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To the Anchorage Delegation to the 29th Alaskan Legislature

On the 3 of February 2015 the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee took a vote to oppose the Confirmation of Dr. Roland Maw to the Alaskan Board of Fish.

Dr. Maw's appointment was seemingly a kneejerk reaction to the Joint Board's failure to grant him an interview for the office of Commissioner of Fish and Game. While we are disappointed in the Joint Boards failure to grant the interview to an obviously qualified candidate, it is our view that he would not make an ideal Board of Fish member. He has consistently opposed Personal Use and Sport Fishing interests throughout his long history of public involvement in the Commercial Fishing Industry. Most Anchorage Residents would feel that their interests are threatened by such a shift in the makeup of the Board of Fish.

Chairman Johnstone's departure was premature and he was an obvious supporter of Sport fishing and PU fisheries. Dr. Maw in contrast has a history of representing a commercial organization that when a board action has not benefited them, the reaction has been to launch a legal action to challenge the board. These actions have cost the state untold amounts over the years successfully defending this effort. Dr. Maw's presence on the BOF would give this group a benefit that would be detrimental to the Anchorage Constituents. So for this reason He should NOT be confirmed.

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