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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 2, 2011

To: Representative Thompson, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries

From: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk *sl*

Subject: Governor's Appointment(s)

The Speaker referred the following Governor's appointment(s) to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee:

Commissioner – Department of Fish and Game

Cora Campbell

Appointed: 12/22/2010

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Benjamin Brown – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2011 Term Expires: 3/1/2015

Board of Fisheries

Michael Smith – Fairbanks

Appointed: 4/23/2010 Term Expires: 6/30/2012

The Confirmation Committee Report, Referral for Confirmation page(s), resume(s), and a signature page are attached for your use. In addition, the resumes are also being sent electronically.



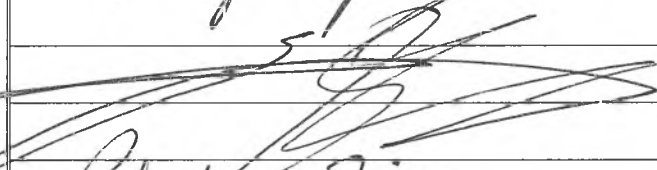
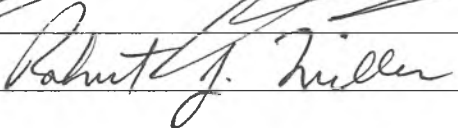
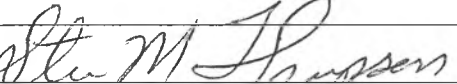
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CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: March 22, 2011

The **House Special Committee on Fisheries** has reviewed the qualifications of the Governor's appointee(s) as shown on the attached Referral for Confirmation forms(s) and recommends that the name(s) be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

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
	Bovitt
	Johren
	Kanabak
	Miller
Chair: 	Thompson

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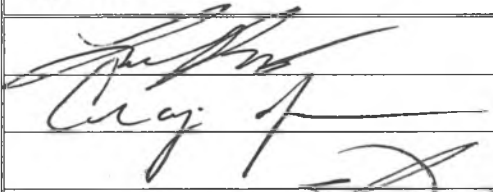
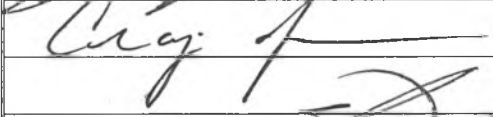

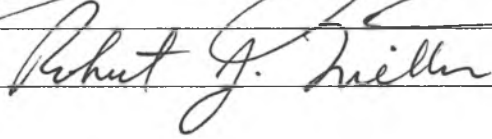
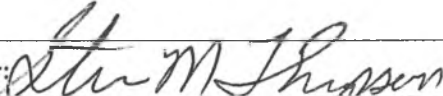
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Commissioner – Department of Fish and Game

Cora Campbell

Appointed: 12/22/2010

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.

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	Pruitt
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Committee: **House Special Committee on Fisheries**

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Campbell, Cora
Commissioner - Department of Fish & Game

CORA J. CAMPBELL

OBJECTIVE

Consideration by the Joint Boards of Fish and Game as a candidate for Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Comprehensive knowledge of Alaska's fish and wildlife and natural resource management issues.

Established working relationships with administration, legislature, agency staff, and user groups as well as experience in state and federal policy forums.

Currently responsible for working cooperatively with resource agency commissioners to develop and implement policies and programs for management of Alaska's natural resources.

Experienced in interdepartmental coordination, grants administration, budget development, coordination with the legislative branch, and representing the State of Alaska in federal policy arenas.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fisheries Policy Advisor and Special Assistant

2007 - Present

Office of the Governor, Juneau, AK

Serve as fisheries policy advisor and special assistant in the Office of the Governor with responsibilities for fish and game, environmental conservation, Arctic policy, and natural resources. Work closely with Governor and commissioners to develop and implement administration policy on fisheries, wildlife, environmental and resource management issues.

Chair the Fisheries and Oceans sub-cabinet responsible for grants administration, development of fisheries and oceans policy, and interdepartmental coordination.

Serve as the Governor's representative to various boards and committees, including the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute Board of Directors.

Subsistence Outreach Coordinator

2005-2007

United Fishermen of Alaska, Juneau, AK

Coordinated education and outreach program to increase the number and diversity of users and interest groups involved in the federal subsistence fisheries management process. Produced newsletters, reports, and briefings focusing on interaction between federal and state fishery managers and impacts of federal management on non-subsistence user groups. Maintained extensive website dedicated to subsistence in Alaska and responded to inquiries.

January 11, 2010

Representative Steve Thompson
State Capitol, Rm. 428
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Representative Thompson,

Re: Cora Campbell confirmation

On January 8, 2011, the Chitina Dipnetters Association (CDA) board of directors met with Cora Campbell, the Governor's nominee for Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. We discussed our concerns regarding her past ties to the commercial fishing industry and the applicability of her background and experience to lead the ADF&G. After our meeting, the CDA board of directors voted to rescind our previous letter of objection to this appointment. We are cautiously optimistic that Ms. Campbell will treat all user groups fairly and objectively if her nomination is confirmed. We support Governor Sean Parnell's nomination of Ms. Campbell as Commissioner of Fish & Game.

Mark Hem
for

Board of Directors, Chitina Dipnetters Association
1002 Pioneer Rd.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701-2818

March 22, 2011 FSH Questions

Cora Campbell – Confirmation Hearing

- What is your view concerning the priority that is given to subsistence hunting and fishing in Alaska?
- How will you work to improve the relationship between ADF&G, the Board of Game, the Board of Fish, and Alaskan subsistence users?
- What will you do to address the low salmon returns to the Yukon-Kuskokwim over the last 15 years?
- Most people agree that we should manage the fish and wildlife of our state based upon the best scientific principles. What is your knowledge of the scientific principles upon which the management of these resources is based?
- Some people fear that since almost all of your experience stems from your commercial fishing background and related involvement with fishery related groups and boards, that you will be biased against other user groups. Why should people not fear this?

Ben Brown – Confirmation Hearing

- What is your vision for the CFEC?
- Which gear group permits are managed by the CFEC?
- What in your experience makes you particularly suited to this position?
- Should the CFEC do anything to prepare for the likely eventual opening of fisheries in Arctic waters off Alaska's north coast?

Michael Smith – Confirmation Hearing

- You have a diverse background in both subsistence and commercial fishing. How has this served you on the Board of Fisheries? How does your experience in both subsistence and commercial fishing help you make decisions when the two areas seem at cross-purposes?

Executive Director 2001-2007

Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, Petersburg, AK

Fisheries policy analyst and advisor for regional fishing association. Advocated for a diverse group of fishermen in state, federal, and international regulatory and legislative forums. Analyzed fisheries issues, prepared briefings, and provided policy guidance to board of directors. Negotiated passage of regulations, coordinated collaborative research projects with management agencies, and managed office and budget for association. Increased supporting membership in association by twenty percent.

Advisory Panel Member 2003-2006

North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Anchorage, AK

Provided policy guidance to North Pacific Fishery Management Council on conservation, management, and allocation decisions for federal fisheries off Alaska. Prepared amendments, motions, and testimony on fishery management proposals and served on various committees.

Subsistence Chair/Executive Committee Member 2001-2006

United Fishermen of Alaska, Juneau, AK

Leadership role in statewide fishing organization. Provided analysis, briefings, and policy guidance for state and federal subsistence management issues. Assisted in development and implementation of policies and representation of organization in various forums. Supervised subsistence program staff, budget, and operations.

Fisheries Committee Member 2002-2006

Southeast Conference, Juneau, AK

Served as a member of an advisory group tasked with providing conference members with policies and actions relevant to fisheries issues and economic development in Southeast Alaska.

Advisory Panel Member 2003-2004

North Pacific Research Board, Anchorage, AK

Served as a panel member responsible for recommending research and funding priorities to address fishery management needs in the North Pacific.

Commercial Fisherman 1992-2002

F/V Galatea, Petersburg, AK

Employed as seasonal crew for various commercial fisheries including salmon trolling, seining, and Dungeness crabbing.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Education 2000

Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA



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March 17, 2011

Representative Steve Thompson, Chairman
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, 120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Support for Confirmation of Cora Campbell as Fish and Game Commissioner

Dear Chairman Thompson and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) represents 38 Alaska commercial fishing organizations from fisheries throughout Alaska and the federal waters off our shores. UFA supports the confirmation of Cora Campbell as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Campbell's experience in the state and federal fisheries management processes, and her experience as Fisheries Policy Analyst for Governor Palin and Natural Resources Policy Analyst for Governor Parnell provide her with broad knowledge of fish and game management throughout Alaska.

We support the approval of Ms. Campbell's appointment by the House Special Committee on Fisheries, and by the Alaska State Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Vinsel
Executive Director



ALASKA FEDERATION
OF NATIVES

The Honorable Steve Thompson
Fisheries Chair
Room 428 State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

March 3, 2011

Dear Representative Thompson,

It is my honor and privilege to be writing this letter on behalf of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN). As you may know, AFN is the largest statewide Native organization in Alaska. Its membership includes 178 villages (both federally-recognized tribes and village corporations), 13 regional Native corporations and 12 regional nonprofit and tribal consortiums that contract and run federal and state programs. AFN is governed by a 37-member Board, which is elected by its membership at the annual convention held each October. The mission of AFN is to enhance and promote the cultural, economic and political voice of the entire Alaska Native community.

We have met with Ms. Campbell on several occasions. While at first there may have been misgivings considering her age and experience, those misgivings were found to be unwarranted. She has a good fundamental base and understanding on the responsibilities of being the Commissioner of Alaska Department of Fish and Game. One major issue we discussed with Ms. Campbell is the importance of subsistence hunting and fishing by the people living in rural Alaska, and in particular, the Alaska Natives. We believe that we can work with her because she has an open mind and willing to address the issues of importance by the subsistence users of Alaska's fish and game resources.

AFN is offering its unqualified support for the confirmation of Ms. Cora Campbell as the next Commissioner of Fish and Game when the public hearing regarding her confirmation takes place.

Sincerely,

Julie Kitka
President



Alaska Marine Conservation Council

BY EMAIL

February 22, 2011

Representative Eric Feige, Co-chair
Representative Paul Seaton, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK

Dear Representative Feige and Representative Seaton,

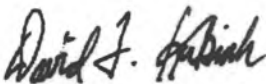
This is a letter to support the confirmation of Cora Campbell as commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Alaska Marine Conservation Council (AMCC) is a community-based organization dedicated to protecting the long-term health of Alaska's oceans and sustaining the working waterfronts of our coastal communities. Our members include fishermen, subsistence harvesters, marine scientists, small business owners and families. Our ways of life, livelihoods and local economies depend on productive oceans.

We have worked with Ms. Campbell on fisheries issues before the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and Alaska Board of Fisheries. She has demonstrated a commitment to the conservation of our resources and the well-being of our fishery-dependent coastal communities. Ms. Campbell has represented the state's interests in the federal arena since she took over the state's seat on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council last October. In that important role she has been a leader in resolving fisheries conservation questions and defending opportunities for working fishermen in our communities.

Ms. Campbell has shown herself to be even-handed and inclusive of diverse perspectives of Alaskans with a stake in fisheries management. Her direct experience growing up in coastal Alaska actively engaged in natural resource use and management is extremely valuable. She understands the important state and federal management processes. Ms. Campbell is clearly very capable, hard working and committed to serving Alaska. We wholeheartedly support her confirmation.

Sincerely,



Dave Kubiak, Chair
Board of Directors

cc: Governor Parnell

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AVCP
Association of Village Council Presidents
Administration
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Red Devil
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Sleetmute
St. Mary's
Stony River
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February 24, 2011

Honorable Governor Sean Parnell
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Parnell,

The Association of Village Council Presidents is writing this letter to support the confirmation of Mrs. Cora Campbell as the Commissioner of The Alaska Department of Fish and Game. During their meeting held February 17, 2011, the AVCP Executive Board voted unanimously to do so.

We believe Mrs. Campbell will bring change to the department in how it approaches the subsistence resource issues. She is committed to improving communications and working relations between the federal and state agencies, Tribal Consortiums and Tribes involved in the policy making decisions. She will listen to our concerns and allow us to have a voice. We feel she has a willingness to learn about our subsistence ways and will be respectful of them. With a commitment to keep open dialogue, she will be aware of how decisions affect our cultural and traditional ways of life.

Mrs. Campbell also agrees there should be more Native and rural representation on the state and federal boards and would welcome us to sit at the table with her. AVCP looks forward to working with Mrs. Campbell.

Sincerely,

Myron Naneng Sr.
President

Cc: Senators: Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson, Stedman, Egan,
Representatives: Herron, Austerman, Edgmon, Foster, Joule, Feige, Dick, Johansen
Kerttula, Munoz, Seaton, Thomas, Wilson
Commissioner Cora Campbell; Rural Advisor, John Moller



North Pacific Fisheries Association

P.O. Box 796
Homer, Alaska 99603

March 14, 2011

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

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 Cora Campbell as Commissioner of ADF&G.

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

We appreciate your consideration on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Laukitis
President

Cc: Senator Gary Stevens
Governor Parnell



SFW Alaska

P.O.Box 4096 – Palmer, AK 99645 907-746-GAME

March 16, 2010

Dear Representative:

As you approach confirmation of the Governor's appointments, the Board of Directors of the Alaska Chapter of Sportsmen For Fish and Wildlife unanimously encourages a "yes" vote for Ms. Cora Campbell as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

As you know, SFW-Alaska membership includes more than 2,000 Alaskans whose goal is supporting management for abundance of Alaska's fish and game resources.

Sincerely,

SPORTSMEN FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE – ALASKA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ralph C. Seekins'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Ralph Seekins
President



January 18, 2011

VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Rep. Paul Seaton, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Rep. Eric Feige, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Ms. Cora Campbell Confirmation

Dear Representative Seaton and Representative Feige:

Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association (YDFDA) strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Cora Campbell as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. YDFDA is one of the six Western Alaska Community Development Quota groups, which are economic development non-profit organizations as authorized in the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act. YDFDA represents the Western Alaska communities of Emmonak, Alakanuk, Mountain Village, Nunam Iqua, Kotlik and Grayling, with a population of over 3,200.

As part of its statutory purposes, YDFDA is charged with economic development in its region. This means that we are deeply involved on many levels with the commercial and subsistence harvest of Yukon River salmon, eels and whitefish. Also, as a part of our statutory purposes, we participate through ownership and local resident job placement in the commercial fisheries of the Bering Sea. As a CDQ group, YDFDA is self sufficient and receives no funds from any state, federal, or private source and we are directly responsible for the employment of over 400 area residents and the yearly payment of wages and fish payments of over \$2,500,000 in one of the poorest areas of the State.

Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association

Representing the Alaskan Communities of ALAKANUK · EMMONAK · GRAYLING · KOTLIK · MOUNTAIN VILLAGE · NUNAM IQUA

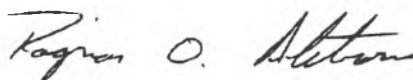
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Ms. Campbell has been a pleasure to work with as Governor Parnell's fishery policy aide and she will be missed from that position. She is extremely knowledgeable about all aspects of Alaska fisheries, from fresh to saltwater, and can also bring a harvester's perspective to the issues, which is very valuable. She also knows the issues that are important to the residents of rural Alaska, including subsistence fishing and hunting. We have found her accessible, open minded, willing to listen to all sides of an issue, and committed to make decisions in an open and transparent manner. We think she will be a successful Commissioner and will excel at making ADF&G work for the people of the State of Alaska that depend on the State's natural resources.

As commissioner, we believe that Ms. Campbell will continue to work well with our organization as well as other Western Alaska interests and Alaska interests in general. If confirmed, we believe that the legislature will find her a hard working commissioner determined to protect and utilize Alaska's fish and game to the greatest extent possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

**YUKON DELTA FISHERIES
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**



Ragnar Alstrom, Executive Director

cc: Governor Sean Parnell
Representative Neal Foster
Representative Reggie Joule
Representative Bob Herron
Representative Bryce Edgmon
Representative Alan Austerman
Representative Bill Thomas
Commissioner Cora Campbell

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January 12, 2011

Dear Senator Gary Stevens and Representative Paul Seaton;

I attended your community meeting in Homer last week and wanted to send a quick note regarding an issue I'm concerned about. I hope you will both consider the impacts of Ms. Cora Campbell's appointment as commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I cannot support this appointment; she is not an appropriate candidate and will discredit the entire department if confirmed.

I'd like to tell you a little about myself: I'm a graduate student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, I am in the anthropology department but also a member of the National Science Foundation's Resilience and Adaptation Program. My dissertation work is related to coastal community identity in the Gulf of Alaska particularly as it pertains to transitions in commercial fishery resources, fisheries policy and climate change. I will be conducting case study work in Cordova and one other community larger than 1500 people (probably Valdez). Currently, I also have a generous research fellowship from the Prince William Sound Science Center.

Under normal circumstances, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is an agency where I would seek continuing research or employment opportunities. The social dimensions of commercial (and subsistence) fisheries in the state of Alaska are among my primary research interests. However, the credibility of the agency will have significant impacts if Ms. Campbell becomes the commissioner. I have spent approximately eight years in graduate school (at the University of Washington, prior to UAF) studying fisheries issues in the state of Alaska and to see someone with no educational background in this field become the commissioner is seriously disheartening. In the past few weeks as I see announcements related to employment or research opportunities at ADFG, I am already finding myself disregarding them. There is so much work to do in the field of fisheries and marine resources of Alaska and this agency should be very much involved in on-going projects. I hope that the agency will continue to function with credibility.

I realize that Ms. Campbell has a personal, family background in commercial fisheries—and that is a bonus, it provides a true sense of awareness of the industry but that is not enough. I also have had the opportunity to participate in commercial fisheries with my family but I rarely promote that experience when I am working on research and educational projects related to fisheries. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game should operate as a scientifically based organization with research conducted with contemporary standards. The commissioner needs to know how to do this and set an example for it, not just act as a political figure.

Thank you for the opportunity to express concern over this issue. I urge you not to support this appointment and to do what you can to challenge it.

Sincerely,
Emilie Springer

KETCHIKAN HERRING ACTION GROUP
7942 South Tongass Highway
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901
(907) 225-3697

January 2, 2011

Dear Legislator,

This letter is to inform you that we join with the Alaska Native Brotherhood *in opposing* the appointment of Cora Crome Campbell by Governor Parnell to head the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Cora Campbell was formerly appointed to be Governor Palin's fisheries advisor following the recommendations of the Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, which she was former Executive Director of.

During her tenure as fisheries advisor to the governor, it was difficult if not impossible to reach the governor on issues that related to subsistence, sport fishing, and conservation. Her own interests and lack of experience are well known throughout Southeast Alaska.

As commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, we are concerned that her focus will be more on "maximum yield" rather than on "maximum sustainable yield" when it comes to fisheries interests involving her former colleagues, supporters, and personal family members operating in the herring industry. This can be detrimental to many fisheries stocks in Alaska, create further division among user groups, and foster a degree of mistrust with the Department of Fish and Game at a time when all interests need to work together.

We have seen no evidence that her former agenda will not carry over in her position as commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Considering her conflict of interest and lack of experience in biological and critical habitat issues, please vote **NO** to the appointment of Cora Campbell as commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Very Sincerely,

Andy Rauwolf, Chair
Ketchikan Herring Action Group
7942 South Tongass Hwy.
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

From: sara jackinsky [<mailto:sarajackinsky@gmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, March 18, 2011 11:33 AM

To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Alan Dick; Rep. Berta Gardner; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Bob Miller; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Eric Feige; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Wes Keller; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Joe Paskvan; Sen. Joe Thomas; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Tom Wagoner

Subject: ADF&G Commissioner. Please do not confirm Cora Campbell.

Sara Jackinsky
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I urge a vote against confirmation of Cora Campbell as Commissioner of Fish and Game.

Fish and Game resources are important and vital to Alaska. The people of Alaska are entitled to the best leadership available in this area.

Ms. Campbell is not qualified to hold this position. Ms. Campbell holds ONLY a BA in Education from Pacific Lutheran University. She has no scientific background. She has no research background. She has no conservation background. She has no education in fisheries issues. She has no statistical background. She has no economic background. Her experience includes attending meetings, her resume states she has been fishing since early 1990's. She is age 31 now so this would put her at about age 10. Are you seriously considering this as professional experience or is this just padding her resume. It appears that her entire resume is heavily padded.

If this appointment is confirmed it is a slap in the face to those involved in commercial fishing, sport fishing, subsistence fishing in Alaska, as well as a detriment to the fish and game resources of Alaska. It is a slap to those who have pursued their education in fisheries and related fields, and to all others who have worked hard at their education.

Please, let's honor this State and it's resources. The people of the State of Alaska deserve a Commissioner who is knowledgeable, who has a background and EDUCATION in an appropriate area (in this case fisheries, biology, natural resources, etc), who has experience.

If this appointment goes through, it is merely a case of "who you know," with no regard to the importance of the position. An appointment with these qualifications is not a healthy nor an appropriate way to conduct the business of such an important resource.

Again, I urge denial of confirmation this appointment.

Regards,

Sara Jackinsky



WESTERN ALASKA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

March 21, 2011

State of Alaska House of Representatives
House Special Committee on Fisheries of the 27th Legislature
Representative Steve Thompson, Chair
State Capitol, Room 428
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Thompson:

On behalf of the six CDQ entities, the 65 eligible CDQ communities and the more than 29,000 residents of western Alaska, the Western Alaska Community Development Association extends its support for the confirmation of the appointment of Cora Campbell as Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

As a lifelong Alaskan, Ms. Campbell has been exposed to multiple facets of the fishing industry. From her experience with state and federal fishery and regulatory forums to her service to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, and the North Pacific Research Board, Campbell has developed a fine-honed sense of the challenges and opportunities encompassed in Alaska's fisheries. She understands how inextricably the communities and residents of western Alaska are tied to the fishery resources of the Bering Sea. Campbell has dedicated countless hours to representing the best interests of all Alaskans, advocating for Alaska's fishing, hunting, and wildlife viewing opportunities. Through her attention to detail, grace under pressure, and even temperament, she is distinguishing herself as a leader.

For these reasons and more, the Western Alaska Community Development Association urges your full support of the appointment of Cora Campbell as the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game. Please call on us if we can provide additional information or support for Ms. Campbell's appointment.

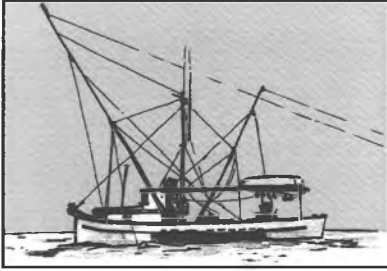
Sincerely,

WESTERN ALASKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Aggie M. Blandford,
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March 19, 2011

Representative Steve Thompson, Chairman
Representative Craig Johnson, Vice Chairman
House Fisheries Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representatives Thompson, Johnson, and Committee Members:

The Alaska Trollers Association supports the re-appointment of Mel Morris to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Morris approaches fisheries from both the biology and processing aspects. He is familiar with Alaskan harvesting methods and recognizes well the importance of balancing the structure of our fisheries to maintain sustainability, quality, and jobs in coastal communities.

Mr. Morris is worthy of another term and is precisely the kind of person ATA looks for when searching out candidates for the Board of Fisheries. Mel is knowledgeable, reasonable, and has an excellent rapport with the fishing public. The fact that he is seasoned in the board process makes him extremely valuable to the state's interests. We urge you to support his re-appointment.

Best Regards,

Executive Director

**BIOGRAPHY FOR
MICHAEL E. SMITH**

Recent Employment

Director, Subsistence Resources 2002-Present
Tanana Chiefs Conference
122 1st Avenue, Ste 600
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
(907)452-8251 Ext. 3256

Past Employment

Morton & Pitalo Planner 1998-02
Self-employed Builder/Fisherman/Handyman 1994-98
Legislative Affairs Agency Senator's Hoffman/Binkley 1989-1994
 Representative Wallis
Tanana Chiefs Conference Local Government Specialist 1985-1989

Relevant Fishing Experience

Subsistence and commercial fishing-Yukon River
Advisor -Yukon River Panel US/Canada Treaty Panel
Member- Joint Technical Committee/Yukon River Panel (JTC)
Member-Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim Sustainable Salmon Initiative (AYKSSI)
Member-Western Arctic Salmon Stock Identification Program (WASSIP)
Member-North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
 "Bering Seas Bycatch Working Group"
Member-AYK Escapement Goal Review Committee

Other Board Activity

Board of Game- Tier II Subsistence Review Committee
Member-Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council
Former Board Member/President-Alaska Legal Services Corp.
Former Board Member-Habitat for Humanity/Fairbanks
Former Board Member-Fairbanks Community Health Corporation

Brown, Benjamin

Alaska Commerical Fisheries Entry Commission

Benjamin Brown

Employment

Baxter Bruce & Sullivan P.C. Juneau, Alaska	associate attorney April 2007 – present
Choate Law Firm LLC Juneau, Alaska	associate attorney September 2006 – March 2007
<i>The Juneau Empire</i> Juneau, Alaska	columnist October 2003 – present
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Juneau & Anchorage, Alaska	legislative liaison January – November 2005
Lisa Murkowski for US Senate Juneau & Anchorage, Alaska	research director/regional co-ordinator November 2003 – November 2004
Alaska State Chamber of Commerce Juneau, Alaska	legislative lobbyist legislative session 2003
Alaska Department of Revenue Juneau, Alaska	administrative hearing officer September – December 2002
The Hon. Larry Weeks, Presiding Judge 1 st Judicial District, Alaska Court System Juneau, Alaska	law clerk August 2001 – August 2002
The Hon. Mark Green Public Advocate for the City of New York New York, N.Y.	legal intern March – May 2001
Gilmore & Doherty Anchorage, Alaska	legal intern September – November 2000
Alaska Office of Public Advocacy, Defense Section Anchorage, Alaska	legal intern March – May 2000
The Hon. Ted Stevens US Senator for Alaska Washington, D.C.	legal intern/legislative assistant September – November 1999
The Alaska Legislature Juneau & Anchorage, Alaska	legislative aide 1991 – 1998
<i>The Anchorage Press</i> Juneau & Anchorage, Alaska	columnist 1997 & 1998

Education

Northeastern University School of Law Boston, Massachusetts	J.D. 2001
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Georgetown University
School of Foreign Service
Washington, D.C.

B.S.F.S.
1992

Palmer High School
Palmer, Alaska

Diploma
1985

Professional associations

The Alaska Bar Association April 2002 – present
The Juneau Bar Association April 2002 – present
president, vice-president/treasurer, secretary
The New York State Bar passed July 2002 examination

Other activities

Alaska Humanities Forum treasurer, board of directors
Alaska Moving Image Preservation Association board of directors
Alaska State Council of the Arts chairman, grant review panelist
American Red Cross, Southeast Alaska development committee
Anchorage Sister Cities Commission public relations, commissioner
CoastAlaska vice-chairman, secretary, board of directors
finance committee, corporate documents committee
Friends of the Alaska State Museum 1st vice-president, board of directors
Juneau Arts & Humanities Council board of trustees, concert committee
KTOO-FM&TV chairman, board of directors, finance committee
DJ, theatre critic, auctioneer
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March 21, 2011

Representative Steve Thompson, Chairman
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
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**RE: Support for Confirmation of Ben Brown for Commercial Fishery Entry
Commissioner**

Dear Representative Thompson and Committee members:

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) represents 38 Alaska commercial fishing organizations from fisheries throughout Alaska and the federal waters off our shores. UFA supports the confirmation of Ben Brown for Commercial Fishery Entry Commissioner.

The Commercial Fishery Entry Commission (CFEC) administers permitting for commercial fisheries, involving complex issues based on statute, regulation, and interpretation of historical court cases. This permitting is a cornerstone of stability that is a primary key to the sustainability of Alaska's fisheries, and essential to ensuring that our fisheries provide maximum benefits to Alaskans.

We feel Mr. Brown's background as a legislative aide and experience in the legal profession provide the qualifications for this position. We support the approval of Ben Brown's appointment by the House Special Committee on Fisheries and by the Alaska State Legislature.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Vinsel
Executive Director