

Dear stewards and protectors of our public resources,

I wish to express my support for Dr. Roland Maw's confirmation to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. As a resident of the Kenai Peninsula I, as most of our residents, have grown weary from the endless fish wars, political mismanagement of our fisheries, and disregard for our local culture and quality of life. While I realize the right of all Alaskans to participate in the harvest of our local resources, this right does not come without sustainable limits, proper habitat protection, and some measure of protection for our own historical culture. I believe Dr. Maw would bring balance to the board that has been absent for many years. Dr. Maw is a resident of the Kenai, an attribute sorely missing from the present board. Dr. Maw possesses scientific credentials that soar above any present and most former board members. I believe this glowing fact is the foundation of Governor Walker's wise appointment. Without credentials such as Dr. Maw's our fisheries are certainly doomed to follow in the path of so many failed attempts at resource management and habitat protection that line the shores of this great country. Resources and habitats whose demise was executed by greed and politics. Our fishery resources are not a political bargaining chip, they are a very real responsibility that I pray you will take seriously. Your responsibility starts with confirmation of Dr. Roland Maw; be the change we all hope for.

Sincerely,  
William Faulkner  
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Dear Senator Giessel,

We support Governor Walker's appointment of Dr. Roland Maw to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We ask for your vote of approval for his confirmation based on his history of supporting science based fisheries management.

His resume is a perfect example of the qualifications that we should seek when looking for board members who will support fisheries management based on science. We believe that Dr. Maw will mirror his decisions based on the Governor's Fisheries Transition Team's top priorities of Fish First, science over politics and habitat. Dr. Maw's testimonies before the Alaska Board of Fisheries have always been science based, as that is what he supports.

We respectfully ask for a yes vote from you for the confirmation of Dr. Roland Maw to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

Brian and Lisa Gabriel

Dear Senators,

I am a small business owner and even though the popular tide is against us, we are still Alaskan and should be considered as part of the "public interest" We need to bring our fishery back to biology and not popular vote. I have lived here for 30 years and in that time I have seen the fishery harmed by the excessive growth and pressure on our local rivers. Our commercial industry has been here for over 100 years and in that time, after statehood and with proper management, our fishery has grown healthy and strong! Our numbers (commercial fishermen) have been set with Limited Entry since 1972 and we experienced our first million fish return to Cook Inlet in the 1980's. In the 80's guides discovered the Kenai in ever increasing numbers (no limited entry for them) and our rivers are being over run by the huge number of dipnetters from all over the state (mostly Anchorage). Dipnetting is a very new fishery with its early concept and inception to stem the tide of our over abundant years and was going to be used as a management tool for the Department of Fish and Game. Now the fishery is out of control, boats drivers are rude, people on the banks are rude and the trash they leave behind is a blight on our community. **WE NEED BALANCE ON THE BOARD OF FISH!!** For years I have seen the sport interest overwhelm the Board of Fish with their candidates and its time you step in and confirm a fair and honest man, Roland Maw!

I have personally known Mr. Maw for many years and I can tell you from my experience that no one will work harder for you or be as fair. He is a man that is honest, open, and wants to see our precious resource thrive for generations to come. So ignore the voices that will work to discredit Mr Maw and do your own homework on who this man is. A confirmation FOR Roland Maw is a confirmation for FISH first and the protection of our resource.

Thank you for your time and attention in this issue.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Chase  
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Dear Senator,

I am writing as a concerned member of the community to voice my support of Dr. Maw to be appointed to the board of fisheries. For years I have been utterly shocked at how little some members of the board know about how commercial fishing which has been around for over 100 years even operates. Dr. Maw would be balance to a board which makes critical decisions that badly needs his expertise. Setnetters are being blamed and used as a scapegoat for other interested groups to profit by them receiving a larger "piece of the pie." So, while others who cut him down are doing so in an effort to further their own causes and they have been successful at doing this to others in the past. Please help restore our faith in the governing bodies of Alaska by appointing good men of the community such as Dr. Maw.

Regards,

Mr. Mike Crookston

Kenai, Salamatof Beach.

Dear Senator Giessel,

As far back as I can remember, fish management has equaled politics in Alaska and vice-versa; a trend that has to stop so all Alaskans can realize plentiful populations for subsistence use, personal use, and sport and commercial harvest. Governor Walker has chosen someone to lead this effort in a science and biological approach, not political. Dr. Roland Maw has spent his entire life in the field of wildlife, habitat, and fisheries management with special efforts on sustained yield management through education and hands on experience. Mr. Maw holds a Doctorate in Forestry and Natural Resource management, a Master's Degree in Education of Outdoor Recreation, and a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology, Animal Ecology and Botany which has made him a valuable resource used by the U.N. in China, in Canada, the U.S. Park Service, Alaska State Troopers, Greater Anchorage Borough, and the State of Alaska. His extensive research and experience has been used as a reference for both U.S. and Canadian officials. Dr. Maw also brings a firm commitment to local decision making by individual area biologists, the folks who have boots on the ground and are trained to make scientific decisions in real time, something that has been all too sorely missed in past administrations.

A dedicated individual to the sciences of nature.

Prior to Governor Walker's choice, the Board of Fish has operated under a policy of redistribution of resources, not enhancement, predator control, or habitat protection. This has clearly failed many fisheries and the economies that are tied to each one of them, both sport and commercial. Subsistence and personal use fisheries have also suffered under the rule of redistribution. Einstein has said that doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result is insane. For nearly twenty years, the Board of Fish has continued to do the same thing over and over and our fisheries are failing.

Again, we need to move away from politics.

Please consider confirming Governor Walker's candidate for the Board of Fish, Dr. Roland Maw.

Respectfully,

Dino Sutherland  
Eagle River

**Honorable Alaska Legislator,**

**My family and I strongly endorse Governor Bill Walker's choice of Roland Maw Ph.D. to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. The problems of the Cook Inlet fisheries stem from a lack of good science from the past Board of Fish actions. Please be part of the effort to restore good science in management and confirm Dr. Roland Maw to the appointed position as a member of the Alaska Board of Fisheries .**

**Sincerely,**

Dave Watson & Family

Dear Senator Giessel –

First, thank you for the emails and updates that you send to all of us... it is so nice to be in the loop a little.

On the issue at hand, I am dismayed by the appointment of Mr. Maw to the BOF. As I am sure you have heard from others, this is a very divisive choice.

While he is a brilliant man with an extensive CV in fisheries, Mr. Maw has consistently taken extreme positions at the board for several cycles. There is no question that he would be far from balanced in his approach to managing the resources of the state and especially so on the difficult Southcentral issues.

Previous boards have been balanced between sport, commercial and subsistence representation – adding Mr. Maw to the existing board would tip that balance toward the commercial fishery and given his biases, I think he would be a disaster to the long term economy of the Kenai Peninsula and Southcentral Alaska.

Please take whatever steps you can to block his appointment.

George Heim

Cooper Landing

