



April 7, 2023

Andy Wink, Executive Director  
Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association  
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Anchorage, AK 99503

RE: 2023 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 2023 Board of Directors Election (Election) and has attached a report of election results. In 2022, BBRSDA modified its election process 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. The same general election process was used this year.

On April 4, 2023, CGL retrieved results from electronic ballots cast on the ElectionBuddy platform. 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 3, 2023, 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 3, 2023 (two have been received as of April 6, 2023), and CGL did not include the vote for a single race (Seat C) when one paper ballot improperly voted for two candidates. Although two additional ballots also had markings for both candidates for Seat C, voter intent was clear, and the voter's apparent preference for both of those ballots were counted.

CGL then used the combined vote file to tally a winner for Seat C. CGL determined that Fritz Johnson won Seat C.

Seat F was determined via a ranked choice vote, excluding the candidate (Fritz Johnson) who won Seat C. 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

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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 C winner (Fritz Johnson). Ballots which listed Fritz Johnson as their first preference vote were therefore adjusted to list the next preferred candidate as that ballot's first preference vote.

CGL then tallied the number of first preference votes received by each remaining candidate from all non-exhausted ballots. Candidate Mark Niver received approximately 74% of the first preference votes in Round 1, and was thereby determined the winner of the election for board Seat F.

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,



Scott M. Kendall  
Inspectors of Elections for BBRSDA's 2022 Board of Directors Election



Samuel G. Gottstein

Enclosures: 2023 BBRSDA Board of Directors Election Results Report

cc: Michael Jackson, Becky Machain



**Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association, Inc.  
2023 Board of Directors Election Results Report**

**Summary of 2023 Board of Director Election Results**

<b><u>Board Seat</u></b>	<b><u>Winning Candidate</u></b>
Seat C – Alaska Resident	Fritz Johnson
Seat F – Open Residency	Mark Niver

A total of 260 ballots were validly cast in the 2023 BBRSDA Board of Directors Election. This is down approximately 35% from the total number of ballots cast (397) in the 2022 election. A total of 235 electronic ballots and 25 paper ballots were validly cast in the 2023 election. Only one (1) paper ballot was deemed ineligible only with respect to its vote for Seat C.

Seat C was won by Fritz Johnson, who received 129 (49.8%) of the eligible votes cast for that seat. The ranked choice vote for Seat F was won by Mark Niver. These individuals will be seated on the BBRSDA Board of Directors for their terms at the next board meeting, assuming seats currently held by Fritz Johnson (Seat C) and Mark Niver (Seat F).



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**2023 Board of Director Election Results**

Total Ballots Received:	260
Total Eligible Ballots Received:	260

<b><u>Seat C: Alaska Resident</u></b>	<b><u>Votes</u></b>
Fritz Johnson (Winner)	129
Mark Niver	114
Write-in Candidates	4
<hr/> Total votes cast for Seat A	<hr/> 247

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

<b><u>Seat F: Open Residency</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
Landon Carpenter	25.54%
Mark Niver (Winner)	73.59%
Write In	0.87%




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## Seat F Voting Results Detail

Rank	RANK CHOICE INITIAL RESULTS				
	Landon Carpenter	Fritz Johnson	Mark Niver	Write-in 1	Abstain
1	52	90	109	2	0
2	18	94	83	1	0
3	76	27	14	5	5
No rank	114	49	54	252	255
<b>Total</b>	260	260	260	260	260

Total Eligible Ballots: 260

Exhausted Ballots/Abstentions: 7

Counted Ballots: 253

## Ranked Choice - Eliminate Seat C Winner (Round 1)

Rank	Eliminate Seat C winner				
	Landon Carpenter	Fritz Johnson	Mark Niver	Write-in 1	Abstain
1	59	0	170	2	0
2	87	0	36	5	0
3	0	0	0	1	5
No rank	114	260	54	252	255
<b>Rank 1 Total</b>	231	231	231	231	231

Total Eligible Ballots: 253

Candidate Eliminated: Fritz Johnson (Seat C winner)

Exhausted Ballots/Abstentions: 22

Counted Ballots: 231

Winner needed: 116

Winner Declared: Mark Niver

Reported by Cashion, Gilmore & Lindemuth, Inspector of Elections April 7, 2023:

  
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