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The Alaska Board of Fisheries has sought to maintain a fair and equal representation for all user groups for the benefit of the citizens of Alaska and for the wellbeing of the great resources of our State.

Acting as Executive Director of UCIDA Roland Maw has shown from his previous testimony and actions during Board of Fish meetings that his one goal has been to pursue a larger slice of the allocation pie for the user group that he has represented at the expense of all other user groups.

I believe maintaining a balanced Board of Fishery that represents all user groups equally as well as individual Board Members being able to keep a fair and open mind on each proposal or issue that comes before them is imperative.

I do not believe that Roland Maw would or could be impartial. I am opposed to confirming Roland Maw to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Thank you for letting express my concerns on this topic.

Committee Chair and committee members,

I would like to take a few minutes of your time to express my concerns of why I am opposed to Roland Maw being confirmed to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Upper Cook Inlet has seen some of the most intense conflicts among user groups around the State of Alaska in recent memory. UCI has always seen its share of allocation battles but it has ramped up significantly in the last few years. Mostly due to a low abundance of King salmon combined with many of the Northern District systems failing or struggling to meet minimum escapement goals.

I believe that as the Executive Director of UCIDA proposals submitted to the Board of Fish or actions taken in the name of UCIDA during Roland Maw's tenure are a direct reflection of that individual.

Looking through the UCI BOF proposal book for 2013 which was the most recent BOF meeting to be held in regards to this area, UCIDA submitted 14 proposals. 5 were asking to restrict sport fishing and 3 proposals were seeking to restrict Personal Use Fishing on the Kenai River. Now, some of these were minor adjustments to sport fishing but several were extremely severe. Like proposal 285 which if passed would have prohibited dip netting out of a vessel on the Kenai River, proposal 302 that was asking to close Larson Creek to all sport fishing for sockeye salmon, or proposal 310 which was seeking to both close days of the week open to sport fishing and to lower daily bag limits of Coho salmon to one a day.

The other 6 proposals submitted by UCIDA with Roland Maw as Executive Director were asking for liberalizations to the drift fishery like proposal 136 which was seeking to expand fishing area, extend the season for drift fishing in UCI, and lower trigger ranges of sockeye in the management plan to allocate more sockeye to the drift fishery at the expense of all other user groups.

Interesting, that in these times of low abundance of UCI King Salmon and Northern District stocks that UCIDA did not have one single proposal asking to restrict themselves to help in some way to conserve stocks but rather they simply wanted a bigger piece of the pie at the expense of all other user groups and most importantly at the expense of the resource.

I believe that being heavily involved with the allocation issues surrounding UCI that Roland Maw could not be an impartial member on the Board of Fish and just looking at all of the proposal submitted under his leadership show this very clearly.

Once again I am opposed to Mr. Roland Maw being confirmed to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Thank you for allowing me time to express my concerns on this matter.

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