

## Sen. Chris Birch

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**To:** Sen. Chris Birch; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Click Bishop  
**Subject:** NO to Brune's Confirmation

Senate Resources Committee:

I am writing to encourage you to oppose Mr. Jason Brune's confirmation to DEC Commissioner. I am a fisheries biologist with a small non-profit here in Haines, and I work with the good people at DEC and DFG on an almost daily basis. I know first-hand how a commissioner can negatively influence the morale and direction of a State department.

The mission of DEC is "to conserve, protect and improve [Alaska's] natural resources and environment and control water, land and air pollution in order to enhance the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the state and their overall economic and social well being." The professionals at DEC deserve better than to be led by someone who has spent his career on the other side of the regulatory fence, working in and for an industry that stands to make a profit from weaker environmental regulations and dirtier air and water.

An appointment such as this is a blatant attempt to hamstring a public agency whose mission it is to protect the people and resources of Alaska from exploitation and harm.

Thank you,

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