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February 4, 2015

Re: Nomination of Roland Maw to the Board of Fish

To Whom It May Concern:

The Juneau Charter Boat Operators Association (JCBOA) represents charter fishing and nature viewing operators in the Juneau area. We were recently informed that Gov. Walker has nominated Mr. Roland Maw to the Board of Fish. Our board of directors has met and would like to recommend Mr. Maw not be confirmed to fill this position.

Mr. Maw's long term stance on fish management issues in our state and his participation in litigation that could result in the State losing control of our salmon fisheries to the Federal government could inhibit his ability to serve on the Board of Fish in a meaningful way. We feel strongly that Alaska must maintain control of our salmon fisheries.

We also would recommend that Gov. Walker be strongly encouraged to nominate a candidate from the Southeast area as we have been without representation for quite some time.

To reiterate the Juneau Charter Boat Operators Association strongly recommends that Mr. Roland Maw not be confirmed to the fill a vacancy on the Board of Fish.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and time in this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Kevin Burchfield

President