

April 1, 2015

Senator Kevin Meyer, President, Alaska State Senate
Representative Mike Chenault, Speaker, Alaska House of Representatives
Alaska State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Members of the Alaska Legislature,


I am writing this letter in support of Robert Ruffner, Governor Walker's nominee to the Board of Fisheries. I feel Mr. Ruffner is extremely well-qualified to help address many of the issues and challenges before the Board.

Mr. Ruffner has extensive experience and expertise in Alaska fish habitat, and his resume shows an impressive scientific background. However we are even more impressed that Mr. Ruffner is able to consistently bring different stakeholder groups together to find solutions collaboratively. This is a critical skill for Board members.

Robert Ruffner's previous participation on public boards and committees, his strong academic background and his groundbreaking work as Executive Director with the Kenai Watershed Forum make him uniquely qualified to make positive contributions to the Board of Fisheries process.

Please confirm the appointment of Robert Ruffner to the Alaska Board of Fisheries, for the benefit of Alaska's fishery resources, and for all Alaskans.

Sincerely,


Stanley Mack, Mayor
Aleutians East Borough