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Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game
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Re: Commissioner Nomination Selection

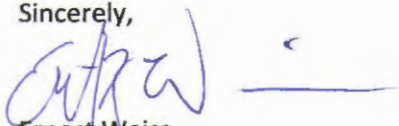
To the Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game,

I appreciate the opportunity to submit public comment in advance of the Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meeting to develop a list of candidates for the position of ADF&G Commissioner. Please accept this letter of support for Acting Commissioner Sam Cotten to be named Commissioner. In my view, there is no better candidate for the job.

I have known Sam for just over 12 years, but have had the pleasure of working with him in various capacities. Formerly having served as an Aleutians East Borough Assembly member, and now employed as the Director of Natural Resources for the Borough, I've come to greatly respect Sam's ability in his work as Fisheries Analyst for the Borough. When I was appointed to the NPFMC Bering Sea Crab Advisory Committee, a committee that Sam chaired, I witnessed firsthand Sam's leadership ability. Sam's work in that role and many other positions, including Speaker of the House in the Alaska Legislature, prove he has leadership qualifications to be Commissioner. In my travels with Sam, I've come to know Sam as a real 'people person'. He enjoys working with just about everybody.

Thank you for your acceptance of this letter in support of Acting Commissioner Sam Cotten. Please nominate Sam Cotten for consideration by Governor Bill Walker to be ADF&G Commissioner.

Sincerely,



Ernest Weiss

Aleutians East Borough
Natural Resources Director