

Webster Reappointed to Fish Board; Kluberton Added

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The chairman of the Alaska Board of Fisheries was reappointed yesterday (Wednesday) by Governor Sean Parnell. Vince Webster of King Salmon is wrapping up his first term on the board, and has been reappointed to a term expiring at the end of June 2013. Talkeetna's Thomas Kluberton is a new appointment made by the governor.

Webster is a salmon setnetter in the Kvichak district in Bristol Bay, and a driftnetter in the Naknek district. In the off season, Webster is an equipment operator for the National Park Service, and previously worked as facilities and maintenance director for the Lake and Peninsula Borough School District.

Kluberton is the innkeeper at the Fireweed Station Inn near Talkeetna. He served as a member of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly from 2006 to 2009, and served on the borough mayor's Sportsman's Committee during that time. He has also worked as an information systems and management consultant for the State of Alaska.

The seven-member fish board is responsible for the state's fishery resources, and sets seasons, bag limits, methods and means for the state's various fisheries. The board sets fishery management policy, and makes the allocation decisions which the Department of Fish and Game carries out.

The remaining vacancy on the board of fish, created by the resignation of Janet Woods last week, will be filled within 30 days.

Appointees are subject to legislative confirmation.