

From: Kevin McCracken [mailto:kevin.g.mccracken@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2013 12:20 PM
To: Rep. Steve Thompson; Lynette Bergh
Subject: Support Letter for University of Alaska Museum State repository designation

Dear Representative Steve Thompson

I strongly support the Committee Substitute for House Bill 154. This designation will officially recognize what the University of Alaska Museum of the North (UAMN) has been doing since its inception. These research collections are fundamental for our citizens, students, faculty, and international researchers to understand the state's human and natural history.

As a UAF faculty member since 2001, I applaud your bringing recognition to UAMN's statewide role and the significance of its collections.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Kevin

Kevin G. McCracken
Associate Professor
Institute of Arctic Biology &
Department of Biology and Wildlife
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Fairbanks, Alaska 99775
office (907) 474-6419 Rm. 028 MUS
fax (907) 474-6967
email: kmccrack@iab.alaska.edu
www.iab.uaf.edu/~kevin_mccracken/