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The Kenaitze Indian Tribe strongly supports Robert Ruffner as a Board of Fisheries member. Mr. Ruffner is highly respected in our community for working with State, Federal, and local agencies as well as federally recognized tribes, such as the Kenaitze Indian Tribe.

Kenaitze Indian Tribe is a federally recognized Tribal Government reorganized in 1971 under the statutes of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended for Alaska in 1936. The Tribe has established long term goals which enhance the health, social and economic well-being, cultural heritage, and governmental concerns of its people, and serves over 3,700 Alaska Native, American Indian and other people who reside in the central and upper Kenai Peninsula, including approximately 1,430 enrolled Kenaitze Tribal Members and 170 Salamatof Tribal Council (STC) Tribal Members. The service area includes the central Kenai Peninsula communities of Kenai, Soldotna, Sterling, Nikiski, Salamatof, Cohoe, Cooper Landing and the surrounding area.

Mr. Ruffner's leadership and knowledge will serve the Board of Fisheries well.

Sincerely,

Jaylene Peterson-Nyren

Executive Director

Kenaitze Indian Tribe