resources" is paramount to remaining a viable setnet fishery and to allow a "reasonable opportunity" of the harvest by all user groups. We do not support the exclusion of any one resource user but strive for a consensus regarding objectives. Promoting an exchange of information and understanding among stakeholders.

KPFA is insistent that the principles of high sustained yield with strong guidelines to maintain environmental standards should be the first rule in CI fisheries management. Managers of both sport and commercial division should formulate different strategies that complement each other not conflict. Departments should actively seek guidance from stakeholders on how best to participate in the fishery resources. They should engage the users to be realistic in their approach to maintain the goals. The public should support reasonable achievable expectations within a fully utilized resource.

It is in the best interest of the state and for resource stability to have open discussions with stakeholders, department personnel and BOF members. Restrictions on the open meeting process from past boards should not and cannot be tolerated. Back room bargaining, interest group coercion of department personnel, closed meetings with board members and the public, ADF&G staff that are instructed to work on proposals for individual board members with secrecy and that are aligned with a single interest group, or individual staff that are advocating for their own interest or a division's goal is not the way to accomplish a fair promulgation of the laws of the state and of the country. Certainly not an open process that basis decisions on principles of equality and mutual respect.

Please review this as a guide to assist your understanding of set net fishers in Cook Inlet. We are a diverse group and strive to arrive at a consensus for most of these proposed regulatory changes. KPFA policy is not to comment on allocative changes that are directed at other set net fishermen within our group. Fishermen are allowed to speak on their own behalf and I am sure you will find that they have no hesitance in doing just that. Note that KPFA refrains from commenting or even submitting negative proposals on other user groups. After this meeting process is done we must all return home and once again live with one another as Alaskan's.

These statements are excerpts from the 2008 Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fish regulatory meeting and as such are on record. As a member of our organization Brent Johnson has always held the public process in high regards. Brent Johnson respects the rights of an individual, please respect his right to be an individual.

KPFA urges you to support the confirmation of Brent G. Johnson on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Reference: RC 45, Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries
Spring 2008 membership mail out

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April 09, 2009

Re: Support of Brent Johnson, Board of Fisheries

Chair Edgmon and Committee Members,

My name is Christine Brandt and I support the appointment of Brent Johnson as a Board of Fisheries Member.

Balance to the current Board of Fisheries is; more than what someone does for a living, more than where someone lives, more than what someone's political affiliations are. It should be someone who is; open-minded, approachable to the public, who is willing to learn and understand different cultures and values, to be considerate, respectful, and have regard for the principles of being fair and equitable.

It also should be someone that understands the public process.

Please note Brent's experience with issues on; land development, South Central fisheries enhancement and rehabilitation projects, conservation and the personal use of fish and game, and melding the desires of several independent commercial fishermen are monumental accomplishments.

Let us not confuse the issue. Our Governor, Sarah Palin is not appointing any fishing group or specific type of fishery to the Board of Fish. FACT, she is appointing an active member in the community, a person involved in raising a family, that has historical roots within the Anchorage, Seldovia, and the greater Kenai Peninsula.

Brent Johnson will be an excellent Board of Fisheries member with his longtime board experience with diverse memberships.

I believe that he will be an asset to all Alaskans.

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Alaska Legislators

4/08/09

Dear ~~Senator~~

I am writing to recommend you to vote to confirm Brent Johnson to the State of Alaska Board of Fish. Mr. Johnson is well respected our community and is very knowledgeable in all aspects of fishery management and process. He is very articulate, witty, and most of all very honest. His high level of integrity and morals would be a benefit to the BOF.

There is strong opposition coming from the "professional" sport industry. Kenai River Sportsman Association (KRSA), and the Kenai River Professional Guides Association (KRPGA) have mounted a tremendous campaign in opposition to Mr. Johnsons confirmation. In the 25 + years that I have been involved with the BOF on Cook Inlet issues I have never witness such an assault. They claim that by putting Mr. Johnson on the BOF the balance of power would be shifted to the "commercial" side. These two groups fail to mention in past years, that on a seven member STATEWIDE BOF there has been times when four Cook Inlet Sport Fish representatives were on the BOF at the same time. On one BOF there was Ed Dersham, (commercial halibut charter guide from Anchor Pt.), Andy Szczesny, (Kenai River Guide from Soldotna), Dan Coffey (author of fish initiative which was found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court), and Larry Engel, (strong sport fish advocate from the Valley). These "sport fish" organizations did not have a problem with the make up of that BOF. You talk about a stacked deck.

The Chairman at the 2008 BOF stated that regulations enacted by past BOF's, caused five years of over escapement to the Kenai River which resulted in a loss of 40 to 60 million dollars to the industry.

The people and groups that are so opposed to Mr. Johnsons confirmation, do have something to worry about. They are fighting such a battle to keep Mr. Johnson off the BOF because they have seen him participate at the BOF for years. They know that he is very qualified to review the data and formulate regulations based on the best available science. He can not and will not be persuaded to do anything that is not based on sound science.

The State of Alaska needs people like Mr. Johnson on the BOF who have strong ethics, who cannot be persuaded to go against sound science for the benefit of special interests groups. Please confirm Mr. Brent Johnson.

Thank you,

Gary L. Hollier
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Soldotna, Ak.