



March 31, 2015

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair  
House Special Committee on Fisheries  
Alaska State Legislature  
120 4<sup>th</sup> Street, State Capitol, Room 3  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Stutes and Committee Members,

I would like to express our strong support for the nomination of Mr. Robert Ruffner to the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board).

Icicle Seafoods is a major seafood processing company with land plants and floating operations in and around Petersburg, Seward, Homer, Larsen Bay, Egegik, Wood River, and Unalaska/Dutch Harbor. We process crab, cod, halibut, herring, pollock, sablefish, and salmon.

We believe Mr. Ruffner will be an excellent Board member given his education, professional work, and public service experience. He resides in an area of the state with high demands and contentious issues surrounding fisheries resources and habitat. As executive Director of the Kenai Watershed Forum he has proven to be a strong advocate for the health of the waterways of the Kenai Peninsula and works diligently for habitat protection and restoration. He has demonstrated a keen ability to forge together workable solutions to complex problems while taking into consideration the science, economics, and views of competing stakeholders involved in the issues. Such skills will serve him well as a member of the Board.

We believe Mr. Ruffner has the skills, intellect, experience, and fortitude required to be a good board member. We respectfully urge you to confirm his appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Sincerely,  
ICICLE SEAFOODS, INC.

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Director, Government Affairs

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