



March 23, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001
via email to Jason Hooley, jason.hooley@alaska.gov

RE: Board of Fisheries Member Janet Woods

Dear Governor Parnell:

The Southeast Alaska Guides Organization, (SEAGO) represents charter operators, lodges, and our angler customers throughout the region. Sport fishing in Southeast contributes \$300M annually to the local economy, creates 3,000 jobs, and supports more than 400 small businesses.

We write to you over concern about the continuity of the Alaska Board of Fisheries process and those who represent you in policy positions affecting the \$5B fishing industry in Alaska. We regularly participate in the Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings and understand the importance of the BOF in management of Alaska's precious fisheries resources. With its small number of members (seven) each person plays a key role.

In the short time since Ms. Woods has served as an unconfirmed member, she has been unable to attend two of five board meetings and left prior to the conclusion of a third meeting. We believe that the BOF process has been shortchanged and your attention is warranted.

In order to make a full contribution, board members must make a sizable time commitment in reviewing voluminous ADF&G and Advisory Committee reports and public comments, and participate fully in the BOF management process in order to understand the issues. We respectfully request that you evaluate Ms Wood's ability to commit the necessary time prior to completion of her confirmation hearings by the legislature.

Sincerely,

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