



Alaska Board of Fisheries Confirmation Hearing Saturday: Public Testimony Invited

The Alaska House Fisheries Committee and the House Resources Committee will meet jointly this **Saturday, April 10th at 1 pm** to take public testimony on the Legislature's consideration of the five currently unconfirmed Board of Fish members: John Jensen, McKenzie Mitchell, Märit Carlson-Van Dort, Abe Williams and John Wood. The hearing will be broadcast on www.akleg.gov. Members of the public wishing to testify can call in at **844-586-9085** statewide or just **586-9085** from Anchorage or Juneau. Further information on testifying to Alaska Legislative Committees can be found [here](#).

- John Jensen is the longest serving member of the Board, since 2003. Jensen also serves on the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. Jensen is a fisherman and businessman out of Petersburg.
- McKenzie Mitchell teaches at University of Alaska Fairbanks and has a background in the sport fishing lodge industry. Mitchell was appointed by the Governor in 2020.
- Märit Carlson-Van Dort, who currently serves as Board Chair, was first appointed in 2019. Carlson-Van Dort fished for salmon in the Chignik region for over ten years and worked for the Pebble Partnership for 5 years.
- Abe Williams is a Bristol Bay salmon fisherman, former Alaska Department of Transportation employee, and current Director of Regional Affairs for Pebble Partnership. Williams was first appointed to the Board in 2020.
- John Wood was first appointed to the Board of Fisheries in 2019. Wood is a former legislative aide to then-Senator Mike Dunleavy, and is currently contracted by the State reporting directly to the Governor.

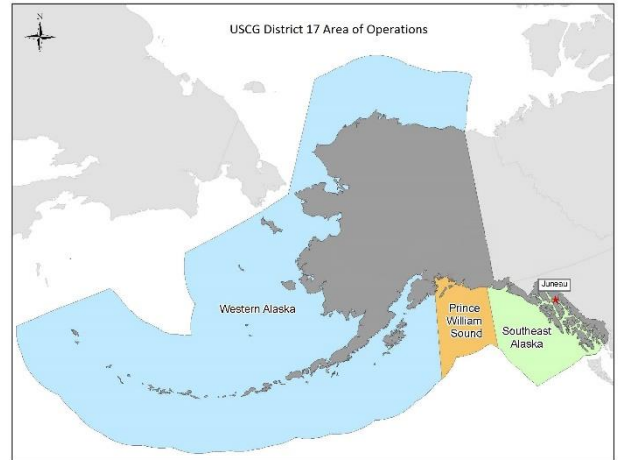
Members of the public wishing to testify at the Board of Fisheries confirmation hearing are advised to call in five to ten minutes before the call. The public can also contact individual legislators by email or by sending a [Public Opinion Message](#).

Coast Guard District 17 VHF Distress Signal Tower Outages

The US Department of Homeland Security Inspector General is conducting a survey of those concerned with past USCG VHF Channel coverage in Alaska. For convenience the Aleutians East Borough Natural Resources Department has posted the survey/questionnaire here:

www.aebfish.org/dhsquestionnaire.pdf.

The survey can be submitted anonymously if preferred. Some electronic devices may not be compatible with this type of fillable pdf document, but the survey may be printed and filled in. Any questions should be directed to Jennifer Berry at jennifer.berry@oig.dhs.gov. Survey/questionnaires should be submitted no later than April 14th 2021.



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