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I am writing this letter to voice my opposition to the appointment of Brett Huber to the Alaska Board of Fish.

Like many other Alaskans that live on the Kenai Peninsula I am fearful of the beliefs that will be broadcast into our commercial, sport, and subsistence type fisheries if Mr. Huber is appointed to the Board of Fish. The beliefs include removing the opportunity of local residents to harvest fish in many areas such as the Kenai River in favor of the guided sport industry. The Kenai River that many people use to be able to use as a place to fish to catch fish to sell, eat, or just enjoy is no longer available to us. This is because of all the regulations and restrictions that favor guides and sport anglers over local commercial, subsistence types, and sport fishing.

In the most recent situations that resulted in changes at the Kenai River Mr. Huber has been involved and is clearly an advocate of one group. I ask you as a person trusted by residents of Alaska, how can you appoint such a person with such beliefs. The Board of Fish is suppose to be fair and objective.

I have heard and confirmed from people that work at the Kenai River Sport Fishing Association and Mr. Huber himself that he has attended as many Board meetings as possible. At these meetings he represents one group. He is also on record trying to sway the Board of Fisheries as well as anyone who will listen to preserve the guide industry over other types of fishing. Also to make sure that it can grow or at least remain the same size. More, more and more is not always good.

Mr. Huber is also tied closely with influential public people such as administrators, legislators, and biologists. Which is not what we need in fisheries because it prevents proper decision making and speaks to special interests. Retired biologists signed petitions and have told many people that because of this influence the Fish and Game Department changes studies and only gives money to projects certain to advance the causes the Kenai Sport Fishing Association.

I have discussed the situation with many people and all agree that Mr. Huber has done some good things however so have many, many other people. Also Mr. Huber is likely better-off where he is now.

Brett Huber should not be appointed to the Board of Fisheries because I believe he can not deal with all regulations before the Board of Fish at a meeting fairly because of a narrow focus in view point.

I am confident that you will find a more suitable alternate candidate. God bless you and may you find contentment in all the difficult decisions you make as a public servant.



Alaska State Legislature

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

Committee on Board of Fisheries Confirmation, dated May 1, 2002
bill # / subject

*I am in favor of Bret Hubner
compensation to the board of fish.
I can't think of anyone more qualified
for the job.*

Signed: *Andy Izyurov*
Testifier

Representing (optional)

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ART NELSON BIO

Arthur N. Nelson

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Objective

Appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Work experience

At-sea Processors Association

October 1999 to present

Anchorage, Alaska

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

Bering Sea Fishermen's Association

March 1996 to October 1999

Anchorage, Alaska

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

Kawerak, Incorporated

March 1994 to March 1996

Nome, Alaska

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

F/V Gunvor

May-August 1993

Elfin Cove, Alaska

Crewmember. Salmon trolling and halibut longlining in Southeast Alaska.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

May-July 1990

Cordova, Alaska

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

Veco, Incorporated

June-August 1989

Prince William Sound, Alaska

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

F/V Orca and F/V Lady Dianne

May-August (many years)

Cordova, Alaska

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

E d u c a t i o n

Dimond High School, Graduated 1987

University of Alaska, Fairbanks

Fairbanks, Alaska

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

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

Seafood Industry Human Resources Consortium, *Co-chair*

January 2001-present

Seafood Advisory Committee, *Advisor At-Large*

November 2000-present

United Fishermen of Alaska, *Alternate Board Member*

October 2000-present

Nome Chum Salmon Working Group, *Facilitator*

December – March 1999

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

July 1995 – March 1996

ART NELSON CONFIRM



United Cook Inlet Drift Association

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April 15, 2002

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

RE: Board of Fisheries Confirmation

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

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

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

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

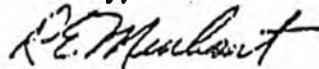
Recently, some one hundred fifty residents of the Kenai Peninsula publicly (Peninsula Clarion, 4/14/02) disassociated themselves from the goals put forth by Kenai River Sport Fishing Association, which are the goals of their Executive Director, Brett Huber. The majority of those objecting are not commercial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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Bob Merchant
President, UCIDA



North Pacific Fisheries Association, Inc.

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

4/17/2002

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

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

Sincerely,

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Donald R. Lane, President

Cordova District Fishermen United

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

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April 28, 2002

House Resources Committee
Alaska Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3101)
Juneau, AK 99801-1192

SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 907.465.3472

RE: Board of Fisheries Confirmation

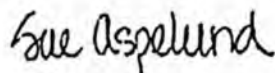
Dear Members,

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Sue Aspelund
Executive Director

GERRY MERRIGAN BIO

Gerry Merrigan

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Petersburg, Alaska 99833

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Fisheries Policy Experience

- 1.) Policy Analyst: Prowler Fisheries, Petersburg AK. May 2001 to present.
 - Consultant on NPFMC groundfish management issues for a Bering Sea freezer-longline company. Member, NPFMC IFQ Implementation Team.
- 2.) Director: Petersburg Vessel Owners Association, Petersburg AK. April 1998 to May 2001. PVOA is an advocacy group for commercial fishermen that promotes rational management and conservation of fisheries resources.
 - Sole employee of 60 member fisheries association. Duties included representation at fisheries meeting as well as organizational and office duties such as membership, newsletters, bookkeeping, scholarship fund, community service projects, and media communications.
 - Represented PVOA at the NPFMC and BOF, as well as legislative bodies (Petersburg City Council, Alaska Legislature, U.S. Congress) and other fisheries and resource forums (DOT/SATP, USFS, NPS etc.).
 - Represented PVOA members in the following fisheries: SE salmon (troll, gillnet, seine), Bristol Bay salmon and herring (gillnet), SE herring (seine, gillnet, and pound), SE crab (Dungeness, Tanner, brown/red/blue king), Bering Sea crab (red king, opilio, hair), BSAI p-cod (longline), GOA p-cod (pot, longline, and trawl), IFQ longline (halibut and sablefish), and statewater longline (sablefish/rockfish/groundfish).
 - Participated in the formation of two industry/agency work groups: the SE King/Tanner Task Force, and the SE Dungeness Task Force. Served as interim chairman of the King/Tanner Task Force.
- 3.) Alaska Northern Panel Member, Chinook Work Group Member, Stakeholder. U.S. Section, US/Canada Pacific Salmon Commission, Pacific Salmon Treaty, 1992 to 1997.

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

Commercial Fishing Experience

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

Other Related Experience

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

Education

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

References

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

GERRY MERRIGAN CONFIRM




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March 26, 2002

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

Dear Governor Knowles:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Barry Vest

Barry Vest
1st Vice President, UCIDA

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

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

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

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

Subject: [Fwd: BOARD OF FISH Appointments]

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

From: stardust1@gci.net

To: ATA <ata@gci.net>

Subject: BOARD OF FISH Appointments

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

From: stardust1@gci.net

To: Governor <office_of_the_governor@gov.state.ak.us>,
"Lt. Governor" <Fran_Ulmer@Gov.state.ak.us>

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

Dear Governor Knowles and Lt. Governor Ulmer:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Donald R. Lane, President

Subject: Re: Board of Fish Confirmation

Date: Sun, 28 Apr 2002 20:56:43 -0700

From: "Charlette Carroll" <carroll@ctcak.net>

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

To House Resources Committee:

Representative Drew Scalzi:

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

Sincerely,

Virgil L Carroll Commercial Fisherman
Charlette J Carroll

Subject: BOF Confirmations

Date: Mon, 29 Apr 2002 06:02:21 -0800

From: "Dennis Zadra" <dzadinak@ctcak.net>

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

Dear Sirs,

My name is Dennis Zadra, and I am a commercial fisherman out of Cordova. I have been involved in the fishing business since 1989, and have been direct marketing my own fish since 1996. I have seen the steady decline of the fisherman's ability to make a living, and much of this is related to the politics of the industry. Without going into details, I would like to voice my support for Gerry Merrigan and Art Nelson to be appointed to the BOF. They will both provide much need balance to the Board. Additionally, I do not believe that the confirmation of Brett Huber would be in the best interests of the majority of the people of the State of Alaska.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Dennis Zadra

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Charlette J Carroll

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RE: Board of Fisheries Confirmation

Dear Members,

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

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

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

Respectfully,

Sue Aspelund

Sue Aspelund
Executive Director

BRETT HUBER BIO

BRETT W. HUBER

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QUALIFICATIONS

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING

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

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

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

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

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

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

BRETT HUBER CONFIRM



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April 19, 2002

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

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

Dear Senator Halford and Representative Porter:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Jerry Burnett, President

Carl Rosier, Chair, Fisheries Committee

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

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[Fwd:]

Subject: [Fwd:]

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

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

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

Subject:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dave and Betty Lowery, AK Registered Voters

Do You Yahoo!?

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

Kenai . '

Subject: Kenai

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

From: MikeW84858@aol.com

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

Legislators,

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

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

Mike Weinstein
1945 SW 71st
Portland, Oregon, 97225

e-mail--MikeW84858@aol.com

CONFIRM BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

Subject: CONFIRM BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

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

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

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

Dear elected official of the People,

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

Joe & Billie Hardy
PO Box 3391
34120 Carolyn Ln
Soldotna, Ak 99669

DO CONFIRM BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

Subject: DO CONFIRM BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

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

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

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

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

Craig Gittings
Fremont, CA

CONFIRM, BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

Subject: CONFIRM BRETT HUBER FOR BOF

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

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

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

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[Fwd: [Fwd: Huber Confirmation]]

Subject: [Fwd: [Fwd: Huber Confirmation]]

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

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

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

‡ Helen Donahue <Helen_Donahue@Legis.state.ak.us>

Subject: [Fwd: Huber Confirmation]

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

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

Organization: Alaska State Legislature

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

Subject: Huber Confirmation

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

From: KLes630543@aol.com

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

Dear Legislator,

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

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

[Fwd: Huber]

Subject: [Fwd: Huber]

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

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

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

Subject: Huber

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

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

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

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

Bill White,
Sterling

Subject: RE: Confirmation hearings for Board of Fisheries

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

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

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

Ken

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

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

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

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

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

Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us;

Senator_Loren_Leman@legis.state.ak.us;

Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us;

Representative_Con_Bunde@legis.state.ak.us;

Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us;

Representative_Mike_Chenault@legis.state.ak.us;

Representative_Ken_Lancaster@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: Confirmation hearings for Board of Fisheries

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

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

Thank you, Irv Carlisle

Subject: Brett Huber Support

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

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

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

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Dan Mortenson

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

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

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

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

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

Subject: Brett Huber's Appointment to the BOF

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

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

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

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

Please work for his conformation.

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

[Fwd:]

Subject: [Fwd:]

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

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

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

Subject:

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Joe Connors, (907) 262-9496

[Fwd: Board of Fisheries Confirmation]

Subject: [Fwd: Board of Fisheries Confirmation]

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

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

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

Subject: Board of Fisheries Confirmation

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

From: Bruce Knowles <bigfish@matnet.com>

To: Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Representative Scalzi,

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

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

Bruce Knowles
907-745-4965

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

From: Agil4u2fish@aol.com

To: Representative_Beverly_Masek@legis.state.ak.us

CC: Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us

Subject: Brett Huber's Board of Fish Nomination

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

From: Agil4u2fish@aol.com

To: representative_beth_kerttula@legis.state.ak.us

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

[Fwd: BOF Nominee]

Subject: [Fwd: BOF Nominee]

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

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

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

Subject: BOF Nominee

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

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

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

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

Thank You,

Tim Evers

907-567-3631

Fishward Bound Adventures/Deep Creek Sport Shop/Big Valley Cabins

tnjevers@alaska.com

<http://www.skybusiness.com/fishwardbound>

Tim Evers <tnjevers@alaska.com>

owner/operator

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

[Fwd: Fish Board]

Subject: [Fwd: Fish Board]

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

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

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

Subject: Fish Board

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

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

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

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

Sincerely, Don A. McKay

"Senator_Robin_Taylor" <Senator_Robin_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator_Ben_Stevens" <Senator_Ben_Stevens@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator_Randy_Phillips" <Senator_Randy_Phillips@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator_Donny_Olson" <Senator_Donny_Olson@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator_Loren_Leman" <Senator_Loren_Leman@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Pete Kelly" <Senator_Pete_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Lincoln" <Senator_Georgianna_Lincoln@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator_Lyman_Hoffman" <Senator_Lyman_Hoffman@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Rick Halford" <Senator_Rick_Halford@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Lyda Green" <Senator_Lyda_Green@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Kim Elton" <Senator_Kim_Elton@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Donley" <Senator_Dave_Donley@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Davis" <Senator_Bettye_Davis@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Cowdery" <Senator_John_Cowdery@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator Austerman" <Senator_Alán_Austerman@legis.state.ak.us>, >,
"Representative Scalzi" <Representative_Drew_Scalzi@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Senator John Torgerson" <Senator_John_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Senator or Representative,

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

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

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

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

Respectfully,
Reuben G. Hanke
Harry Gaines Kenai River Fishing

[Fwd: Brett Huber Support]

Subject: [Fwd: Brett Huber Support]

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

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

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

Subject: Brett Huber Support

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

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

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

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

Dan Mortenson

Subject: Brett Huber Support

Date: Fri, 26 Apr 2002 19:36:08 -0800

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

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

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

Dan Mortenson

I am writing to express my unqualified support for legislative approval of Brett Huber to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. My first contact with Brett was when I served on the Board of Fisheries. At that time he contacted me in his capacity as Legislative Aide to two legislators, both to give me their viewpoints on several fishery issues and to obtain information in regard to my opinions or recommendations on them and related issues. I was very impressed with his interest and depth of knowledge of current fishery issues as well as related matters, such as forest practices and their impact upon habitat and ecosystem imperatives. He was the first person I found who had read and showed real familiarity with The Natural Resources Council's landmark study and report on Pacific Salmon, "Upstream", and showed an understanding of its findings, recommendations and their implications for Alaska.

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

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

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Sincerely yours,

Dick H. Bower

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS V. ESTALLA, M.D.
1720 SUMNER AVE
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Subject: Confirmation of Brett Huber to the Alaska Board of Fisheries

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

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

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

Dear Representative,

I am writing to express my unqualified support for Legislative approval of Brett Huber to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. My first contact with Brett was when I served on the Board of Fisheries. At that time he contacted me in his capacity as Legislative Aide to two legislators, both to give me their viewpoints on several fishery issues and to obtain information in regard to my opinions or recommendations on these and related issues. I was very impressed with his interest and depth of knowledge of current fishery issues as well as related matters, such as forest practices and their impact upon habitat and ecosystem imperatives. He was the first person I found who had read and showed real familiarity with the Natural Resource Council's landmark study and report on Pacific Salmon, "Upstream", and showed an understanding of its findings, recommendations and their implications for Alaska.

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10/14/2003

Date

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5/03/02

April 5, 2002

The Honorable Drew Scalzi, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Scalzi:

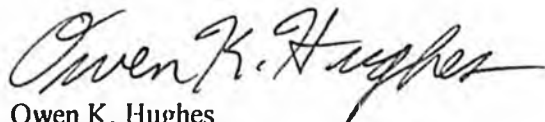
This letter is to express my conviction that the Board of Game has been strengthened by the presence of George Matz. I urge you to confirm his position on the Board.

Mr. Matz provides a very necessary balance to the Board with his support not only of hunting and trapping, but also of wildlife viewing. From my position on the Anchorage Waterfowl Working Group I have seen his consistent goal of finding agreement among divergent attitudes about solutions of Anchorage's Canada goose problems. His goal of striving for consensus is a valuable asset to the Board of Game.

Mr. Matz has worked for years on studies of Kenai brown bears, furthering the public awareness and appreciation needed to maintain a sustained population of brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula. In 1998 he organized the Kenai Brown Bear Festival. Likewise, he has been active in loon conservation, organizing festivals and loon watches on the Anchorage bowl lakes.

His continued presence on the Board of Game will enhance its value. Thank you for your attention to my concern.

Sincerely,



Owen K. Hughes
17406 Adams Lane
Eagle River, AK 99577-7421

State of Alaska

Office of Boards and Commissions Roster

GAME (040)

Member	Date Appointed	Reappointed	Term Expires
Bruce H. Baker Public P.O. Box 211384 Auke Bay, AK 99821	02/19/2002		03/01/2005
Ben Grussendorf Public 1221 Halibut Point Road Sitka, AK 99835	01/31/2001		03/01/2004
Julie A. K. Maier Public University of Alaska Fairbanks Institute of Arctic Biology P.O. Box 757000 Fairbanks, AK 99775-7000	01/24/2001		03/01/2003
George Matz Public 14345 Cody Circle Anchorage, AK 99516	05/17/2001		03/01/2004
J. Dana Pruhs Public 2431 Wellington Court Anchorage, AK 99517	05/17/2001		03/01/2003
Caleb Pungowiyi Public P.O. Box 217 Kotzebue, AK 99752	02/19/2002		03/01/2005
Frank Rue Commissioner/Fish and Game Alaska Department of Fish and Game P.O. Box 25526 Juneau, AK 99802-5526	02/21/1995		
Michelle R. Sparck Public P.O. Box 267 Bethel, AK 99559	02/19/2002		03/01/2005

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EXPERIENCE

Pruhs Corporation – Owner / President

2193 Viking Drive, Anchorage AK 99501 (907) 279-1020
The company is involved in civil and telecommunication construction throughout Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.
Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Seattle.

Quality Sand and Gravel – Owner

1500 Tanya Court, Wasilla, AK 99687 (907) 746-5215
Commercial aggregate business serving South Central Alaska

Homer Air - Owner

2190 Kachemak Drive, Homer AK 99603 (907) 235-4767
Scheduled and charter air service for the Homer area.

Meridian Investments - Owner

2193 Viking Drive, Anchorage AK 99501
Commercial real estate business specializing in airport properties with holdings in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

EDUCATION

California Polytechnic State University (Cal-Poly) San Luis Obispo, CA
B.S. Transportation / Civil Engineering

Monroe High School - Fairbanks, AK

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation	1993 - 1996
Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association	1993 - Present
Keyes Point Property Owners Association	1996 - Present

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Life Long Alaskan
Hunting, Fishing, Flying, Retriever training and Retriever field trials

PRUHS

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George Matz
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Residence

- Residing for over 11 years at 14345 Cody Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99516.
- Have lived in Alaska for over 25 years, including 3 years in Fairbanks and 7 years in Juneau.

Family

- Married to Jeannie Woodring who was born and raised in Anchorage.
- No children.

Education

- Masters in Business Administration - Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts
- Bachelor of Science (biology and chemistry) - Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois
- Courses in computer sciences, natural history, and outdoor recreation - University of Alaska

Employment

- Currently, semi-retired with income supplemented the past few years by free lance writing, consulting and property in Fairbanks.
- Nearly 11 years experience with the State of Alaska, including the Office of Management and Budget (budget and policy analyst), the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (special assistant), the Legislature (legislative aide), and the Alaska Energy Authority (project analyst).
- Served as executive director of the Fairbanks Environmental Center for two years.
- Over 12 years experience in the sales and marketing of laboratory instrumentation and environmental services throughout North America. Worked as a sales engineer, product manager, and marketing manager.

Volunteer Participation in Alaska

- Involved in numerous natural resource collaborative processes
- Chairman, DEC's Water Quality Advisory Committee (1977-78);
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Pollution Control Commission (1978-79);
- Treasurer and Board of Directors, Glacier Highway Electric Association (1983-86);
- Field Trips Chair, Vice President, President, Anchorage Audubon Society (1988-present),
- Vice-President, Alaska Environmental Lobby (1992-1996);
- Alternate to Public Advisory Group for the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees (1993-1994),
- State/federal Forest Stewardship Council (1996-present);
- Board of Game Citizens Advisory Group on Denali Park Wolves (2000).
- Founder of Alaska Bear Festival, an annual forum that brings together hunters, scientists, wildlife viewers, guides and managers to promote conservation of Kenai Peninsula Brown Bears

Publications

- Numerous technical publications and reports and several magazine articles and photos on natural history topics. Also wrote for Alaska Geographic, *World Heritage Wilderness* (summer, 1999) and about half of *Exploring Alaska's Birds* (spring, 2001)..

MATZ

Caleb Pungowiyi
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PERSONAL HISTORY

Date & Place of Birth

November 28, 1941
Savoonga, Alaska

7/64-7/67 United States Army – Special Forces
Honorable discharge

EDUCATION

College	Sheldon Jackson Jr. College Sitka, Alaska 1961-1962
Technical Training	RCA School of Electronics Los Angeles, California 1962-1964
High School	Sheldon Jackson High School Sitka, Alaska 1957-1961

WORK HISTORY

1/17/00 to present **President**
Robert Aqqaluk Newlin, Sr. Memorial Trust
P.O. Box 509
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

Chief Executive and Operating Officer of the Trust. Responsible for design and successful implementation of Trust programs in accordance with the Trust's budget. Ensure that Trust's programs are in strict compliance with applicable laws, regulations, grant requirements, and best practices for non-profit trusts. Conduct fundraising activities, seek grants, donations from private and governmental organizations. Recruit, screen, hire and supervise individuals working for the Trust and determine employment positions and organizational structure needed by the Trust.

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3/96 to 12/99

**Director, Natural Resources Programs
Kawerak, Inc
P.O. Box 948
Nome, Alaska 99762**

Direct and supervise Fisheries, Subsistence and Eskimo Walrus Commission day to day operations. Responsible for budgets, coordination and planning for the Department. Provide liaison services between Kawerak and Federal, State and local governments and monitor public policy which affects the rights of tribes and their members. Work with tribes in developing conservation programs on subsistence resources, including research programs. The principle goal of the department is: "To preserve and strengthen Inuit culture and traditions by insuring that subsistence rights and use of marine mammals are protected and strengthened."

7/93 to 7/95

**President
Inuit Circumpolar Conference
401 East Northern Lights Blvd, suite 203
Anchorage, Alaska 99503**

Chief Executive and Operations Officer of an International Inuit organization representing 120,000 Inuit of Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Russia. Oversee and coordinate the activities of regional offices in four countries. Principle purposes of Inuit Circumpolar Conference are to: (1) Strengthen unity, promote Inuit rights, and interests on an international level, (2) develop and encourage long-term policies which safeguard the Arctic environment and seek full and active partnership in the political, economic and social development of the circumpolar regions. Work with other international entities such as United Nations, IUCN, International Whaling Commission, Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy and International Arctic Science Committee in fostering and developing global policies that recognize the indigenous cultures and the protection of the resources on which they depend upon.

10/92-7/93

**Executive Director
Arctic Marine Resources Commission
P.O. Box 49
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752**

Carry out the goals and objectives of the Commission. Work with Arctic coastal communities regarding OCS oil and gas exploration and development issues in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. Work as liaison between the communities, oil industry representatives and government employees. Prioritize research programs to minimize any adverse impacts from industry exploration or development activities on the outer continental shelf. Control and oversee organizational and financial matters.

8/90 to 9/92

**City Manager
City of Kotzebue
P.O. Box 66
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752**

Supervise and manage the affairs of the City of Kotzebue. Oversee all Departments of the City of Kotzebue, i.e. Public Works, Public Safety, Fire, Ambulance, Sanitation, and Administration. Prepare and manage the operating and capital works budgets. Hire and fire personnel, draft ordinances and resolutions, prepare reports for the City Council. Work with Federal, State and the Alaska Legislature on issues affecting local governments and the public.

8/89 to 7/00

**Director – Office of Management & Budget
City of Kotzebue
P.O. Box 66
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752**

Provide supervision and administration to Finance, Planning, Governmental Affairs and Purchasing Department of the City of Kotzebue. Prepare and administer all grants, contracts, and agreements of the City of Kotzebue. Prepare and submit all grant reports and applications for grants and contracts. Act as liaison between the City, State and Federal agencies on City Public works projects.

4/81 to 7/89

**President
Kawerak, Inc.
P.O. Box 948
Nome, Alaska 99752**

Chief Executive and Operations Officer for a regional non-profit organization representing and providing services to the communities of the Bering Straits region of Northwest Alaska. Supervise and oversee all departments and divisions of Kawerak, Inc. on the management and delivery of cultural, educational, social, resource management, and economic development programs to 19 villages. Seek grants and contracts with the State, Federal and private entities for the delivery of services to the region.

**MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
CURRENT**

**Marine Mammal Commission
Committee of Scientific Advisors
Special Advisor – Alaska Native Affairs
4340 East-West Highway, Room 905
Bethesda, Maryland 20814**

The Committee, established by Section 203 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, recommends to the Commission studies for research and review of permits for scientific research which may be conducted under the authority of MMPA.

**Indigenous Peoples Council for Marine Mammals
P.O. Box 2000908
Anchorage, Alaska 99503**

A consortium of Alaska Native marine mammal commissions and organizations involved in the protection and conservation of marine mammals and marine life off the waters of Alaska. Primary purpose of the Council is the protection to the Alaska native exemption in the Marine Mammal Protection and subsistence uses of marine life in the coastal waters of Alaska.

PAST MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Alaska Scientific Review Group
Alaska Fisheries Science Center
7600 Sand Point Way NE Bin C15700
Seattle, Washington 98115-0700

Office of Polar Programs
Advisory Committee
National Science Foundation
4201 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22230

Polar Research Board
Committee on Bering Sea Ecosystems
National Academy of Sciences
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20055

Office of Technology Assessment
Advisory Panel
"Arctic Impacts from Soviet Nuclear Contamination"
Washington, DC 20510

Native American Rights Fund
Board of Directors
1506 Broadway
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc
Board of Directors
1577 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Alaska Conservation Foundation
441 West 5th Avenue, Suite 402
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2340

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RESUME

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April 1, 2002

To: Members of the Alaska Senate and House of Representatives

Subject: Board of Game Appointment

Purpose. I would welcome confirmation by the Legislature as a Board of Game member. My desire to serve is based on a commitment to Section 4, Article 8 of our state constitution, requiring that wildlife be managed on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses. I have worked years to help manage habitats essential for sustaining Alaska wildlife populations. The board provides an important opportunity for the public to participate in decisions that ensure both sustained yield management and an equitable allocation of game resources among the growing numbers of resident and non-resident wildlife users. These include commercial guides, subsistence hunters, sport hunters, and wildlife viewers and photographers. All of these users play a significant role in the economic well being of Alaskans.

Strengths. As indicated on the enclosed resume, I bring a number of strengths to the Board. I've been a resident for over 30 years; have done biological field work in southeast, southcentral, and interior Alaska; and have considerable experience in public policy regarding natural resources and in working with a variety of public users. I take the Board's public trust responsibility seriously and try to fulfill that responsibility to the best of my abilities.

Hunter & Viewer. I am an active hunter. I purchased my first Alaska hunting license in 1965 and have hunted many of the years since then, including the past consecutive eight years. As an avocation, I also enjoy photographing and writing about wildlife.


Trapping. I recognize trapping as a legitimate use of game animals and support trappers' efforts to adopt trapping methods that provide the best combination of efficiency, economy, and swiftness in dispatching an animal.

Listening to the Public. I try hard to hear what everyone coming before the Board has to say and to make sure that my votes on proposed regulatory changes are informed and fair. I demonstrated that commitment at the March Board meeting in Fairbanks.

Predator Management. Many Alaskans want to employ predator reduction to hasten the recovery of ungulate prey populations to previous levels. I understand the state's intensive management law and have begun to work with other Board members to apply the statute and associated regulations on a case-by-case basis. To ensure the legal defensibility of future Board decisions, I'll refrain from prejudging the merits of any specific predator control proposal before it is submitted to the Board for review and the public has had a chance to comment on it. However, I fully understand the range of predator control tools that exist in statute. I am prepared to work with other Board members, the Department of Fish and Game, and members of the public to apply the predator management method(s) that best fits the biological and economic considerations in a particular game management unit.

Our Highest Game Management Priority. I've been asked what I think our highest game management priority is. At the risk of overly simplifying an extremely complex subject, I believe our highest priority is to manage game populations, and their habitats, well enough that they'll be available for future Alaskans to debate the use of.

Sincerely,



Enclosure: One-page resume

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 - Natural Resource Policy Specialist for Governor Jay Hammond. Office of the Governor. 1978 - 1981. Worked with state and federal agencies, local governments, industry, and private citizens to help balance natural resource development and protection in the broad range of resource development activities occurring throughout the state.
 - U.S. Forest Service. 1965 - 1977. Forest protection assignments in Alaska, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, and the northeastern states.
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 1963 - 1965. Platoon leader and battalion adjutant in a combat engineer battalion, Ft. Carson, Colorado.

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March 27, 2002

Representative Drew Scali –

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me yesterday regarding my appointment to the Board of Game. As a board member, it's important for me to understand the game management concerns that Legislators have and would like to see addressed within the scope of the board's statutory authorities and responsibilities.

As a newly appointed board member, I also try hard to hear what everyone coming before the board has to say and to make sure that votes I cast on proposed regulatory changes are informed and fair. It's a great opportunity to draw upon my career experience in public policy and to work with a variety of interest groups.

Please let me know if you or your constituents have any questions, and I'll try to answer them.

Sincerely,



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The American University, Washington, D.C. - School of International Services - B.A. International Studies

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION / MEMBERSHIP

AVCP REGION: Western Alaska Brown Bear Management Area Group, the Quailnguut (Kilbuck) Caribou Herd Management Plan, the Lower Yukon Moose Management Plan, the Waterfowl Conservation Committee, and the Imapigmit Ungungsiit Murilkestiit (Watchers of the Sea Mammals), Upallret Dance Group (Eskimo Dance, Bethel)

STATEWIDE: Alaska Beluga Whale Committee, Eskimo Walrus Commission, RurAL CAP's Indigenous Peoples Council on Marine Mammals (IPCoMM), Alaska Native Professional Association, USFWS Goose Calendar Committee Network, RurAL CAP's Alaska Native Migratory Bird Management Group, and committee work with the Alaska Board of Fisheries, Alaska Board of Game and the Alaska State Society (Washington, D.C)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc. (AVCP), Bethel, AK - Washington, D.C. Reference: Art Lake, President. Administration (1999-Present) *Legislative Liaison* - AVCP is a federally recognized non-profit tribal organization for its 56 member Yup'ik / Cup'ik Eskimo and Athabascan villages in the Yukon and Kuskokwim River Delta in Western Alaska.
- Monitor State and Federal legislative activities to protect regional rights and Subsistence activities. Attend legislative hearings and work with the Alaska Delegation and other members on AVCP, State, National and International (Arctic / Indigenous) resource issues.
- Department of Natural Resources (November 1997-1998) *Resources Specialist II* - Monitor and advise Program Director, President and Chairman of AVCP on all resource issues that would and do affect the AVCP region and general Alaska Native practices.
- Coastal Villages Region Fund, (CVRF), Bethel / Anchorage, AK & Washington, D.C. (March - December 2000, Part Time) *Legislative Liaison* - Monitor legislative activities that would affect the Fishing Industry partnerships developed through the Magnuson-Stevens Sustainable Fisheries Act. CVRF is a Community Development Quota (CDQ) group with 20 Yukon - Kuskokwim member communities.
- U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman Don Young (R-AK), Washington, D.C. Ref.: Cynthia Ahwinona, **Legislative Staff.**
Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans (April 1996-October 1997) *Legislative Staff* - Advised Chairman Young and Chairman Jim Saxton (R-NJ) on legislative matters within Committee Jurisdiction. Formulated policies and alternatives for Committee issues. Carried out legislative and oversight activities including issue research; constituent, special interest, and Administration affairs; legislative correspondence; arrangement and attendance of hearings; prepared statements; bill reports and legislative memos.
- U.S. Senate, Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK), Washington, D.C. Reference: Carol White, Chief of Staff Personal Office (July - December 1991; August 1995 - March 29, 1996) *Staff Assistant* (High School Internship fellow, college staff assistant; post-degree staff assistant) - Authored case studies on Wetland Reauthorization; assisted Legislative Assistants on various resource issues concerning Alaska.

- Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (BSFA), Anchorage, AK Reference: Karen Gillis, Administration (June - August 1992) *College Staff Assistant* - Coordinated a State and Federal fishing disaster emergency relief program for Norton Sound herring fishermen. Compiled community profiles for eligibility in a federal fishery allocation program for / with the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA).

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March 4, 2002

Representative Beverly Masek
Co-Chairman, House Resource Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Masek,

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns you may have in these regards.

Respectfully,

Robert Fithian
APHA Executive Director

c.c. Representatives, Scalzi, Fate, Chenault, Green, McGuire, Stevens, Kapsner, Kertula

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources
 committee name
 committee on game board confirmations, dated 3/1/02
 bill/subject

After attending the Board of Game session in January, I feel that Mr Metz and Mr Pruhs should be confirmed to the board. I felt that they were willing to work with the issues brought before the board.

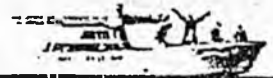
The three positions just vacated should not be confirmed at this time. There has not been any time to evaluate their performance at a board session. The new governor should be allowed to fill these positions when he or she is in office

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8 MARCH 2002

Hi Drew -

As a member of the Fish and Game Advisory Committee and a local charter operator I have been picked to sit on the Sea Duck Committee. Our charge has been to make recommendations to the Board of Game regarding sea duck issues.

Anyway George Matz has been the representative from the BOG chairing the committee. He has been very rational in his approach and it has been a pleasure working with him.

Please give him a yes vote for another term on the BOG.

Thanks,
Mako



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April 24, 2002

Senator John Torgerson
Chair, Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Senate
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson:

On behalf of Audubon Alaska and our Alaska 2,300 members, we encourage you to confirm the Governor's nominees to the Alaska Board of Game. These nominees have the experience, interests, and perspectives to represent all Alaskans on this important regulatory board. In particular, we would like to offer our support to George Matz and Bruce Baker.

George Matz, from Anchorage, has had professional experience in resource economics and is also a hunter and wildlife enthusiast. He firmly supports sustainable hunting and trapping. George has been the local organizer of four Alaska Bear Forums in which a diverse group of people, including hunters, scientists, managers, and wildlife viewers, discuss current management issues facing bears in southcentral Alaska. George has expressed a strong interest in working with all wildlife enthusiasts, both hunters and nonhunters, to conserve wildlife and their habitats for future generations.

Bruce Baker, from Juneau, is a professional resource manager who is retired from the Department of Fish and Game. Prior to working for Fish and Game, Bruce worked as a scientist for the Forest Service in Juneau. A former deputy director of the Habitat Division, he has a strong background in habitat management issues throughout Alaska. Bruce is a strong supporter of both hunting and wildlife viewing and would bring a fair and balanced perspective on resource management to the Board of Game.

Each of these board nominees will bring different skills and expertise to the board. Their skills and backgrounds will complement current board members and each other. Both nominees support Alaska's hunting heritage and are committed to serving Alaskans and making our wildlife management program one of the best in the nation. We encourage you to share this letter with your committee and support their confirmation.

Thank you for considering our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

John Schoen
Senior Scientist

MATZ (+)

April 5, 2002

The Honorable John Torgerson, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson:

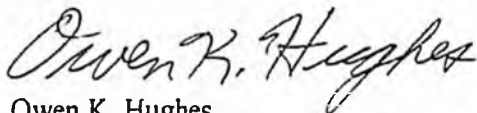
This letter is to express my conviction that the Board of Game has been strengthened by the presence of George Matz. I urge you to confirm his position on the Board.

Mr. Matz provides a very necessary balance to the Board with his support not only of hunting and trapping, but also of wildlife viewing. From my position on the Anchorage Waterfowl Working Group I have seen his consistent goal of finding agreement among divergent attitudes about solutions of Anchorage's Canada goose problems. His goal of striving for consensus is a valuable asset to the Board of Game.

Mr. Matz has worked for years on studies of Kenai brown bears, furthering the public awareness and appreciation needed to maintain a sustained population of brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula. In 1998 he organized the Kenai Brown Bear Festival. Likewise, he has been active in loon conservation, organizing festivals and loon watches on the Anchorage bowl lakes.

His continued presence on the Board of Game will enhance its value. Thank you for your attention to my concern.

Sincerely,



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Subject: Board of Game confirmations

Date: Sun, 31 Mar 2002 17:05:21 -0900

From: "Diana J. Woods" <diana@dianawoods.com>

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



Mr. Torgenson,

Soon the Resources Committee for the House and Senate will hold confirmation hearings on the Board of Game members. I'm writing to declare my support for board member George Matz.

He has previously said "...My primary interest is to expand the scope of the Board of Game so that it more often considers wildlife viewing issues. Ideally, I would like to see the Board create opportunities for wildlife viewing that do not, in turn, reduce the opportunity for hunting or trapping...." and I agree.

George has also pointed out that "...According to ADF&G surveys, wildlife viewers are willing to pay on average about \$309 to \$417 each to see wolves, which is about the price that the trapper would get once for a pelt. I believe the economic value of wildlife viewing in this case far outweighed the loss to trapping...." Again I agree.

George has some experience with economic analysis and how it pertains to measuring wildlife values. Unfortunately most economic analysis does not accurately measure wildlife values. However, there are relatively new methodologies that attempt to measure the total value of wildlife and George can bring this background to the Board of Game.

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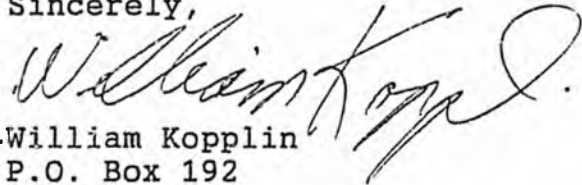
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Sincerely,

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

William Kopplin
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Ester, Ak. 99725
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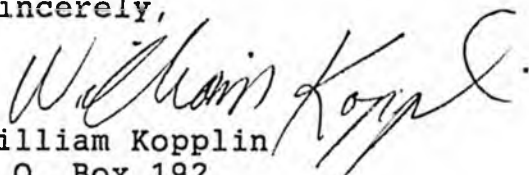
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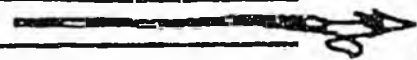
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Honorable Rick Halford, Senate President
 Alaska State Legislature
 State Capitol (MS 3100)
 Juneau, Alaska 99801

Honorable Brian S. Porter, House Speaker
 Alaska State Legislature
 State Capitol (MS 3100)
 Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Halford and Mr. Porter:

Please accept this letter of support for confirmation of Caleb Pungowiyi, Michele Sparck and George Matz to serve on the Board of Game. The Kawerak Board of Directors met recently and favorably considered a recommendation from their Natural Resources Committee to support these individuals.

Caleb Pungowiyi, having lived primarily in this region, has years of experience in hunting large mammals of the land and sea. He also clearly understands and has experience in the state regulatory process for fish and game management.

Michele Sparck has years of experience of subsisting off the natural resources and living in rural areas. Her perspective in preparation, gathering and traditional methods of putting away wild food is important.

George Matz has demonstrated voting records showing a balanced perspective for the environment and hunting interests.

In closing, we are confident these individuals will do a good job on the Board of Game and encourage you to support their confirmation.

Sincerely,
 KAWERAK, INC.

[Signature]
 Robert Keith, Chairman *for*

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