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**JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME
Commissioner Nomination Meeting
January 14, 2015, 8:30 a.m.**

MEETING SUMMARY

The Joint Board of Game and Fisheries (Joint Board) met on January 14, 2015, to review and interview candidates for the Commissioner of Alaska Department of Fish & Game to determine a list of names to forward to Governor Bill Walker in accordance with Alaska Statute 44.39.030. The meeting was open to the public at the Westmark Baranof in Juneau and the audio was streamed online. All fourteen members of the boards were in attendance. Board of Game members Spraker, Turner, Mumford, Sager-Albaugh, Brown, and Probasco attended in person at the Westmark Baranof. Board of Fisheries members Johnstone, Johnson, Jensen, Jeffrey, Morisky, Huntington, and Kluberton, and Board of Game member Hoffman participated via teleconference. Board of Game chairman Spraker served as chair for the meeting.

The Joint Board reviewed five applications received by Boards Support Section during the recruitment process. Of those, Greg Woods withdrew his candidacy. Upon review of the remaining candidates, the Joint Board determined not to interview Zachary Hill, Roland Maw, and Matt Moore, and agreed to interview Sam Cotten. The Joint Board members asked Mr. Cotten a series of fish and game management policy questions. Upon conclusion of the interview with Mr. Cotten, the Joint Board agreed to forward his name to Governor Walker as a qualified nomination for Commissioner.

The Joint Board agreed there is a need for clarification of the commissioner nomination process. Both board chairs agreed to review the process and provide a recommendation to the boards.