

Sen. John Coghill

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To: Sen. John Coghill
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Dear Senator Coghill,

I was on the teleconference to testify but at the exact second you called my name, I was hung up on by the teleconference for some reason.

I am testifying for myself not AOC or AFWCF although their view and mine are in line. Here is my testimony:

Chairman Coghill, committee members:

Thank you for allowing me to speak to this issue.

My Name is Bill Iverson, and I was born in the territory of Alaska in 1951.

I am currently the President of Alaska Outdoor Council and the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Conservation Fund.

I oppose confirmation of acting Attorney General Lindemuth because of her pattern of acting in the interest of one special interest group over the interest of all Alaskans.

Dropping the Klutina Lake Road lawsuit, just before it comes to court, and attempting, behind closed doors, to “Settle” a long-standing RS-2477 claim that favors Ahtna is wrong on so many levels. They are listed on our website. www.alaskaoutdoorcouncil.org

AOC's concerns with Jahna Lindemuth are many, and not just the Klutina Lake Road RS2477 settlement.

- Dropping the Akiachak appeal (allowing AK native lands to go into trust with the federal land managers)
- Not opposing the MOA between DOI and Ahtna which asks the Feds to provide a racial allocation of moose and caribou for 8 Ahtna villages.
- Not challenging SFB closures to non-federally qualified subsistence users in GMU 22, and 23.
- Not knowing that the Federal subsistence priority is full time, not just in times of harvest shortage.
- Not challenging Federal takeover of salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River.

- Finally, there is an innocent man under arrest in the town of Togiak by the "Tribal government". (Innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. It is the law) The AG will not intervene and protect this Alaskan Citizen. This is a 72-year-old man.

This pattern is very clear to anyone who is paying attention.

Another question to Ask is:

- Will this AG challenge the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in favor of UCIDA in court? Taking control of our commercial fisheries from the State and giving to the Federal Government is not in the best interest of Alaska.

Thank you Chairman Coghill and committee members.

Thank you,

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