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To: [Haight, Glenn E \(DFG\)](#)
Subject: New ADF&G Commissioner
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My comments on the new Commissioner for ADF&G, Doug Vincent-Lang.

I would like to hear from the commissioner through the Chair of the Board of Fish, how he intends to address the weakness in Title 16 when it comes to ensuring protection of fish habitat. What is, Mr. Vincent-Lang's definition of the "proper protection of fish and game"? Will Mr Vincent-Lang be willing to accept mitigation of healthy , intact, habitat that currently supports anadromous fish in order to permit large scale habitat consumptive projects such as mines located in sensitive areas of our state? Will he work with the legislature to address the Board of Fish letter requiring a change and strengthening of Title 16? How will Mr Vincent-Lang address proposals and permits required such that Pebble will need while adhering to the BOF [Sustainable Salmon Policy](#) ?

Thank you very much.

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From: Bruce Cain
To: [Haight, Glenn E \(DFG\)](#)
Subject: Comment for the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting January 16, 2017
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Glenn Haight, Executive Director
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VIA email glenn.haight@alaska.gov January 7, 2019

Dear Mr. Haight:

Please accept this comment for the Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meeting of the full joint board on January 16, 2019, to develop a list of qualified persons for the position of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game commissioner for consideration by the governor, in accordance with responsibilities under AS 44.39.030

My name is Bruce Cain. I reside at Mile 185.5 Glenn Highway in Glennallen Alaska. I have lived in Alaska for 49 years and have hunted, fished and trapped in many parts of Alaska during this time. I have 7 children and 15 grandchildren who all enjoy hunting, fishing, trapping or eating Alaska fish and game caught from the land and water. I am also the president of the Copper Valley Chamber of Commerce, an association of nearly 200 businesses with operations or interests in the Copper Basin area that rely heavily on the hunting, fishing and trapping industries and the economic activity it generates. I am submitting this comment on behalf of myself and my family.

I have reviewed the one candidate for commissioner and feel he is a very qualified individual. However, I also feel that the board has not done its job if it only reviews one candidate. There are many qualified Alaskans who can lead the Department of Fish and Game. Given the importance of this position and the leadership it will provide to all Alaskan's, I strongly request that the Joint board not select at this time from this overly restrictive list. The board should extend the recruitment broadly to get a field of candidates that can be fully evaluated. This is in the best interest of all Alaskans. Mr. Vincent Lang is more than qualified to remain acting commissioner until the board takes the time it should to fully recruit and vet a candidate list for the Governor. The statute was written with the expectation that the board would exercise due diligence on behalf of all Alaskans with this process and I ask that you do so on our behalf.

Sincerely

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**COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN
FOR BRISTOL BAY**

January, 7 2019

Dear Chairman Morisky and Honorable Members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries,

On behalf of Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay - a coalition that represents thousands of commercial fishermen throughout Alaska - we are writing to provide public comment as your board and the Alaska Board of Game evaluate the applicant for the position of Commissioner for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

We are pleased to see the public trust doctrine, the sustained yield principle, the principle of citizen involvement in resource use, and state authority to manage fish and wildlife and their uses as foundations of Mr. Vincent Lang's resource management philosophy as described in his letter of application.

As fishermen and members of the fishing industry, we are held to a very high standard when it comes to federal and state permits, regulations, and resource management. We appreciate Alaska's high standards and are proud to uphold them. When it comes to potential impacts to our state's world class fisheries and salmon habitat, companies like the Pebble Partnership must be held to the same high standards by Alaska's resource agencies. In the case of Bristol Bay, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has a critical role in ensuring that the data and information needed to adequately and accurately assess Pebble's proposed impacts on Alaska's largest and most valuable wild salmon fishery is part of any applications for title 16 Fish Habitat Permits as Pebble moves through the permitting process. Alaska's Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries must be upheld in the years to come. It will be more critical than ever that our Alaskan agencies and regulators remain vigilant in enforcing their authorities and constitutional mandate to maintain Alaska and Bristol Bay's world-class salmon fisheries.

It is our sincere hope that the Alaska Department of Fish and Games' next Commissioner will have the protection of our wild salmon fisheries at the forefront of their management and permitting decisions going forward.

Thank you for your time and service to the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Charles Treinen - Bristol Bay Fisherman and Advisor to Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay

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Heidi Dunlap - Bristol Bay Fisherman and Advisor to Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay

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Dear Sirs/Madam:

Please accept these comments for the Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meeting of the full joint board on January 16, 2019, to develop a list of qualified person for the position of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game commissioner for consideration by the Governor.

The joint board has not done its job if the Board only reviews one candidate. There are many qualified Alaskans who can head-up the Department of Fish and Game. Only one candidate's name, Doug Vincent Lang was submitted for the joint board to review. Due diligence is needed to evaluate more candidates for the position of Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Commissioner of Fish and Game is an important position, and names of more nominees should be considered for this position.

Sincerely,



Gloria Stickwan,
President