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1997



Alaska State Legislature House of Representatives

Official Business

Date: April 19, 1997

The Honorable Gail Phillips
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Resources Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends that the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Mary Coffey Marshburn - Homer

Appointed: 01/01/97 Expires: 12/31/02

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

Bill Hudson

Rep. Bill Hudson, Co-Chair

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Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC)

Marlene A. Johnson - Juneau

Appointed: 12/16/96 Expires: 07/01/99

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Rep. Beverly Masek, Vice Chair

Rep. Fred Dyson

Rep. Bill Williams

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Rep. Ramona Barnes

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Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC)

Bruce C. Twomley - Juneau

Appointed: 10/06/82 Reappointed: 08/18/88, 07/21/92, 10/11/96 Expires: 07/01/00

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Board of Fisheries Larry Engel

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State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

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Board of Fisheries

Robert E. Dersham

Appointed: 03/03/97 Expires: 06/30/00

This does not reflect an 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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Rep. Bill Hudson, Co. Chair

Beverly Masek
Rep. Beverly Masek, Vice Chair

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T/Th 1 - 4 p.m.

Vice Chair: Beverly Masek,
Representatives Ramona Barnes, Fred Dyson, Joe Green, Reggie Joule, Irene Nicholia, William Williams

AGENDA

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday 19, 1997

I. CALL TO ORDER:

IT IS ??? PM BY THE COMMITTEE CLOCK. THIS COMMITTEE WILL NOW COME TO ORDER.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT WITH US TODAY ARE:

II. COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

Marlene Johnson

Bruce Twomley

III. BOARD OF FISHERIES

Larry Engel via teleconference

(Robert "Ed" Dersham - unavailable for teleconference today)

IV. OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mary Coffey Marshburn

STATE OF ALASKA

TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR

ALASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

3001 PORCUPINE DRIVE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501-3192
PHONE: (907) 279-1433
FAX: (907) 276-7542

April 21, 1997

Scott Ogen, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Capitol Room 126
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1162

Bill Hudson, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Capitol Room 108
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1162

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Re: AOGCC Confirmation Hearings, Mary Marshburn

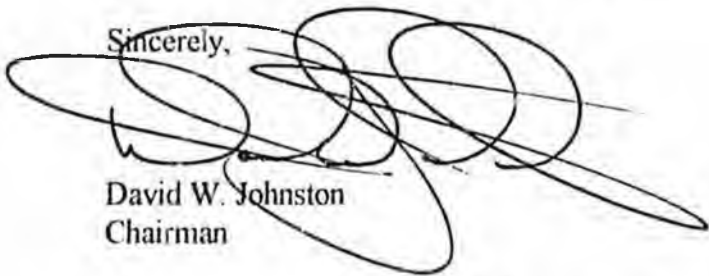
Dear Representatives Ogen and Hudson:

I understand that confirmation of Mary Marshburn as commissioner of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission hit a small stumbling block over a March 13, 1997 letter to Danco, Inc. I would like to assure you and members of the committee that I was aware of and fully supported the Danco letter. If I had been in the office that day, I would have signed it. Instead, I took two days of annual leave to be with my family during spring break and was not available to the office.

The Danco letter could have been signed properly by one commissioner. It was informational in content; it was **not** an order of the Commission. Unfortunately, I must accept blame for the mistake since I had not briefed Ms. Marshburn about the Commission's signing protocols prior to its publication. Ms. Marshburn acted only with good intentions when she signed the letter above both our names.

As a larger matter, I want to express my support for her confirmation. During the last four months, I have worked closely with Ms. Marshburn over a broad array of oil and gas issues. I have come to respect her professional judgment, her strong commitment to Alaska and, most importantly, her strength of character. She is an intelligent, well-spoken person meriting your serious consideration as commissioner of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

Sincerely,



David W. Johnston
Chairman

cc. Members of the House Resource Committee
Representative Joe Green
Senator Halford
Senator Lyda Green

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Official Business

Office of the Chief Clerk

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 10, 1997
TO: Resources Committee
FROM: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk *sl*
SUBJECT: Governor's appointments

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointments to the Resources Committee:

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Appointed: 12/16/96 Expires: 07/01/99

Bruce C. Twomley - Juneau

Appointed: 10/06/82 Reappointed: 08/18/88, 07/21/92, 10/11/96 Expires: 07/01/00

Board of Game

Michael R. Fleagle - McGrath

Appointed: 10/20/96 Expires: 01/31/99

Gregory P. Streveler - Gustavus

Appointed: 10/20/96 Expires: 01/31/99

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Mary Coffey Marshburn - Homer

Appointed: 01/01/97 Expires: 12/31/02

Attached are their resumes and committee reports for your use.

Attachments as noted.

April 29, 1997

Representative Scott Ogan
State Capitol
Room 128
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Ogan,

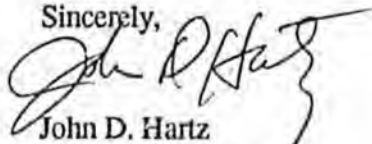
I understand the Governor has appointed or plans to appoint Mr. Robert N. Christenson to a position as Commissioner (Petroleum Engineer) on The Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Mr. Christenson, while having an impressive resume, appears to be qualified as a mechanical engineer by registration and experience. I find the appointment to be curious since he apparently has not qualified by experience or degree in the discipline required.

I am a registered petroleum engineer currently working on the staff of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. I have been in this position for over six years. As a student I worked as a petroleum engineer intern with Great Northern Drilling Co., Shell Oil, Amerada Hess, and Chevron (summer college jobs during 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969). Since graduating from Montana Tech in 1970 with a BS in Petroleum Engineering I have worked for UNOCAL, BP Alaska, Standard Oil of Ohio, and Alaska Petroleum Contractors for over 19 years prior to joining the AOGCC. In addition, I served in the U.S. Army for 2 years (1970 - 1972). I became registered in 1977 by passing the petroleum engineers registration examination. I applied for the job of Commissioner in May 1996, however, I was not even interviewed for the job. There were at least 2 other registered Petroleum Engineers who also were not interviewed.

I must protest this appointment on the grounds of lack of petroleum engineering experience and registration in the discipline as required by statute. For example, if an employer was advertising for a petroleum engineer with experience in drilling, well completion, artificial lift design, stimulation design, reservoir engineering and such, would this man apply? Would he qualify? I would have to say no.

This is the second time the current Governor has appointed a non-petroleum engineer to this position. I can say that with as small a staff as we have, the Commission cannot afford to waste a position on a person who is not experienced in those issues which we deal with daily at the AOGCC. We need the experience and ability to tackle real petroleum engineering problems and an ability to work in the discipline as well. I would ask you share this letter with others on the Resources Committee.

Sincerely,



John D. Hartz
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Anchorage, AK 99517



ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL

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Senator Mike Miller, President
Alaska State Senate
Representative Gail Phillips, Speaker
Alaska State House
State Capitol (MS3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

April 16th, 1997

Dear Senator Miller and Representative Phillips,

The Alaska Outdoor Council Board of Directors at its April 14 meeting took the following action regarding appointees to the Board of Game:

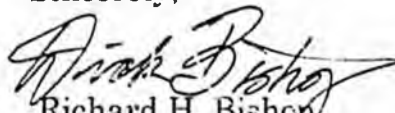
The Alaska Outdoor Council supports the confirmation of Mike Fleagle, has no objection to the confirmation of Lori Quakenbush and Greg Streveler, and opposes the confirmation of Nicole Whittington-Evens.

The Council Board at this meeting also confirmed its support for Fisheries Board appointees Larry Engel and Ed Dersham.

The Council Board based its actions on the qualifications, experience, past performance on the Boards, if any, and the Council's judgement of the appointees dedication to the conservation and allocation principles and mandates of the Alaska Constitution and statutes.

Please consider the Alaska Outdoor Council's position on these Board appointees as you undertake the confirmation process.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Bishop
Executive Director

RESUME

Marlene A. Johnson
9505 Antler Way
Phone/Fax 907-789-4833
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Name: Marlene A. Greenewald Johnson
DOB: August 4, 1935
POB: Hoonah, Alaska

Marital Status: Married
Children: 5 (grown)

1995- Present:

Manager of Shareholder Services for Huna Totem Corporation and Coordinator of Huna Heritage Foundation.

1992-1995:

Held the position of Shareholder Service Coordinator for Huna Totem Corporation, on a part time basis, and has been the coordinator of the activities of Huna Heritage Foundation during this same period of time. Promoted.

1971-1995:

Former Director (1971-1995) of Sealaska Corporation. The former full time Chairman (1982-1992) of Sealaska Corporation, was one of the 5 original incorporators of Sealaska, the largest of 13 Regional Corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Served on the Board and was Vice Chairman of Ocean Beauty Seafood and its subsidiaries, which used to be wholly owned by Sealaska Corporation.

1980-1985:

Was a Director of United Bank Alaska and United Bank Alaska Southeast, as well as the holding Company.

CURRENTLY:

Is a Trustee of Huna Totem Heritage Foundation and Sealaska Heritage Foundation.

Is a former member of Huna Totem Corporation Board of Directors; the ANCSA village corporation for the community of Hoonah, which is her home town.

1985 to Present: Is a Consultant to the University of Colorado and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on health issues pertaining to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Marlene Johnson Resume # 2

1969 - 1982:

Was part owner and operator of an Air Taxi Business in Southeast Alaska from 1969 until 1982. Had bases in 7 communities and chartered through-out Southeast Alaska. Employed over 50 people and developed the tourist Ice Cap Tours. When elected chairman of Sealaska full time, sold interest in the Air Taxi business. Served as Vice President of the Air Taxi and as its Sales and Personnel manager. Managed the outlying agent stations.

1961-1980

Served on the Tlingit and Haida Central Council, Executive Committee;

Served on the original Rural Cap Board of Directors, and as it's President for 8 years. Assisted in forming Alaska Federation of Natives and lobbying Congress for the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and later ANILCA.

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Was Secretary/Treasure of Tlingit-Haida Community Council of Hoonah. Was instrumental in bringing Cable TV to Hoonah.

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Has also served on the Governor's:

- Interim Commission on Children and Youth,
- The Governor's Review commission on Native Services,
- The State Personnel Board,
- The Public Employees Retirement Board,
- Alaska Labor Relations Agency,
- Railroad Labor Relations Agency,
- The State Reapportionment Board.
- The Governors Transition Team

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Now serves on the:

University of Alaska School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences advisory council, is the Vice Chairman. The Council advises the school of fisheries on its programs both academic and research.

Is on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation National Advisory Committee for programs to improve the Health of American Indians and Healthy Nations projects.

Is a member and former chairman of the Selective Service Board, for Southeast Alaska, was appointed by President Nixon, and has served continually since.

Is a Board Member of American Cancer Society, Juneau Unit.

She is a member of Alaska Native Sisterhood since 1961.

Served on the University of Alaska's President Search Committee, The Alaska Committee and several other Municipal and State Boards and Commissions.

Spouse is Clifford Leo Johnson, is the mother of 5 adult children and also the grandmother of 11. She was born in Hoonah, Alaska, and attended Hoonah and Juneau Public Schools as well as vocational training in accounting and personnel management.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 1992-present Huna Totem Corporation, a village Native corp., that invests in real estate and passive portfolio investments and has a cultural heritage foundation; duties are managing and coordinating and developing non business programs, and shareholder services.
- 1985-present Consultant: To the University of Oklahoma, the University of Colorado and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on American Indian's health issues.
- 1982-1992 Chairman of Sealaska Board of Directors, A native Regional Corporation, which was then involved in the Timber, Fisheries and Building materials & cement business.

1969-1982 An air taxi operator, as part owner, was the Hoonah station manager and the Vice President of sales, personnel and public relations.

1961-1969 Coastal Glacier Seafoods, AKA Hoonah Seafoods was the assistant accountant and the fuel operations manager.

1954-1956 Federal Market, Ketchikan Alaska, Bookkeeper and
1958-1961 accounts receivable technician.

1956-1958 Skagit Plastics, LaConner, Wash., Cost Accounting and payroll clerk.

1953-1954 U.S. Dept. of Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Accounting Department, Posting and Travel Clerk

AWARDS:

1991, 1990, 1989 Nominated to Alaska's 10 Outstanding women

1989 Alaska Legislature Commendation for Public Service.

1988 Commendation Award for Governor's Interim Commission on Children & Youth

1985-1991 Outstanding Women of America

1986 AASA Mackinnon Education Excellence & Human recognition Award for Achieving High Standards and Ideals in Education.

1985 Americans for Indian Opportunity -Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Services.

1983-1989 Who's Who in America

1987-1995 Who's Who in American Business

1989-1990 Who's Who in America's Finance & Industry

1990-1994 Benton's Who's Who International

1993 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Distinguished Service Award

1995 AFN's Citizen of the Year award

RESUME

of

BRUCE TWOMLEY
P.O. Box 020972
Juneau, AK 99802-0972
Work Phone: 789-6160
Home Phone: 588-3251

Height: 5'11"
Weight: 165
Marital Status: Married to Sara Minton
Children: Christopher (6)
Jonathan (5)

WORK EXPERIENCE: Appointed by Governors Hammond, Sheffield, Cowper, and Hickel, to the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC).

Chairman, CFEC. 1983 to present.
Commissioner, CFEC. 1982 to present.
Member, Governor's Fisheries Cabinet. 1983 to 1990.
Attorney, Alaska Legal Services. 1973 - 1982.
VISTA Volunteer. 1972 - 1973.
Legal Research for San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation (as a law student).
Indigent Adult Criminal Appeals (as a law student).
Legal research for Professor Roscoe T. Steffen and private attorneys (as a law student).

LAW SCHOOL: National Judicial College, University of Nevada, Administrative Law: Advanced Course (recruited to serve as a group discussion leader). 1988.
National Judicial College, University of Nevada, Administrative Law: Fair Hearing. 1983.
Hastings College of Law, San Francisco, California. 1967 - 1970. Graduated with J.D. in upper 15% of the class.

EDUCATION: Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. 1963 - 1967. Graduated with A.B. in upper quarter of the class.
Elgin High School, Elgin, Illinois. 1960 - 1963.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS: Alaska State Bar
California State Bar (inactive)
United States District Court for the District of Alaska
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

HONORS:

Alaska Legal Services Award. 1992.
Martindale-Hubbell highest (a v) lawyer rating. 1983
Alaska Legal Services Distinguished Service Award. 1983
Elected to Senior Men's Honorary, Northwestern (Deru).
Elected to Junior Men's Honorary, Northwestern (Norleggama).
Illinois State Scholarship Winner.
Elected Most Outstanding Male Graduate (Marie K. Ekvall Award),
Elgin High School (student body: 2,000).

SELECTED CASES:

Co-counsel for plaintiff class of 2,667 Alaska Native secondary school age children in Tobeluk v. Lind (known as the Molly Hootch case), 589 P.2d 873 (Ak. Sup. Ct. 1979), which by consent decree established the entitlement of Alaska Native children in 126 villages throughout the state to attend secondary school in their home villages and further required the state to expend more than \$158-million for the construction of local secondary facilities.

Wilson v. Watt, 703 F.2d 395 (9th Cir. 1983). Class action with co-counsel Kathleen Strasbaugh, sought preliminary injunction against Secretary of Interior James Watt to restore BIA general assistance payments to Alaska Natives.

Fairbanks Correctional Center Inmates v. Williamson,
600 P.2d 743 (Ak. Sup. Ct. 1979).

Ferdinand v. City of Fairbanks, 599 P.2d 122 (Ak. Sup. Ct. 1979).

Horton v. Horton, 519 P.2d 1131 (Ak. Sup. Ct. 1974).

Attorney for plaintiff class of Alaska Native women and minor children in Finnesand v. Kleppe, No. A75-42 Civ. (U.S. District Court Alaska), which by consent decree abolished a discriminatory eligibility standard for BIA General Assistance.

Represented more than 100 Alaska Native Allotment applicants before the Department of Interior. 1972-1982.

Attorney for the Akiak Indian Reorganization Act Council and parents of grade school children in Akiak v. Lind, No. 4BR 8-39 Civ.

Amicus Curiae (in cooperation with the Office for Civil Rights) in The Matter of Alaska State Department of Education and Twenty-

HONORS:

Alaska Legal Services Award. 1992.
Martindale-Hubbell highest (a v) lawyer rating. 1983
Alaska Legal Services Distinguished Service Award. 1983
Elected to Senior Men's Honorary, Northwestern (Deru).
Elected to Junior Men's Honorary, Northwestern (Norleggama).
Illinois State Scholarship Winner.
Elected Most Outstanding Male Graduate (Marie K. Ekvaal Award),
Elgin High School (student body: 2,000).

SELECTED CASES:

Co-counsel for plaintiff class of 2,667 Alaska Native secondary school age children in Tobeluk v. Lind (known as the Molly Hootch case), 589 P.2d 873 (Ak. Sup. Ct. 1979), which by consent decree established the entitlement of Alaska Native children in 126 villages throughout the state to attend secondary school in their home villages and further required the state to expend more than \$158-million for the construction of local secondary facilities.

Wilson v. Watt, 703 F.2d 395 (9th Cir. 1983). Class action with co-counsel Kathleen Strasbaugh, sought preliminary injunction against Secretary of Interior James Watt to restore BIA general assistance payments to Alaska Natives.

Fairbanks Correctional Center Inmates v. Williamson,
600 P.2d 743 (Ak. Sup. Ct. 1979).

Ferdinand v. City of Fairbanks, 599 P.2d 122 (Ak. Sup. Ct. 1979).

Horton v. Horton, 519 P.2d 1131 (Ak. Sup. Ct. 1974).

Attorney for plaintiff class of Alaska Native women and minor children in Finnesand v. Kleppe, No. A75-42 Civ. (U.S. District Court Alaska), which by consent decree abolished a discriminatory eligibility standard for BIA General Assistance.

Represented more than 100 Alaska Native Allotment applicants before the Department of Interior. 1972-1982.

Attorney for the Akiak Indian Reorganization Act Council and parents of grade school children in Akiak v. Lind, No. 4BR 8-39 Civ.

Amicus Curiae (in cooperation with the Office for Civil Rights) in The Matter of Alaska State Department of Education and Twenty-

One Regional Educational Attendance Area School Districts S-134, a proceeding before the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, to enforce Title Vi of the 1964 Civil Rights Act on behalf of Alaska Native school children.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

AND PUBLICATIONS:

Contributor, Limiting Access to Marine Fisheries: Keeping the Focus on Conservation. Center for Marine Conservation and World Wildlife Fund U.S. 1994.

"License Limitation in Alaskan Salmon Fisheries." Paper and panel presentation to Conference on Managing Marine Fisheries by Limited Access sponsored by World Wildlife Fund and Center for Marine Conservation. Annapolis, MD. 1992.

"Getting and Keeping Alaska Limited Entry Permits in Local Rural Communities."

- Bristol Bay Native Association, Bristol Bay Fisheries Conference, Dillingham, 1992.
- Southeast Alaska ANCSA Economic Summit. Saxman, 1991.
- AFN Convention. Anchorage, 1991.

"The IRS and Alaska Limited Entry Permits," University of Alaska Commercial Fishing Business Seminar, Federal Tax Impact on Commercial Fishermen. Anchorage, 1987.

"Parental Involvement, Local Control, and Quality of Education," Alaska Native Education Association. Anchorage, 1981.

"Alaska Native Control of Local Village Secondary School Programs," Lawyers Clinic on Parental Liberty in Education. Washington, D.C. December 1978.

SUBJECT OF
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICE: Who's Who in the World (14th Ed. 1996)

Who's Who in the West (23rd Ed. 1991)

Who's Who in Society (1988)

Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America (1st Ed. 1987)

The Dictionary of International Biography, Vol. XX. (Cambridge, England 1986)

ACTIVITIES:

Member, Alaska Child Support Enforcement Division Rural Task Force. 1995--.

Member, Alaska Federation of Natives Task Force on IRS and Alaska Native Fishermen. 1994 --.

Member, Bristol Bay Native Association Blue Ribbon Commission on Limited Entry, 1994--.

Reading, Skiing, Hiking, Kayaking

Juneau Racquet Club Advisory Board, 1989

Guest Chef, Summit Restaurant, 1987

International Law Club, Hastings

President, Interfraternity Council, Northwestern

Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Northwestern

President, Student Council, E.H.S.

REFERENCES:

Mary McDowell, Special Staff Assistant to Governor Tony Knowles

Bruce M. Botelho, Attorney General

Frank Rue, Commissioner, ADF&G

Trefon Angasan, Member, Alaska Board of Fisheries; Vice President, Bristol Bay Native Corporation; Board Member, Alaska Federation of Natives, Bristol Bay Native Association, Alaska Peninsula Corporation; 265-7829 (W) and 243-4669 (H).

Dr. John White, Member, Alaska Board of Fisheries; 543-3778 (W) and 543-2926 (H).

Jerry McCune, Executive Director, United Fishermen of Alaska. 424-3447 (Cordova Fishermen United); 424-7488 (H)

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Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: March 3, 1997

97-071

KNOWLES NAMES TWO TO STATE BOARD OF FISHERIES
Engel, Dersham Maintain Balance, Continuity on Fish Board

Saying they maintain the existing balance of users, Gov. Tony Knowles today announced the appointment of two members to the board responsible for the regulation of Alaska's rich fish resources. Knowles reappointed Larry Engel of Palmer to the State Board of Fisheries and named Ed Dersham of Anchor Point to fill a seat left vacant by expiration of the term of Soldotna sportsman Dick Bower.

"Larry Engel received high marks from all user groups during his first term on the board, including his work as board chairman," Knowles said. "Retaining his presence on the board brings important continuity to the process. Ed Dersham's commitment to the protection of fish resources and habitat and his years of involvement in the public process will also be assets as the board tackles the difficult issues involving our fisheries."

Larry Engel of Palmer worked as a sport fish biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game from 1960 until his retirement in 1992. He graduated with a degree in fisheries from the University of Washington. Engel was appointed to the Fish Board in 1993 and recently served as its chairman.

Robert E. "Ed" Dersham owns and operates a marine salmon and halibut charter business based in Anchor Point. Dersham has been active with local sport fishing organizations including the South Peninsula Sportsman's Association and the Anchor Point Charter Boat Association. A retired drug enforcement agent, Dersham has served on several industry working groups including the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Halibut Charter working group.

"Gov. Knowles has made some very good choices here," said Don Gilman, chairman of the Kenai River Sportfishing Association. "Larry Engel and Ed Dersham are both fair and knowledgeable individuals. They bring solid backgrounds in recreational fishing and the guided sport fishing industry. And they are persons who put the resource first, which is just what you want in a Board of Fish member."

The State Board of Fisheries is responsible for establishing regulations for the conservation and management of Alaska's fish resources. Each board has seven members. Terms are for three years. The Fish Board meets approximately 45 to 55 days a year.

Robert E. (Ed) Dersham - Resume

P.O. Box 555
Anchor Point, AK 99556
907-235-5555

Objective

To be considered for an appointment to the Alaska State Board of Fisheries

I am applying to be considered for appointment to the Alaska State Board of Fisheries. I do this with full knowledge of the magnitude of the commitment, and weight of the responsibility involved in service on the board. I have lived in Alaska for 20 years and been actively involved in fisheries issues for over 10 years. In every issue I've become involved with I've worked to gather as much knowledge as possible about the issue. I have then worked to support solutions that were fair to all user groups while keeping the biological health of the resource as the top priority.

My business and my life are closely tied to the saltwater charter fishing industry. I am committed to helping find workable resolutions to allocation issues using the best available biological information and input from all user groups.

If chosen, I would serve to the best of my ability. My primary goal would be to help achieve the fairest possible allocation decisions based on a thorough working knowledge of the issues to come before the board.

Highlights of Qualifications

- Member of the Anchor River Steelhead Task Force, 1990
- President of the South Peninsula Sportsman's Association 1990-1993
- Member of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council Halibut Charter working group 1993-1994
- President of the Anchor Point Charter Association 1993-1997
- On the board of directors of the Alaska Sport Fishing Industry Association 1994-1997

Professional Experience

Dersham's Outlook Lodge, Anchor Point, AK 1985-Present
Owner and senior fishing guide for salmon and halibut

Along with my wife Karan, own and operate a complete package fishing lodge on Cook Inlet.

Achievements

- Built a successful business from the ground up that currently has 58% repeat customer and word of mouth referral clientele
- Established as a top guide for salmon and halibut on the east side of Cook Inlet and earned the respect of the other guides in the area

Peninsula Communications, Inc. Homer, AK 1988-1992
Broadcaster

Wrote and broadcast a daily sport fishing report including tips, antidotes, and essays on the philosophical aspect of fishing. These reports were carried on three radio stations servicing the Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island

U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 1971-1985
Special Agent- Drug Enforcement Administration *Retired*

Worked as a criminal investigator for the Drug Enforcement Administration. Supervised the development of cases against individuals who had violated federal narcotics laws. Worked undercover extensively. Testified extensively in both federal and state court. Conducted liaison with State and federal officers through task force operations in California and Alaska.

Achievements

- Received a superior performance award for undercover work done against heroin traffickers in the southern California and Baja Mexico areas.

Weyerhaeuser Corporation, Cottage Grove, OR 1968-1971
Laborer

Worked as a laborer in every facet of wood products operation.

Education & Licenses

Bachelors of Business Administration - University of Oregon, 1970
 Operator of uninspected passenger vessel license- U.S. Coast Guard, 1989-present

Personal History

Born: April 20, 1948 - Eugene OR
 Wife: Karan Dersham
 Sons: David (30), Bert (23)

Other Organizations and Clubs

- Member - Board of Directors, Kenai Peninsula Chapter Crime stoppers Int.
- Member - Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council
- Member - The Alaskans Club
- Member - The National Federation of Independent Business
- Member - The National Rifle Association

References

- Kevin DeLaney, Director Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Sport fish Division
- Nick Dudiak, Area Fisheries Biologist, Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- Bob Ward, Homer Charter Association, Homer, AK

Resume

Larry J. Engel
P.O. Box 197
Palmer, Alaska 99645
(907) 745-4132

- EDUCATION: Graduated Highschool 1956; Served U.S. Navy, July 1956 - Sept. 1959, Honorable Discharge; Graduated University of Washington, March 1964, B.S. in Fisheries
- WORK HISTORY: Seasonal technician and biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 1960 - June, 1964.
- Full-time biologist with Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 1964 to August 31, 1992.
- REFERENCES: R. Russell Redick, former ADF&G supervisor, Anchorage; Telephone: (907) 522-2506
- Kevin Delaney, supervisor, currently with ADF&G, Anchorage; Telephone: (907) 344-0541
- Jack Willis, President, Trout Unlimited, Wasilla; Telephone: (907) 746-1666
- Phil Cutler, President, Alaska Sport Fishing Association, Anchorage; Telephone: (907) 243-4667

Mary Coffey Marshburn
P. O. Box 277
Homer, Alaska 99603

(907) 235-7978 (hm)

Special Projects
Oil and Gas
March 1995 to present

Office of the Commissioner, Dept. of
Commerce & Economic Development

Coordinated the work of the Oil and Gas Policy Council as specified by Administrative Order No. 152. This included coordination of research and development of two reports discussing Alaska's competitive environment for investment, hydrocarbon resources, fiscal, leasing and regulatory systems, oil refining and transportation. Other projects include working with leaseholders of North Slope natural gas resources and state departments to develop and complete an LNG project to transport and market North Slope natural gas; working with private industry and state departments to improve Alaska hire in the petroleum industry and use more Alaska businesses to supply equipment and services to the oil industry; and research and analysis of other energy sources and development technologies. These projects have an economic development focus and involve interaction and coordination with multiple divisions and agencies involved in public and private economic development.

Manager
1985 to 1994

Homer Orthopedic Clinic and Itinerant
Physician Clinic

Developed and managed a nine member itinerant physician specialist clinic for the South Peninsula area of Alaska.

Manager
1979 to 1983

L. A. Marshburn, M. D., APC

Manager of a medical family practice business.

Municipal Clerk
Borough Clerk
1970 to 1979

Municipality of Anchorage
Greater Anchorage Area Borough

Head of the department for the Borough Assembly and Anchorage Assembly, legislative bodies of Anchorage local government. From 1970 to 1975, Borough Clerk. Upon unification of the City of Anchorage and Greater Anchorage Area Borough in 1975, appointed Municipal Clerk for the new Municipality of Anchorage. As Clerk, responsible for the administration and management of the department's programs and functions. These included merger of the two government offices; staff to the Assembly, Board of Ethics and Commission on Salaries and Emoluments;

development of departmental budget; business licensing; development of the community council and ombudsman programs; conduct of all local elections; codification; municipal bonding and development of local and state legislation.

Deputy Borough Clerk
1967 to 1969

Greater Anchorage Area Borough

Employed by the Borough Assembly, under the direction of the Borough Clerk, to assist with the administration of the department's programs. These programs included the administration of elections, budget development and the work of the Anchorage Charter Commission.

REFERENCES

Arliss Sturgulewski
George F. Gates, M. D.
Don Gilman - former Mayor, Kenai Peninsula Borough
George Sullivan - former Mayor, City of Anchorage and Municipality of Anchorage
Mike Navarre - Mayor, Kenai Peninsula Borough
Esther Wunnicke - Chair, Oil and Gas Policy Council

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Health Care Providers Scholarship Fund, Homer - Board member
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Official Business

Office of the Chief Clerk

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 27, 1998

TO: Resources Committee

FROM: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk *SL*

SUBJECT: Governor's appointments

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointments to the Resources Committee:

Board of Fisheries

John R. White - Bethel

Appointed: 02/09/95 Reappointed: 03/21/98 Expires: 06/30/01

Russell S. Nelson - Dillingham

Appointed: 03/21/98 Expires: 06/30/01

(These appointments also referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries.)

Attached are their resumes and committee reports for your use.

Attachments as noted.



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Office of the Chief Clerk

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 1998
TO: Resources Committee
FROM: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk *SL*
SUBJECT: Governor's appointments

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointments to the Resources Committee:

Board of Game

Eric Williamson - Anchorage
Appointed: 03/19/98 Expires: 01/31/01

Walter Sampson - Kotzebue
Appointed: 03/19/98 Expires: 01/31/01

Attached are their resumes and committee reports for your use.

Attachments as noted.



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Official Business

Office of the Chief Clerk

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 10, 1998

TO: Resources Committee

FROM: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk *SL*

SUBJECT: Governor's appointments

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointments to the Resources Committee:

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC)

Mary McDowell - Juneau

Appointed: 10/06/97 Expires: 07/01/01

Board of Game

Robert Churchill - Anchorage

Appointed: 09/23/97 Expires: 01/31/00

Attached are their resumes and committee reports for your use.

Attachments as noted.

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House Resources Committee

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Co-Chair Bill Hudson
(907) 465-6820
FAX (907) 465-2273
Committee Meetings
T/Th 1 - 4 p.m.

Vice Chair: Beverly Masck,
Representatives Ramona Barnes, Fred Dyson, Joe Green, Reggie Joule, Irene Nicholia, William Williams

AGENDA
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Thursday, April 16, 1998

[GAVEL DOWN]

I. CALL TO ORDER:

IT IS NOW 1:15 PM BY THE COMMITTEE CLOCK. THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE WILL COME TO ORDER.

MEMBERS PRESENT WITH US TODAY ARE:

TODAY'S COMMITTEE MEETING WILL END PROMPTLY AT 2:00. DUE TO A LIMITATION OF TIME, WE HAVE CANCELLED TODAY'S CONFIRMATION HEARINGS FOR FIVE OF THE SIX BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTEES.

THE INDIVIDUALS UP FOR CONFIRMATION BEFORE THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE ARE:

Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission:

JNU Mary McDowell, Juneau 790 6936 w

Board of Fisheries:

DILL Russell Nelson, Anchorage 842-8140 w
BET John White, Bethel 543-3778 w

Board of Game:

JNU Robert Churchill, Anchorage 279 8927 w 201 5421
VLO LID Walter Sampson, Kotzebue 442 3301 w
A.NC LID Eric Williamson, Anchorage 345 7678 w

THE COMMITTEE WILL HEAR TODAY FROM ERIC WILLIAMSON, WHO TRAVELED FROM ANCHORAGE TO BE HERE TODAY.

Mary E. McDowell

555 Hemlock Street
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 463-5160

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SPECIAL STAFF ASSISTANT. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Juneau, Alaska, May 1995 - Oct. 1997

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

SPECIAL STAFF ASSISTANT. OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 1994 - April 1995

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

LEGISLATIVE AIDE. ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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

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

SELF-EMPLOYED COMMERCIAL FISH BUYER

Angoon, Alaska, May through September, 1976-1994

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, graduated 1976
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology
Emphasis on cultural anthropology of Alaska Natives

University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, 1973-1974
Undergraduate Research Assistantship in anthropology / archeology
Two summers of field work in Aleutian Islands, Alaska. One semester research, analysis and writing on campus.

Sheldon Jackson College, Sitka, Alaska, 1977
Completed Village Management Course

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BET	BETHEL	301 WILLOW ST.	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
DLG	DILLINGHAM	KANGIIQUTAQ BLDG	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
GLN	GLENNALLEN	COMMUNITY LIB.	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
HOM	HOMER	345 W STERLING	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
* JNU	JUNEAU	CAPITOL	CAP124	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
KEN	KENAI LIO	145 MAIN ST LOOP	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
KOD	KODIAK	112 MILL BAY RD.	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF
KOT	KOTZEBUE	333 FRONT STREET	ZZZ	ZZZ LOCATION STAFF

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DATE: April 16, 1998

TO: House Resources Committee

FROM: Bill Stockwell
P.O. Box 721
Cooper Landing, AK 99572
Phone & Fax 395-1540

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Board of Game and Fisheries Appointments

I am unable to attend the April 16, 1998 confirmation hearing for Board of Game and Board of Fisheries appointments scheduled for 1 p.m. Please enter into the record my written testimony which follows.

Members of the House Resources Committee. My name is Bill Stockwell and I am the Chair of the Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee. My testimony is my personal opinion.

I strongly support the confirmation of Bob Churchill to the Alaska Board of Game. As a committee chair, I have testified and attended deliberation twice since Bob has been appointed to the Board of Game. He listens carefully to those testifying and treats them in a courteous, thoughtful manner. During deliberations he is well prepared and his points and comments are timely and professional. At the recent Joint Board Meeting Bob Churchill co-chaired a Joint Board Subcommittee with Advisory Committee Chairs representing various regions of the State. Their report was well done and of great benefit to all advisory committees.

Bob Churchill continues to be a strong voice for the advisory committee system. As a former member and chair of an advisory committee, he understands the effort and good work that advisory committees provide to their communities and the professional results they provide to the Boards. As chairs of adjacent advisory committees, Bob and I worked on several issues of mutual interest to both committees and he made himself available to support issues with several other area advisory committees as well.

Bob Churchill is a friend and fellow fly fisher. Beside enjoyable times on the river, we have worked together on conservation and education projects such as the Alaska Fly Fishers Upper Kenai River fall clean-up, Annual Fly Fishing Seminar, fly tying classes, and stream restoration projects. Bob is always available to lead the projects and insure the work is properly done.

For the above reasons and many more, please confirm Bob Churchill's appointment to the Alaska Board of Game.

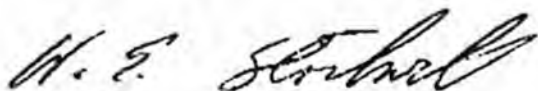
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I support the appointments of Eric Williamson to the Alaska Board of Game and Russell Nelson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Both individuals were elected to and served on advisory committees. This shows both support and confidence by their communities and interest and ability to serve on their part. From my dealings with the Board of Game and the Board of Fisheries, I feel that those members who previously served on advisory committees are better prepared to deal with the public and listen to their issues. They have a better overall understanding of the process.

I ask you please to confirm the appointments of Eric Williamson and Russell Nelson.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,



Bill Stockwell

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Alaska State Legislature

SENT TO: REP. OGAN FAX 465-~~7265~~2273
FROM: HOMER LIO PHONE 235-7878

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources
committee name
committee on B.O.G. Appointments, dated 4/16/98
bill/subject

I would like to give my support
to Bob Churchill, Eric Williamson
and Walter ~~Samson~~ Samson.

I have represented our community
in several B.O.G. meetings the last two
winters and feel these appointees would
be an asset to our public system.

Marvin Park

Signed: Marvin R Park
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

HC 67 Box 1222 Anchor Pt AK

Address

235-8125

Phone No.



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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211 Fourth Street, Suite 112
Juneau, Alaska 99801
907/586-2820
Fax: 907/463-2545
E-Mail: ufa@alaska.net

Feb. 23, 1998

Representative Bill Hudson, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Hudson:

This session your committee will be conducting confirmation hearings. The United Fishermen of Alaska heartily recommends legislative confirmation of Mary McDowell's appointment to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

Mary has worked diligently on fisheries issues, in various forums, for over eighteen years. She also had many years of hands-on business experience in the seafood industry as operator of a fish-buying station. Her statewide perspective on fisheries issues, thorough understanding of pertinent state laws and regulations, and personal integrity serve the State of Alaska well. She is committed to fairness in the treatment of the individual, and dedicated to sound and equitable public process.

We respectfully request your support for Mary's appointment to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission by voting in favor of her confirmation.

Sincerely,

Theo Matthews
President

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Trollers Association • Bristol Bay Driftnetters Association • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • Kodiak Seiners Association
North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Northwest Setnetters Association • Peninsula Marketing Association
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative
Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southwest Regional Aquaculture Association • United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Fish Board Appointee
Committee Name
 Committee on Dr John White's confirmation Dated 16 Apr 98
Bill / Subject

you should confirm Dr White to the fish Board
 the Dipnetters were cheated for years until Dr White
 became Chairman. we support him.

SIGNED:

[Signature]
Testifier

Christina Dipnetters Assoc
Representing

303 Bentley Dr FBK HC 99701 907 4525068
Address / Phone Number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resource
committee name
committee on Board of Fish, dated 4-28-98
bill # / subject

I am a Guide in Alaska for about the past 7 years + continue to for many years to come. I have followed ~~Dr.~~ Dr. John White as he had been on the Board of Fish + would like to acknowledge that ~~Dr.~~ Dr. John White be reinstated as the Chairman of the Board of Fish as he has shown a great deal of positive direction in the management of the State of Alaska's Salmon Fishery. We as a State need Board members such as Dr. White to continue to work in a direction so I can continue to fish in Alaska.

Signed: RP DeBard
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

Po Box 4357

Address

Soldotna AK 99667

Phone number



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House of Representatives
committee name

committee on Re appointment of John White, dated 4/29/96
bill # / subject

DR. White Re appointment to the board of fish would be a continued controversial mentality that he represents on the Board of fish concerning Cook Inlet commercial fishing.

DR. White helped to instigate the Northern Dist. Lotto plan that cost the Dr. Fleet 10% of their gross allocation and is confusing allocation and conservation in the northern Dist. even though the Dept. of fish and Game said there was NO conservation concern.

DR white increased the Kennicott river escapement beyond the Biological escapement goal and is adopting guiding principles with out public notice

Signed: Bill Granger
Testifier

self
Representing (Optional)

P.O. Box 1162 Seldovia Alaska 99589
Address

(907) 212-1224
Phone number



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resources
COMMITTEE NAME

COMMITTEE ON Dr. White DATED 4-28-98
BILL/SUBJECT

The Chitina Dipnetter's Association strongly supports the reappointment of Dr. White to the board of Fisheries. We like the way he runs the Board of Fisheries and we approve of the committee he forms of the users groups when there is a conflict between users. It allows ~~the~~ ^{the} groups to better understand each others views and to maybe come to a agreement that ~~the board~~ helps the Board to make a decision on the problem.

SIGNED Byron W Haley Pres.
TESTIFIER

Chitina Dipnetter's Association
REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

1002 Pioneer Rd. Fairbanks, AK 99701 907-452-4426
ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

4-16-98

To: Alaska Legislators:
Re: Confirmation Dr. John White:

I Sam E. McDowell supports the confirmation of Dr. White to our Alaska Board of Fisheries.

#(1) Dr. White, clearly understands, and supports the sustained yield management of our common property fisheries resources.

#(2) Dr. White clearly understands Alaska has no hydro-electric dam problems, no rivers, lakes, streams, or Judge Boldt decisions type fisheries management problems, and ~~that~~ that sustained yield management will produce major salmon runs like e. thousand years ago, provided we manage our valuable salmon resources with a policy, habitat #(1) Resources #(2) and users #(3).

#(3) Dr. White is a professional, plight, considerate Chairman of our Board of Fisheries, and goes out of his way to treat all people equal, who signs up to testify allowing written testimony, and (3) minutes or less testimony each.

Your consideration and confirmation of Dr. White to our Board of Fisheries will truly be appreciated.

Have a good day.
Sincerely,
Sam E. McDowell
336. E. 23rd Ave
Anchorage, Alaska
99503



Alaska Sportfishing Association

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State of Alaska
External Affairs

Recommendations to the Governor for the ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES.

The Board of Directors of the Alaska Sportfishing Association has voted to support the following candidates for the Board of Fisheries:

We enthusiastically support the re appointment of Dr. John White of Bethel to the Board. Under Dr. White's leadership, this Board has taken new steps in directions of sustainable fisheries management, habitat management, increased harvester responsibility, and fair and more equitable allocation of fish stocks.

We also support the appointment of Russell Nelson from Dillingham.

We feel that he will bring much knowledge and understanding from the Bristol Bay region of our State. We are confident that he will be approachable by all harvest groups. He will prioritize conservation of the stocks at the apex of the fish management agenda. We are comfortable that will be a contributing member of the Board.

Phil Cutler, President

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Natural Resource Department
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The Honorable Tony Knowles
Governor of Alaska
Pouch 1100
Juneau, Alaska 99811

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Governor Knowles:

This letter is in support of Dr. John White reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Under Dr. White's leadership, the Alaska Board of Fisheries has taken significant strides in fulfilling the sustained yield principle of the Alaska Constitution. Dr. White has taken the helm, under his own responsibility as a public steward of Alaska's fish resources, in developing innovative management systems through the Alaska Board of Fisheries. The sustainable fisheries concepts and the committee structure of the board have insured the maximum public participation in the development of regulations that benefits all users of the resource.

We, the people of the Association of Village Council Presidents region, supports Dr. John White's reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries for a second term. Governor Knowles, by re-appointing Dr. White, you would be telling the people of Alaska that you have made an appointment for the protection of Alaska's fishery resources. His involvement in the Alaska Board of Fisheries is an asset to all the people in the State of Alaska.

if I can answer any questions related to Dr. John White's re-appointment, please call on me.

Sincerely,
Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc.
Myron P. Naneng, Sr., President

Timothy C. Andrew
Director of Natural Resources



March 6, 1998

Governor Tony Knowles
Office of the Governor
Third Floor, State Capitol Building
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99511

Dear Governor:

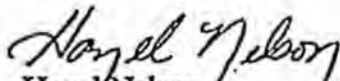
Thank you for this opportunity to write and express our views on the Board of Fisheries appointments.

We believe John White has worked hard this past three years and that the Sustainable Fisheries effort is one issue the whole industry can agree on as an important priority. We would like you to consider the reappointment of John because he is willing to further this effort and we are hopeful the different interests can continue to work together in ironing out this important issue.

We would also like you to give strong consideration to Russell Nelson as a Board of Fish member. At times fisheries politics can be rather contentious in the Bay but Russell has been known to bring people who disagree on issues closer together. He is respected for that quality around the Bay and that is one of the reasons we are supporting him.

Being fair to all parties and listening to all sides is a quality the public seeks in a candidate and Russell has that. He has already spent many years focused and dedicated to bringing people together and that experience will serve the public well during his term on the Board.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.


Hazel Nelson,
President

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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

Via: Fax (907)4653532

Dear Governor Knowles:

The Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, the CDQ group for Bristol Bay, supports the re-appointment of John White to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries. John has served well as Chairman of the Board of Fish. He has demonstrated positive results in the preservation of the resource. John's innovative approach in establishment of committees to address regional issues has met with great success while providing protection for the resources.

Thank you for your consideration of John White's re- appointment to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robin Samuelsen".

Robin Samuelsen
President

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Maniilaq Association

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MAR 27 1998

Governor Tony Knowles
Office of the Governor
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Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Governor Knowles:

In an effort to maintain continuity and a rural presence on a statewide level, Maniilaq Association urges the reappointment of John White of Bethel to the Alaska Board of Fish. In addition, we urge the appointment of Russel Nelson of Dillingham to the Board of Fish.

Maniilaq extends gratitude to your office for the reappointment of Walter Sampson to the Alaska Board of Game.

All the candidates possess a strong background in working with diverse groups and are experienced in resolving problems. Each will distinctly contribute to the well being of Alaska's wildlife resources and the general public. Alaska will continue to benefit if they are appointed reappointed to serve another term.

If you have any questions, please contact Art C. Ivanoff, Subsistence Coordinator at (907) 442-3311. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dennis Tiepelman
President/CEO

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

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09 March 1998

The Honorable Tony Knowles
Governor of Alaska
Third Floor, State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Knowles:

This letter is written in favor of the reappointment of Dr. John White as a member of the Board of Fisheries.

We have been impressed with Dr. Whites abilities and his work has been exemplary of solid leadership.

Dr. White's fairness with all parties involved in controversial issues, as demonstrated at the Board of Fisheries meeting held in Naknek in November 1997, reconfirms the validity of our support for this gentleman.

With his leadership we have felt that the stakeholders, whose livelihood are affected by Board of Fisheries decisions, have been heard and our stand has been taken into consideration when the laws were adopted.

We truly appreciate the difference in the handling of issues, under his chairmanship, in comparison to past boards.

We, the Egegik Tribal Council, again wish to appeal to you in considering Dr. John White for reappointment as a member of the board.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Myra J. Olsen

Myra J. Olsen, President
Egegik Village Council

BOARD OF FISHERIES
MAR 11 1998

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Eric Williamson
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To the Members of the House Resources Committee,

I am a registered guide, lifelong hunter, and have served as an elected member of the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee for the past five years. I am appointed to serve on the Alaska Board of Game, and am up for confirmation by the Legislature. This letter will provide an introduction to you of my background and philosophy that I hope will be helpful to you.

I bring the perspective of a commercial user to the BOG, which has been absent in recent years. I recognize a monetary and cultural value to not only wildlife itself, but to intact habitat which is Alaska's treasure.

The struggle over wildlife policy and regulations from various user groups over the years has muddled the core issue: conservation of wildlife populations. The Board system provides excellent opportunities for participation by local fish and game advisory committees, organizations and concerned public. I am disturbed by the attempts to bypass or weaken this proven method for conserving wildlife and managing users. The Board's strength is its accessibility for public, agency and scientific input.

Serving 3 terms on the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee has allowed me to understand issues important to various interest groups. Coupled with my tenure on the Board of the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association, I have learned to listen to public and agency information to make appropriate decisions as a group.

I sat on the Board of Game at the Spring meeting in Fairbanks, March 21-31, 1998. I feel good about my knowledge of the subjects discussed and contributions to the process.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding my confirmation at my home number of 345-7678. I would feel honored to continue serving on the Alaska Board of Game for the conservation and development of Alaska's game resources and hope that you can support my appointment.



Eric Williamson
Registered Guide

Author: dstiles@kawerak.org (Don Stiles) at CC2MHS1

Date: 4/15/98 11:00 AM

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TO: Representative Bill Hudson at LAA_CAP

Subject: BOFisheries

Dear Bill,

I writing to you on behalf of Kawerak Inc. in Nome, Kawerak represents the 16 communities of the Bering Straits region.

Kawerak is endorsing the confirmation and reappointment of Dr. John White to the Board of Fisheries.

John is dedicated to making the state fisheries work for everyone and has allowed the stakeholders a voice in the process. His leadership is needed to continue the progress that was started with his first appointment.

Sincerely

Don Stiles
Fisheries Specialist
Kawerak Inc.



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April 27, 1998

The Honorable Bill Hudson
Co-Chairman, House Resources Committee
State Capitol
MS 3101, Room 108
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Sent via facsimile to 907-465-2273

Dear Representative Hudson:

The Board of Directors of Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) would like to give their strong support to the confirmation of Mary McDowell as Commissioner of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission. Ms. McDowell's work in the Governor's office was excellent and very thorough. We have no doubt she will put to use the same skills and dedication as commissioner for the CFEC.

CDFU heartily recommends Mary McDowell for this position. After reviewing her many qualifications, you will surely be in agreement.

Sincerely,

CORDOVA DISTRICT FISHERMEN UNITED

Cheri Shaw, Executive Director

cc: Mary McDowell



YUKON RIVER DRAINAGE FISHERIES ASSOCIATION

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April 16, 1998

via fax to each individual member

To: Members of the House Resources Committee
Representative Ogan
Representative Hudson
Representative Masek
Representative Barnes
Representative Dyson
Representative Green
Representative Williams
Representative Nicholia
Representative Joule

From: Dan Senecal-Albrecht, Executive Director (1-800-328-9437) for
Gilbert Huntington, Galena, Upper Yukon co-chair
Harry Wilde, Sr., Mountain Village, Lower Yukon co-chair

We are writing to inform you of our Association's strong support for the reappointment of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Dr. White has proven to be one of the most valuable members of the Board and as a chair he is working with the other Board members to make it one of the most responsive and creative Boards as well.

He runs the meetings in an efficient and orderly manner and has greatly increased the level and depth of public involvement by instituting a system of public committees after the general testimony by the public and the advisory committees is done. This committee process has enabled different resource users to sit down together and find a workable consensus on many difficult fisheries issues. The committee process also helps the Board members themselves to get better educated on a particular proposal.

Users throughout the state now feel that it is very worthwhile to attend and participate in a Board of Fisheries meeting because the opportunity for public input is much more than one's five minutes in front of the microphone. The Board of Fisheries now tries to get the users themselves to agree on a solution rather than the Board dictating to them.

To the Attention of
Representative Austerman

Gail Phillips
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Gail

APR 07 1998

These notes are to follow up on a phone call to your office on April 2nd 1998

This is to inform you of our opposition to the confirmation of John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. White has shown in his prior term a complete lack of regard for the Board of Fish process and the complete disregard of the public and Advisory Committee participation in the process.

Mr. White has developed a new system of his own that he says is the way he will continue to operate in the future which leaves the public and all of the Advisory Committee work to be lost in his new process.

Mr. White says that all proposals must pass through another layer of committee at the Board of Fish meetings leaving all who cannot attend (due to any number of reasons) unable to participate in what is supposed to be a public process.

Mr. White also has told Advisory Committees and the public that they must be in a position and ready to negotiate rather than give testimony based on their committees findings at prior public meetings.

Since Mr. White in his wisdom of this new process will also have many meetings of his self appointed committees on all of the issues before the board going on simultaneously it will be impossible to attend all of the meetings and hear all of the staff reports and give meaningful comments to the sub committees.

Since no voice recording plan has been put into place for Mr. Whites new process it will fall upon the sub committee and or one or two board members to make whatever decision it may deem appropriate and report its findings to the full board for it rubber stamp.

The Kenai Soldotna Advisory Committee does not think it is proper for Mr. White to reinvent the process that was put in place many years ago and even though it may be cumbersome it has worked very well over time.

The latest scam pulled by Mr. White about not having the Board meeting in Soldotna due to security problems is totally un called for and just shows the true colors of this Board of Fish and its lack of regard for the public and the public process.

Even though we have made then back down from that decision what does it mean when we are now faced with a split board meeting

Does the Mat-Su portion of the meeting come first or last?

Do we have to travel to the Mat-Su to give Advisory committee testimony?

Where do the Sub Committees come from under Mr. Whites new plan and where are the sub committee meetings going to be held?

Where does the Board deliberate on proposals?

Mr. White and other Board members mention something about needing a level playing field to conduct business that probably affects the Kenai Peninsula and its residents more than any other group and they don't want participation from the group that their decisions will affect the most.

It is time to say no to an out of control Board of Fish and its out of control Chairman Mr White

Edward N. Krohn



Chairman Kenai / Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee

David R. Martin
HC-2 Box 860
Clam Gulch, Ak. 99568
April 3, 1998

Alaska Legislator
Juneau, Alaska

Allan Auster

Dear *Representative Allan Auster*

APR 07 1998

Tony Knowles has reappoint John White for three more years on the Board of Fish. I would strongly recommend that the legislature DO NOT confirm Dr. White's reappointment. The local fish and Game Advisory Committee and public process and trust in the BOF system has been greatly eroded under Dr. White's chairmanship. I do not believe there will be any credibility to the BOF process if we continue in the way Dr. White has been proceeding with his dictatorship manner.

I am the chairman of the Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee in Ninilchik, but this letter is my own although many Board members and the public share my concerns and recommendation. Even Department of Fish and Game personnel have told me privately, they do not want Dr. White reappointed.

I have been involved in the Advisory Committee and BOF process for 23 years and chair an the last 5 years and believe in and am trying to uphold and strengthen this process.

Under Dr. White's tenure and chairmanship, on the BOF, we in Cook Inlet last year, which was an out of cycle year for Cook Inlet, attended four meetings trying to stop implementation of Board of Fish generated allocation proposals that the BOF was not even going to allow oral public testimony on. This was a total disregard and slap in the face for the Advisory Committees, the public and was stepping way over bounds in an abuse of the BOF's power.

Dr. White has continually told the Department of Fish and Game that he doesn't believe their professional scientific and biological data on the salmon resource management, habitat protection, escapement goals and biological escapement goals. Many times he has supported regulation that is in opposition to this data and the Department's recommendations and therefor against the biological management that will result in less than maximum sustained yields. This is not being a responsible steward of the resource for the people.

Under his chairmanship the Board has awarded unprecedented numbers of Agenda Change Request that are strictly allocation. Under the Boards own criteria an agenda change request should only be awarded if there is a conservation concern never awarded for allocation. That is what the three years cycle is for. Yet he has awarded these agenda change request even though the Department of F&G says there is no conservation concerns. This practice nullifies the three year Board cycle for the area. The three year cycle was established to bring stability to the fisheries and decrease the burden on the Advisory Committees, the local public, the Department and the BOF.

Dr. White's latest maneuver is to appoint subcommittees at the BOF meeting to work on each and every proposal and then give their recommendation to the full Board. This new maneuver will displace the Advisory Committee reports and the public testimony input along with staff reports. The subcommittee members are appointed by the Chairman and are only from the pool of people that are able to spend weeks attending the meetings. Subcommittees are fine if used, as they have been used in the past, on a contentious issue. This new subcommittee process will totally erode the Advisory Committee and public involvement and trust. The Advisory Committees are already the subcommittees of the Board and with representation from the local public of the area, they address each and every proposal usually taking 5 or 6 meetings to do so.

Dr. White's extremely fast push to develop a Sustainable fisheries management policy without the involvement of the Department of Fish and Game, the Advisory Committees and public input is yet another example of his dictatorship approach. Another example is the smokescreen to exclude the local public in participating in the next Cook Inlet meeting by saying they couldn't hold the meeting in the Kenai / Soldotna area because of security reasons. Let's get real!

These are only a few examples to support my request that you DO NOT confirm Dr. White to another three year term on the BOF.

This is no way to manage Alaska fisheries. These unprecedented deviations from the BOF process will erode the process itself, the Department, and the resource. We cannot let this happen.

There are other capable people in Alaska to occupy this seat who will promote and uphold the Advisory Committee, public and BOF process and who will maintain and strengthen the public trust and involvement in this process. They also will make damn sure are fisheries resources are managed biologically, not politically, so as to continue this abundant resource for future generations. We only have one chance, we don't want to end up like the lower 48 with little or no salmon.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The ball is in the Legislator's court. Please score for the public process and the resource.

Sincerely,



David R. Martin

cc. Representative Gary Davis
Representative Mark Hodgins
Representative Gail Phillips
Representative Allan Austerman
Senator John Torgerson
Senator Jerry Ward



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

April 7, 1998

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Representative Alan Austerman
Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99801

APR 07 1998

Dear Representative Austerman:

We are writing in regard to the reappointment of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

United Fishermen of Alaska represents over twenty commercial fishing organizations throughout the state. Our group represents the diversity of Alaska's fishing industry, and when brought together, it creates informed meaningful discussion and brings forth a wide range of views. Given the complexity of many fisheries issues, this is a vital element for good decision making.

We believe this element is missing from the current Board of Fisheries and our industry is suffering in its absence. The policies and policy direction established by the Board are crucial to our future. The lack of experience and understanding this Board possesses with regard to salt water commercial fisheries is truly alarming. The willingness of this Board to pursue policy objectives, with broad implications and without a thorough open public process, is also a source of great concern.

We have seen an erosion of public support for the Board of Fisheries. Commercial fishermen throughout the state have lost confidence in the ability of this Board to render balanced decisions and lead a balanced discussion on major statewide policy issues. For example, the manner in which the sustainable fisheries project has been handled and the debate surrounding the role of the Board in setting hatchery production levels. UFA believes it is extremely important to bring about a balance of experience and knowledge to the Board of Fisheries.

Toward that end, by a unanimous vote of those present, the UFA Board voted to not endorse reappointment of Dr. John White. The perspective Dr. White brings to the Board is more than adequately covered by existing

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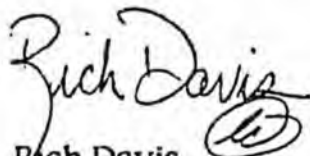
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members. This Board clearly needs the input that someone more familiar with marine fisheries could provide.

The UFA Board stands ready to work with the Governor's office and the Legislature to bring forward for your consideration, a list of candidates, which will be an asset to the State and to the Board of Fisheries process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Rich Davis

President-elect and Chair, Board of Fisheries Committee
United Fishermen of Alaska



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COOK INLET SPORTFISHING CAUCUS
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March 13, 1998

Governor Tony Knowles
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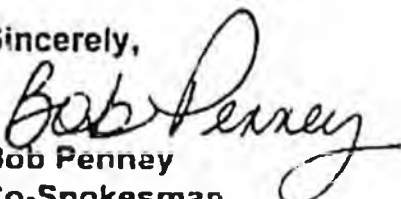
Dear Governor,

Please accept this letter as an enthusiastic endorsement for the reappointment of Doctor John White to the Board of Fisheries. We believe history will prove that Dr. White will be the best Chairman that Board has ever had. He hasn't just looked at today's issues, but also has looked at our long range needs. His plan for Sustainable Fisheries Management is a needed blueprint to protect stocks for future generations of Alaskans. It is far reaching and farsighted in its scope, as well as brilliantly designed.

We are also quite excited that Russell Nelson of Dillingham has agreed to commit a large portion of his time to serving on this Board. He appears to us to be very knowledgeable and will serve all parts of the state fairly. He will be a great Board member. We endorse his appointment.

With these two appointments we believe Alaska would have the strongest and most competent Fish Board in recent history. We promise to work diligently for their confirmation if they are appointed and will encourage other like organizations to do the same.

Sincerely,



Bob Penney
Co-Spokesman


Phil Cutler
Co-Spokesman


Bruce Knowles
Co-Spokesman

cc: All Legislators

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March 25, 1998

Honorable Representative Bill Hudson
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 108
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Dear Representative Hudson:

The Board of Directors of the Kenai River Sportfishing Association supports the confirmation of Dr. John White, of Bethel, and Russell Nelson, of Dillingham, to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

As the chairman of the board, Dr. White is establishing the groundwork through the sustainable fisheries project to ensure Alaska's salmon resources are managed in a manner that will provide sustainable salmon returns for generations to come. His dedication to this process is unfaltering. It is a project that will benefit not only the resource but also all users, whether they are subsistence, sport, personal use or commercial. Dr. White's grasp of fisheries issues and the ramifications those issues have upon the spawning grounds is unsurpassed. The knowledge of this symbiotic relationship has earned him the respect of fisheries scientists and lay fishermen.

Yet, the sustainable fisheries project is far from finished. A second term on the board will allow Dr. White to bring to fruition this most worthwhile effort.

We also support Dillingham resident Russell Nelson for the Board of Fisheries. As you know, there is nowhere in the world like Bristol Bay for harvesting sockeye salmon. On average, the tributaries of the Bay produce the largest returns of sockeye in the world. Because of this unique status, every governor since Jay Hammond in 1974 has placed a representative from the Bay on the Board of Fisheries. Russell Nelson will continue this rich tradition.

A former Bristol Bay commercial drift fisherman for 15 years and former herring and salmon spotter pilot, Mr. Nelson is currently the land manager for Choggiung Limited in Dillingham. In that position, he is exposed to the importance of sport fishing opportunity.

He is a man of integrity and has the respect of those in the Bay and in the Native community, as shown by the letters of support he has garnered. They include, among others, the Bristol Bay Native Corporation, the Bristol Bay Native Association, the Bristol Bay Sportfishing Association, the Association of Village Council Presidents, Kawerak, Inc., the Lake and Peninsula Borough and his employer Choggiung Limited.

Mr. Nelson is an avid supporter of the sustainable fisheries project. He is committed toward working with his board colleagues in developing a project that will preserve the state's salmon resources for his children and their grandchildren.

You could not find more qualified appointees, with the breath of support, as that of Dr. John White and Mr. Russell Nelson. We urge you to confirm them to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Ben Ellis
Executive Director
Kenai River Sportfishing Association

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**Testimony to the
House Fisheries Committee
April 8, 1998
By Ron Rainey
Kenai River Sportfishing Association**

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Representative Austerman, members of the House Fisheries Committee, I am Ron Rainey and I am speaking as a member of the Board of Directors for the Kenai River Sportfishing Association. We support the confirmation of Dr. John White and Russell Nelson to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

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April 28, 1998

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Representative Bill Hudson, Co-Chair
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State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Subject: UCIDA support for the confirmation of Ms. Mary McDowell to CFEC

Dear Representative Hudson and Representative Ogan:

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 salmon drift permit holders in Upper Cook Inlet. Some 350 permit holders are current members of our association. UCIDA is also active at the state and federal levels as a member of the Executive Committee of United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA).

UCIDA supports the confirmation of Ms. Mary McDowell to the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). Ms. McDowell has an extensive background and understanding of the local and statewide "mechanics" of the commercial fishing industry. This background will allow her to fairly and expeditiously deal with issues involving individual permit holders and to implement the policies adopted by the legislature.

UCIDA's dealings with Ms. McDowell go back to her longtime standing as an aide to Senator Dick Eliason (R-Sitka). Over the years we have known her to be prompt and thorough in her response to all inquires. We are confident that Ms. McDowell will serve the state well with CFEC and encourage you to support her confirmation.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment. If you have any questions regarding our support for Ms. McDowell, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907)283-3600.

Sincerely,

Phil Squifes
Phil Squifes
President

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cc: Representative Gary Davis
Representative Gail Phillips
Representative Mark Hodgins
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Senator Jerry Ward



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Representative Alan Austerman, Chair
House Fisheries Committee
State Capitol, Room 434
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Subject: Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF)

Dear Representative Austerman:

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 salmon drift permit holders in Upper Cook Inlet. Some 350 permit holders are current members of our association. UCIDA is also active at the state and federal levels as a member of the Executive Committee of United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA).

UCIDA supports the confirmation of Mr. Russell Nelson and opposes the confirmation of Dr. John White for the Board of Fisheries (BOF).

UCIDA recognizes the salmon fishery in Bristol Bay as the world's largest producer of sockeye salmon. In addition, we note that the fishery involves thousands of fishermen and the management is highly complex. Accordingly, we feel that it is appropriate for someone familiar with the fishery, local communities and local issues be appointed to the BOF.

Mr. Nelson's varied background as a land manager, herring and salmon spotter, engineer of a large vessel and past drift fishermen will hopefully serve him well as a BOF member.

UCIDA opposition to Dr. White's confirmation is based on two factors.

- 1) The BOF needs a better "balance" both in terms of regional and user-groups expertise. Efforts by many organizations to convince Governor Knowles to seek a better "balance" on the BOF have clearly not produced that result.

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If both Mr. Russell and Dr. White are confirmed the "balance" on the BOF would have:

- Six of seven board members involved with sport, terminal or in-river fisheries,
 - Six of seven board members involved with fisheries from Anchorage north, and
 - Only one of seven board members with extensive experience as a fishermen in non-salmon commercial marine fisheries.
- 2) Dr. Whites sense of "public process" has been very controversial. This result is perhaps inevitable when a board is not comprised of individuals with widely varying backgrounds and experience in Alaska's complex fisheries.


Issues that have produced the most controversy among the public and advisory committees in our area include:

- Out of cycle board generated allocation proposals targeting Cook Inlet's commercial fisheries,
- Board generated allocation proposals asking the public to submit proposals to limit harvest by non-resident anglers,
- A fast track "Sustainable Fisheries Project" employing controversial contractors, and
- Recent actions by the BOF to remove a scheduled Cook Inlet hearing from the Kenai/Soldotna area based on perceived "safety" concerns.

In conclusion, UCIDA appreciated the willingness of Dr. White to continue to serve on the BOF. However, it is our conclusion that a better "balance" of regional and user-group expertise on the BOF is needed.

UCIDA appreciates this opportunity to comment and requests that you distribute our comments to committee members.

Sincerely,


Phil Squires
President

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The Honorable Alan Austerman
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Sent via facsimile to : (907) 465-4956

Dear Representative Austerman:

Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) would like to comment on the upcoming confirmation hearings for reappointment of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF). CDFU requests Dr. White not be confirmed by the legislature to this seat for the reasons that follow:

Out of Cycle Determinations

As chairman of the Board of Fisheries for the last year, Dr. White has accepted agenda change requests that did not fall into the guidelines set out for the BOF to follow. The Prince William Sound/Copper River District completed their board cycle in December of 1996. Since that time, the BOF allowed discussion of numerous agenda items which were relative to our district. CDFU, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and concerned resource users have had to travel extensively to track and testify on these issues. It is not in the best interest of anyone, budget constraints as they are, to be forced to respond to proposals out of cycle.

The Sustainable Fisheries Project

The Sustainable Fisheries Project initiated by Dr. White was an enormous undertaking that was put on a fast track without sufficient thought and consideration. Changing the management of Alaskan fisheries by use of a simplistic point system is frankly, not good science. The lack of local knowledge contained in the project and the incomplete overview of the history of the salmon fisheries is unacceptable when creating this new management style.

Imbalance of Boardmembers

There is a clear imbalance on the BOF. Only one boardmember has significant non-salmon commercial fishing experience. Another important element is the lack of a true statewide representation. One member is from Southeast Alaska with the remaining residing in the Kenai Peninsula and north. No check and balance exists for impartial application of allocation.

Hatchery Production Levels

Dr. White took the BOF into the hatchery production level arena where there is already a mechanism in place to set levels via the Regional Planning Team. There seems to be no bounds for the BOF under his leadership. Dr. White has no compunction about going beyond the scope and intent of the BOF.

CDFU Comments Re: Dr. John White BOF Reappointment

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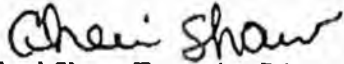
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The BOF is huge commitment for anyone to make. We respect Dr. White for his eagerness to remain a board member. However, CDFU feels it is in the best interest of the appointment process to provide a fair balance.

Please give weight to the above comments when considering the confirmation of Dr. John White to the BOF. Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

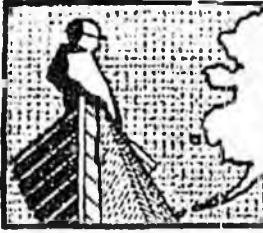
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Representative Alan Austerman
Chairman, Alaska House Fisheries Committee
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Juneau, Alaska 99801-11822

Re: Reappointment of Dr. John White to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Austerman:

We heartily endorse Dr. White for reappointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. During his tenure he has worked diligently to keep the Board headed in the direction of rational management and fair allocation of the fisheries resources of this state. And as chairman of the Board he has initiated a "committee" system that also brings a modicum of sweet reason and overall involvement in the allocation hurly-burly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and if you have any questions please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jude Henzler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jude Henzler
Executive Director

cc: Senate House Fisheries Committee Members
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Dr. John White



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April 29, 1998

Representative Bill Hudson, Co-Chair
Representative Scott Ogan, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representatives Hudson and Ogan:

The Alaska Outdoor Council Board of Directors in their April 27, 1998 meeting approved the following recommendations regarding confirmation of appointees to the Alaska Boards of Fisheries and Game:

Board of Game: We recommend confirmation of Robert Churchill and Walter Sampson. We make no recommendation on confirmation of Eric Williamson.

Board of Fisheries: We recommend confirmation of Dr. John White and of Russell Nelson.

Thank you for considering our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Dick Bishop

Vice President



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the B. O. F.
committee name

committee on Re-appointment to B.O.F., dated 4/28/98
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I am very much opposed to the re-appointment of Dr. John Zurites. In February 1998 he told coastal communities they need to choose between commercial fishermen and sports fishermen. It is a slap in the face to Kenai & Soldotna area, B.O.F. concerns for personal safety. He also acts within technical "confines" of the law forcing the public to react at great expense, which leaves the public to react without real knowledge. He also wants Advisor committees representatives to be "slayer's" in committee ^{process} ~~process~~. This will undermine any "Balance" decision A/C's make on allocative issues.

Signed:

Jenna L. Johnson
Testifier

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COMMITTEE NAME

COMMITTEE ON Dr. White DATED 4-28-98
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The Chitina Dipnetter's Association strongly supports the reappointment of Dr. White to the board of Fisheries. We like the way he runs the Board of Fisheries and we approve of the committees he forms of the users groups when there is a conflict between users. It allows ~~the~~ ^{the} groups to better understand each others views and to maybe come to a agreement that ~~the board~~ helps the Board to make a decision on the problem.

SIGNED Byron W Haley Pres.
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