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Honorable Alaska Legislator,

The Board of Directors of the Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association strongly endorses Governor Bill Walker's choice of Roland Maw Ph.D. to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Dr. Maw possesses substantial knowledge and experience in fish and game resource science and management, resource protection and public advocacy. He has a wealth of hands on experience as a resource user, having worked as both a commercial fisherman and sport fishing guide, much of which he experienced in Cook Inlet.

Dr. Maw's public service on the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission, Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Kenai River Special Management Area Board, Kenai Wild Salmon Marketing Group and the Cook Inlet Beluga Recovery Plan Stakeholders Group speaks to his commitment to his community, state and to Cook Inlet's precious salmon resource.

Soon after Governor Walker was elected, his Fisheries Transition Team identified management of our resources by science rather than politics as a top priority. It's an ideal that has been echoed by resource users and lawmakers throughout Alaska. We think Dr. Maw will fulfill that ideal and bring science back to the forefront in the Board of Fish process. We call on you who must approve the appointment to look beyond the rhetoric, consider the health of our salmon runs and vote to approve Dr. Roland Maw to the appointed position as a member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association Board of Directors

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