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House Resources Committee  
Alaska House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Juneau, AK 99801

(via member email addresses)

Subject: Robert A. Ruffner Confirmation -- Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear Resources Committee Co-Chairs and Members:

I highly recommend Robert Ruffner to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries. His education and ongoing experience is outstanding and directly applicable.. As executive director, he developed the Kenai Watershed Forum (KWF) into a successful public service organization. He is also a lifelong sport fisher.

Additionally, Mr. Ruffner has represented Alaska on the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) Advisory Panel. Also, he has gained valuable experience with complex public issues, while serving on the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission and the Road Commission.

I am a longtime resident and divide my time between Anchorage and Cooper Landing. I am familiar with Mr. Ruffner's good work at the KWF since its founding in 1997. As one of the founders, I am very pleased to say that he has exceeded all expectations. He is a capable, well-reasoned individual, who demonstrates a temperate demeanor and good judgement. He does not have a special-interest agenda or conflict, and can be expected to strive for productive, science-based fisheries in the best interests of the public.

Please confirm Robert Ruffner to serve on the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert L. (Bob) Baldwin, CEO  
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