



Suggested by: City Council

CITY OF KENAI

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT RUFFNER TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES.

WHEREAS, Alaska Governor Bill Walker has appointed Robert Ruffner to the Alaska Board of Fisheries; and,

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Legislature will consider the confirmation of Robert Ruffner to the Alaska Board of Fisheries during the 2015 Legislative Session; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai is an Alaskan Fishing Community; and,

WHEREAS, commercial fisheries, sport fisheries, personal use fisheries, subsistence fisheries and shore-based fish processing facilities take place and/or are located within the City of Kenai's Municipal boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries manage fishery resources and habitat for the benefit of all Alaskan's both present and future ; and,

WHEREAS, Robert Ruffner, during his eighteen year tenure as the Executive Director of the Kenai Watershed Forum, has demonstrated exemplary leadership in building consensus among widely diverse user groups; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruffner's training as a scientist and statistician provide the basis for sound decision-making based on scientific analysis; and,

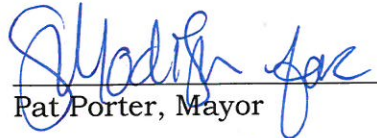
WHEREAS, he has been recognized by, and received awards from, the Coastal America Partnership and the United States Fish & Wildlife Service for his efforts and leadership in fish habitat restoration and protection; and,

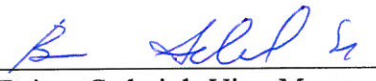
WHEREAS, his efforts in quantifying increased levels of hydrocarbons in the Kenai River, identifying measures to reduce hydrocarbon levels, and management of programs to reduce hydrocarbon levels, resulted in the Kenai River being removed from the Environmental Protection Agency's Listing of Impaired waterbodies; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kenai has worked closely with Mr. Ruffner and the Kenai Watershed Forum over the past eighteen years, finding him to be unbiased, possessing keen analytical skills, and committed to sound scientific based decision making which will well serve the State of Alaska and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, that the City Council supports the appointment of Robert Ruffner to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

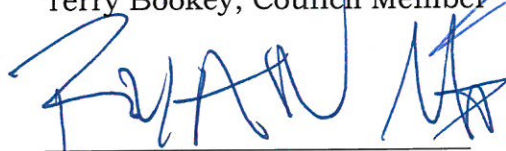
PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENAI, ALASKA, this 1st day of April, 2015.

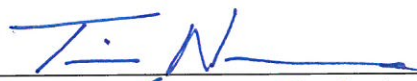

Pat Porter, Mayor

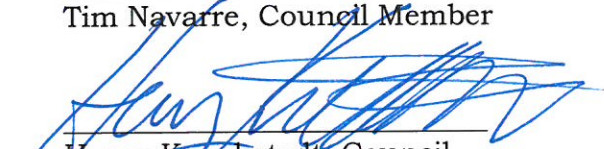

Brian Gabriel, Vice Mayor


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ATTEST: 
Sandra Modigh, City Clerk