



April 7, 2022

Andy Wink, Executive Director  
Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association  
3705 Arctic Blvd. #1188  
Anchorage, AK 99503

RE: 2022 Board Election Results Report

Dear Mr. Wink,

At the request of the Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association (BBRSDA), Cashion, Gilmore & Lindemuth (CGL) is serving as the Inspector of Elections for BBRSDA's 2022 Board of Directors Election (Election) and has attached a report of election results. BBRSDA modified its election process this year in an effort to make voting more convenient, more efficient, and more likely to seat the most popular candidates via a ranked choice vote for open-residency board seats.

On April 5, 2022, CGL retrieved results from electronic ballots cast on the ElectionBuddy platform. CGL also received a file listing voter participation on April 6, 2022. Per BBRSDA's vote process, the electronic vote file contains anonymized vote data for each ballot cast in the Election on the ElectionBuddy platform. Paper ballots received by CGL through April 4, 2022, were shuffled, opened, assigned a ballot number, tallied, and added to the electronic vote totals. CGL then audited the combined vote file to ensure that 1) no permit had submitted multiple ballots, 2) no voter access keys were accessed without verified permission from the permit holder, and 3) paper ballot vote tallies were accurate. CGL did not include results from ballots received by CGL after April 4, 2022 (one ballot as of April 6), and CGL did not include the vote for a single race (Seat A) when one paper ballot improperly voted for two candidates.

CGL then used the combined vote file to tally a winner for Seat A and Seat D. CGL determined that Doug Morgan won Seat A, and that Erick Sabo won Seat D.

Seat G was determined via a ranked choice vote, excluding the two candidates (Doug Morgan and Erick Sabo) who won Seats A and D. In a ranked choice vote, if no candidate receives more than 50% of the first choice votes, the candidate with the fewest first choice votes is eliminated from subsequent rounds of tabulation. The results are then retallied and this process continues until one candidate receives more than 50% of the first preference votes. Any time a candidate is eliminated from a subsequent round of tabulation, ballots of voters



who ranked that candidate first are adjusted to preserve the preferential order of remaining candidates. Additionally, if no continuing candidates are listed on a ballot — i.e., all of a voter's candidates are eliminated from further rounds of tabulation, or a voter chose not to rank any other candidates — that ballot becomes "exhausted," which means it is not included in any future rounds of tabulation.

To begin the ranked choice voting process, CGL first eliminated the Seat A winner (Doug Morgan). Ballots which listed Morgan as their first preference vote were therefore adjusted to list the next most preferred candidate as that ballot's first preference vote. CGL then eliminated the Seat D winner (Erick Sabo). Ballots which listed Sabo as their first preference vote were adjusted to list the next most preferred candidate, if any, as that ballot's first preference vote. And because no voter listed any write-in votes as their first-choice candidate, CGL did not consider any write-in candidate (only one voter ranked a write-in candidate) for any round of tabulation.

CGL then tallied the number of first preference votes received by each remaining candidate from all non-exhausted ballots. No candidate received more than 50% of the first preference votes (see Round 1 in election results report).

Because candidate Tim Cook received the fewest first-choice votes, Cook was eliminated from the Round 2 tabulation, and ballots which listed Cook as their first preference vote were adjusted to list the next most preferred candidate, if any, as that ballot's first preference vote. CGL then re-tallied the number of first preference votes and removed any exhausted ballots for the second round of tabulation. Candidate Franz Schonberg received 53% of the first preference votes in Round 2, and was thereby determined the winner of the election for board Seat G.

CGL attests that the electronic ballot results were copied directly from the ElectionBuddy platform, and that all of the properly-cast paper ballots were accurately added to create a combined, anonymized vote file. CGL attests that all of the votes were tallied and judged for eligibility in accordance with policies and procedures provided by BBRSDA. CGL attests that paper ballots received by mail did not leave the CGL office and were kept in a secure location. CGL attests that it will retain Election materials for a period of no less than three years.

CGL has provided BBRSDA with a report of election results.



Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A black ink signature of Scott M. Kendall, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Scott M. Kendall

A blue ink signature of Samuel G. Gottstein, written in a cursive style, positioned above a horizontal line.

Samuel G. Gottstein

Inspectors of Elections for BBRSDA's 2022 Board of Directors Election

Enclosures: 2022 BBRSDA Board of Directors Election Results Report

cc: Becky Machain



**Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association, Inc.  
2022 Board of Directors Election Results Report**

**Summary of 2022 Board of Director Election Results**

<b><u>Board Seat</u></b>	<b><u>Winning Candidate</u></b>
Seat A – Alaska Resident	Doug Morgan
Seat D – Non-Alaska Resident	Erick Sabo
Seat G – Open Residency	Franz Schonberg

A total of 397 ballots were validly cast in the 2022 BBRSDA Board of Directors Election. This is down 4.6% from the total number of ballots cast (416) in the 2021 election. A total of 355 electronic ballots and 42 paper ballots were validly cast in 2022 election. In addition to the 397 ballots validly cast, one (1) additional paper ballot was deemed ineligible. For context, 43 ballots were deemed ineligible in the 2021 election. Additionally, one (1) additional paper ballot was deemed ineligible only with respect to its vote for Seat A.

Seat A was won by Doug Morgan, who received 125 (32%) of the eligible votes cast for that seat. Seat D was won by Erick Sabo, who received 257 (67%) of the eligible votes cast for that seat. The ranked choice vote for Seat G was won by Franz Schonberg. These individuals will be seated on the BBRSDA Board of Directors at the next board meeting, assuming seats currently held by Reba Temple (Seat A), Patrick O'Neill (Seat D), and Nels Ure (Seat G).

*Reported by Cashion, Gilmore & Lindemuth, Inspector of Elections April 7, 2022:*

  
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## 2022 Board of Director Election Results

Total Ballots Received:	398
Total Eligible Ballots Received:	397

<b><u>Seat A: Alaska Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Votes</u></b>
Tim Cook	89
Harry Moore	60
Doug Morgan (Winner)	125
Franz Schonberg	113
Write-In Candidates	0
Total votes cast for Seat A	387

<b><u>Seat D: Non-Alaska Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Votes</u></b>
Matt Marinkovich	128
Erick Sabo (Winner)	257
Write-In Candidates	1
Total votes cast for Seat D	386

### *Pct. of 1<sup>st</sup> Preference Votes by Round*

<b><u>Seat G: Open Residency</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>2</u></b>
Tim Cook	13.7%	
Matt Marinkovich	22.9%	28.2%
Harry Moore	14.0%	18.6%
Frank Schonberg (Winner)	49.4%	53.3%

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## Seat G Voting Results Detail

Rank	RANK CHOICE INITIAL RESULTS						
	Tim Cook	Matt Marinkovich	Harry Moore	Doug Morgan	Erick Sabo	Franz Schonberg	Write-in 1
1	39	63	27	81	77	81	0
2	43	37	36	61	76	57	0
3	23	33	34	46	70	63	0
4	18	31	61	34	22	23	0
5	15	43	35	31	14	27	0
6	72	17	21	18	13	14	1
No rank	187	173	183	126	125	132	396
Total	397	397	397	397	397	397	397

Total Eligible Ballots: 397

Exhausted Ballots/Abstentions: 29

Counted Ballots: 368

## Ranked Choice – Eliminate Seat A and Seat D Winners (Round 1)

### ROUND 1

Rank	Eliminate Seat A and Seat D winners						
	Tim Cook	Matt Marinkovich	Harry Moore	Doug Morgan	Erick Sabo	Franz Schonberg	Write-in 1
1	46	77	47	0	0	166	0
2	55	65	77	0	0	35	0
3	34	62	53	0	0	41	0
4	74	19	37	0	0	23	1
5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
No rank	187	173	183	397	397	132	396
Remaining Total	336	336	336	336	336	336	336

Total Eligible Ballots: 397

Candidates Eliminated: Doug Morgan and Erick Sabo (Seat A & D winners)

Exhausted Ballots/Abstentions: 61

Counted Ballots: 336

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## Ranked Choice - Round 2

### ROUND 2

Rank	Eliminate Tim Cook and redistribute remaining ranks						
	Tim Cook	Matt Marinkovich	Harry Moore	Doug Morgan	Erick Sabo	Franz Schonberg	Write-in 1
1	0	91	60	0	0	172	0
2	0	72	89	0	0	57	0
3	0	60	65	0	0	36	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
No rank	397	173	183	397	397	132	396
Remaining							
Total	323	323	323	323	323	323	323

Total Eligible Ballots: 397

Candidates Eliminated: Tim Cook

Exhausted Ballots/Abstentions: 74

Counted Ballots: 323

Winner needed: 162

Winner Declared: Franz Schonberg

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## 2022 Board of Director Election & Voting Process

BBRSDA implemented several changes to its Board of Directors Election process, in advance of the 2022 Election. The steps taken to enact those changes and execute the Election are listed below.

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| November 17, 2021 | BBRSDA Board of Directors votes to amend its bylaws, policies, and procedures. Changes included: removing the requirement to vote by mail, procedures for executing electronic voting, and noting that BBRSDA expressly retains the right to withhold candidates statements and other materials which contain potentially defamatory, slanderous, false light, and/or libelous claims. A timeline for the 2022 Election was also approved (see Exhibit 1).  |
| December 17, 2022 | Call for Candidate Questions is sent out via <i>Waypoints</i> (BBRSDA's email newsletter), to Board members, and posted online to BBRSDA's website.   |
| January 4, 2022   | A list of S03T permit holders is downloaded from the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) website and verified with CFEC staff. This serves as the list of eligible voters (1,862 permits) and their associated contact information.  |
| January 13, 2022  | Notice of BBRSDA 2022 Board Election and Call for Board Member Candidates is mailed and texted to all eligible voters, and posted to the BBRSDA website. Mailing also includes a postcard (with pre-paid return postage) showing member's contact information associated with their permit and providing them the opportunity to change their contact information, provide a verified email address, request a paper ballot, or opt out of voting in the 2022 Election. Staff continues to assist members with updating voter contact information through April 4, 2022, making sure to retain a record of requested changes made via mail, phone, email, or text message.<br><br>Summary of voter-requested contact changes:<br>via Returned Mailed Postcard: 149 permits<br>via Phone (recorded, from # on their permit): 20<br>via Email: 17 |

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via text: 1

Total: 187 permits (10% of eligible voters)

February 2, 2022	BBRSDA Board of Directors votes to remove requirement for Candidates to declare for a specific board seat, and determine winners for open residency board seats via a ranked choice vote. Staff begins working on creating electronic ballots via the ElectionBuddy platform. BBRSDA informed the fleet about the change via it's Election webpage ( <a href="http://bbrsda.com/elections">bbrsda.com/elections</a> ) and with an announcement in its February 2022 issue of <i>Waypoints</i> (email newsletter).
February 15, 2022	Candidate nominations are closed. BBRSDA staff begins reviewing materials submitted by candidates to ensure eligibility requirements are met.
February 18, 2022	2022 Board candidates are announced (via posting to BBRSDA's website, a mass text to the fleet, and email to BBRSDA's <i>Waypoints</i> email list). Six eligible candidates are announced for three open seats. Candidate materials are subsequently posted to BBRSDA's website.
February 24, 2022	BBRSDA Board of Directors votes to host a Candidate Forum and provide members with a ranked choice tutorial before the 2022 Election.
March 1, 2022	Deadline for paper ballot requests and Election opt outs.
March 9, 2022	Cashion, Gilmore & Lindemuth contracted to serve as the independent election contractor.
March 11, 2022	Paper ballots are mailed out to members who requested them.
March 18, 2022	BBRSDA hosts a Candidate Forum and ranked choice tutorial via zoom and broadcast on the KDLG radio station. Video of the Forum and Tutorial are subsequently posted to BBRSDA's YouTube channel.
March 21, 2022	Electronic ballots are sent to eligible voters via text message and email (to verified email addresses). Electronic voting is open. Permit 57261W was added to the electronic ballot list

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and sent an electronic ballot after it was discovered he was mistakenly sent (an unrequested) paper ballot.

March 31, 2022

Permit 61357X requests an electronic ballot, claiming he did not receive the paper ballot he requested. BBRSDA staff adds #61357X to the electronic ballot list and sends him an electronic ballot.

April 4, 2022

BBRSDA staff sends out text message reminders via the ElectionBuddy platform to members who have not yet voted at 9:30am AKT. Message content (example): "BBRSDA: Reminder to vote here by 4/4/22 – [ebv.io/key1-2345-6789-1011](https://ebv.io/key1-2345-6789-1011)". BBRSDA staff directs CGL to exclude any paper ballots from permits 57261W and 61357X.

Election closes at 11:59pm AKT with 355 electronic ballots cast. All electronic and paper ballots are henceforth considered received.

April 5, 2022

CGL downloads electronic vote data from ElectionBuddy, begins counting paper ballots, auditing the Election, and executes the vote tallying process.

April 6, 2022

CGL sends a draft Election Results Report to BBRSDA's Executive Director for review.

April 7, 2022

CGL sends a final Election Results Report to BBRSDA's Executive Director. BBRSDA staff posts Report and election results information to its website and communicates Election results via email and social media channels.

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