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2016</SUBJECT><COMM>HFSH29</COMM></TARGET>

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Fisheries, Board Member

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
None

First Name Alan	Middle Name G	Last Name Cain
Mailing Address [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
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Military Service None		

Conflict of Interest

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No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
Full professional resume available if needed; 1976 to present at noted above directly enforcing or supporting enforcement of Alaska fish & game regulations and statutes including lengthy support to the Alaska Board of Fisheries as the board enforcement advisor.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

26 years employment with the Alaska Department of Public Safety in the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection as seasonal aide, trooper recruit, state trooper, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, Captain (division operations commander).

10 years employment with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game as the criminal justice planner for the department.

4 years employment as a contractor providing enforcement support and training to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (all divisions) and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (divisions of Mining, Land, and Water – Forestry)

40 years total experience directly performing or supporting enforcement and protection of fish & game resources in Alaska.

Included in my 40 years of service are 15 years attending all statewide Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings through each entire cycle sitting at the board table acting as the board enforcement advisor at all meetings. I am the longest tenured enforcement advisor to the board. Worked to provide the Board of Fisheries over the years with clear and enforceable regulations, worked closely with Department of Law representatives, board members, and members of the public on many special projects. I am thoroughly familiar with the Board of Fisheries process.

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

2016/2017 Alaska Business License – Alaska Dept. of Commerce - DBA Resource Enforcement Solutions

Alaska Police Standards Council Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Police Certificates

Alaska Police Standards Council Certified Police Instructor

Basic and Advanced Field Training Officer Certifications

United States Department of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service Deputy Game Warden Commission

United States Customs Service, Customs Officer Commission

NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Law Enforcement Commission

NAUI SCUBA Instructor Certification

Diver Rescue International Certification

United States Coast Guard Masters License (25 ton vessels)

American Red Cross CPR; Basic Life Support, Standard First Aid

Basic Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Certification

Department of Public Safety Use of Force Certification

Emergency Medical Technician/Ambulance Certification

Breathalyzer Training/Breath Alcohol Analysis Certificate

Armament Systems and Procedures, Inc. (ASP) Tactical Baton Certification

Hazardous Materials Awareness for First Responders Certificate

Alaska Drivers License

FWP Division Procurement Officer Appointment

Level I, II, and III Alaska Procurement Officer Certification (\$100,000 delegated DPS authority)

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
Career Awards Received

2012 – Pogue-Elms Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award presented by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA)

2009 - Guy Bradley Award presented by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington DC for lifetime contribution to wildlife law enforcement

2004 - ADF&G Sport Fish Director's Achievement Award for Leadership and Supervision

1996 - Honorable Service – Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection (FWP)

1993 - Shikar Safari International, State of Alaska Wildlife Officer of the Year

1990 - Meritorious Service (FWP)

1989 - Support Services Trooper of the Year (FWP)

1987 - Commendation for Valor (DPS)

1987 - Detachment Trooper of the Year (FWP)

1987 - Meritorious Service (FWP)

1980 - Detachment Trooper of the Year (FWP)

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Alan G Cain, age 60, of Anchorage, Alaska, is a natural resources enforcement advisor and trainer, with 40 years experience in Alaska protecting fish & game as an Alaska Wildlife Trooper, Criminal Justice Planner, and contractor.

Submitted: 1/25/2016 11:07:07 AM



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

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March 17, 2015

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Robert Ruffner and Al Cain for Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Stutes and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 34 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters.

The UFA board has considered the governor's appointments to the Board of Fisheries and we support the nominations of Robert Ruffner and Al Cain.

Mr. Ruffner has an impressive background in both scientific and public leadership described in his resume. Mr. Ruffner's longtime experience with the Kenai Watershed Forum and Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership shows that he is familiar with the issues that arise in Board of Fisheries work and fisheries management. His scientific studies and personal awards demonstrate that he has a strong dedication to all of the State's different fisheries. Mr. Ruffner's professional background as well as his experience and ability to bring diverse points of view together would bring a unique perspective to the Board while also maintaining balance.

Al Cain's long service as a liaison to the Board regarding enforcement matters would bring a broad statewide knowledge of Alaska's fisheries, and direct expertise and experience with the Board's processes.

The Board of Fisheries is well known to be among the most demanding of all volunteer public service appointments in the state. We feel Mr. Ruffner and Mr. Cain are both highly-qualified applicants and we appreciate their willingness to serve. Thank you for your time and attention to this important appointment.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune
President

Mark Vinsel
Executive Administrator

SOUTH K BEACH INDEPENDENT

FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Protecting and Preserving the Kasilof River Aquarian System

March 24, 2016

Alaska State Legislature

House Special Committee for Fisheries

Chairman Representative Louise Stutes

Chairman and Committee Members,

The South K-Beach Independent Fishermen's Association (SOKI) is a community group consisting of those individual commercial setnet fishermen who seek to harvest salmon primarily migrating to the Kasilof River in Cook Inlet.

The selection and confirmation of Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) members is of vital concern to our interests. The BOF directs managers to conserve; which has been defined in the courts as "the controlled utilization of a resource to prevent its exploitation, destruction or neglect." Equally as important is the other directive which is to develop: "connotes management of a resource to make it available for use". Both to be considered in a 'balance'.

In AS 16.05.221 Boards of fisheries and game, the Governor and the Legislature have direction in that each member shall be selected on ... "the basis of interest in public affairs, good judgment, knowledge, and ability in the field of action of the board, and with a view to providing diversity of interest and points of view in membership."

In the Governor's press release on 02.02.2016, he states, "the board will ensure the resource is managed for the maximum benefit of Alaskans." While we support the concept of managing for Maximum Sustained Yield (MSY) we would add that by establishing this as the 'mission' of the BOF that this cannot happen without the full support of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G).

Commercial fishing is a base line economy of Alaska and by and large offers an economy to 71% of Alaska that they normally they would not have access to if they lived within our largest community. Salmon fishermen in Alaska are overwhelmingly made up of residents. The benefits of the salmon industry does not stop with the 730 thousand residents of our State. We supply a healthy sustainable protein source for all those Americans who are not so lucky to live on our Alaska land.

We are pleased with the Governors attempt to balance the talent of ideas, values and expertise. Having said this we are concerned that by losing the knowledge and history of having a Bristol Bay commercial fishing experienced person on the Board will damage their collective abilities to make vital decisions based on the 'best available information'.

SOUTH K BEACH INDEPENDENT

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However, we do not hold our support for any of these appointees. Rather we support moving forward with possibly new ways to re-construct the board process, to better align it with the complex issues that were not possible to address 60 yrs. ago by our State's constitutional conveners. It is our belief that it is time that we take a serious look on ways to improve the process, to take the contentiousness away from the individual board member appointments, to give them the "tools" and the assistance to make **clear, open, transparent and well informed decisions.**

With that, the collective voice of SOKI fully support the appointment to the AKBOF of; Alan Cain, Israel Payton and Robert Ruffner.

Thank you,


Paul A. Shadura II

Spokesperson

P.O. Box 1632

Kenai, Alaska 99611

KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Richard McGahan
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries - Payton
COMMITTEE: House Fisheries **DATE:** 3-24-16

Please do NOT confirm Mr. Payton to the Board of Fish.
He is not a scientist and has a biased view regarding Cook Inlet salmon.

Richard McGahan
Nikiski, Alaska

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Karen McGahan
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries - Payton
COMMITTEE: House Fisheries **DATE:** 3-24-16

Please DO NOT appoint Israel Payton to the Board of Fish.
He has been hand picked, in my opinion, by Bob Penney, Kenai Sportfishing Assoc., and Sen. Stoltze and will not be a good board member.
This is a political appointment, not a scientific appointment.

Thank you,
Karen McGahan
Nikiski, Alaska

KENAI LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

Email: Kenai_LIO@akleg.gov

Phone: 907-283-2030 / Fax: 907-283-3075

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Karen McGahan
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: Board of Fisheries - Ruffner
COMMITTEE: House Fisheries **DATE:** 3-24-16

Please accept this message as my testimony in favor of Mr. Robert Ruffner for a position on the Board of Fish.

Mr. Ruffner is a resident of the Kenai Peninsula and has years of experience regarding the Kenai River and its habitat.

Mr. Ruffner is actually a scientist and a person without a political agenda - a rare commodity! He is also a stable and thoughtful person.

Thank you,
Karen McGahan
Nikiski Resident

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Fishermen's Fund Advisory & Appeals, Region 3

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
None

First Name Renee	Middle Name	Last Name Weddle Alward
Mailing Address	City	State & Zip

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Military Service

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No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
Please see attached resume.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:
Bookkeeping and Commercial Fishing business management since 2004 for salmon seining, tendering, herring, crab, and cod fisheries. Fished on our family owned seiners. Employed as a Medical Assistant and X-Ray tech for many years.

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:
None

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
Volunteer for Homer Wilderness Leaders, active in UFA, NPFA, Homer Marine Trades Association.

Conviction Record

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No

Conviction Circumstances

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Renee Weddle Alward, 41, of Homer, Alaska, is bookkeeper and Treasurer for Bulletproof Nets, Inc. She has many other clients through Homer Business Services, including vessels in the Crab, Cod, Halibut, Herring, and Tendering fleets. She has been a part of the Lower Cook Inlet and Kodiak Salmon Seining fisheries along with her husband and children since 2004. In the past she has been employed as a Medical Assistant and X-ray Tech in the Homer area.

Submitted: 12/7/2015 6:15:55 AM

Renee Weddle Alward

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My diverse work in the Commercial Fishing and Medical Fields lends itself well to advising on the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council.

Work Experience

2008 - Current: **Bookkeeper/Treasurer**, Bulletproof Nets, Inc.
60082 Clarice Way, Homer, AK *Self Employed.*

2008 - Current: **Bookkeeper**, Homer Business Services.
5317 Kachemak Drive, Homer, AK *John Kelly, Owner. 907-235-9700*

2004 - Current: **Bookkeeper/Manager**, F/V Shrike, F/V Challenger
60082 Clarice Way, Homer, AK *Alward Fisheries LLC, Self Employed.*

2003 - 2007: **Medical Assistant, X-Ray Tech**, Kachemak Bay Medical Clinic.
4201 Bartlett St, Homer, AK *Dr. Paul Raymond, Owner. 907-235-7000*

2002 - 2007: **Medical Assistant, X-Ray Tech**, Kachemak Bay Sports Medicine & Orth.
4201 Bartlett St Suite 201, Homer, AK *Dr. Daniel McCallum, Owner.*

2001-2002: **Skills Trainer**, South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services.
3948 Ben Walters Lane, Homer, AK *907-235-7701*

Education

Empire College, Santa Rosa CA- A.A.S. Medical Assisting and X-ray Tech

University of Alaska, Anchorage- A.A.S. Human Services

Certified Drill Instructor, Vessel Safety

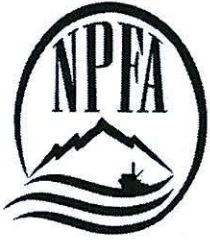
References:

Ian Pitzman, *Fortune Sea LLC*

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Jerry Vantrease, *F/V Ruby, Liberty Electric Inc.*

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North Pacific Fisheries Association
P.O. Box 796 · Homer, AK · 99603

March 22, 2016

Re: Endorsement of Renee Weddle Alward for the District 3 Seat of Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council.

Dear Alaska State Legislators,

The North Pacific Fisheries Association would like to express our support for Renee Weddle Alward as a candidate for the District 3 seat on the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council. Jim Herbert, the outgoing Council member brought the vacancy to our attention and at our December board meeting, the NPFA Board of Directors voted unanimously to support Renee for this position.

NPFA is a multi gear, multi species commercial fishing organization based in Homer, Alaska. We represent about fifty family fishing operations, mostly based out of Homer. Our members participate in many fisheries throughout the State from Southeast to the Bering Sea.

Renee Weddle Alward is well known to NPFA as she is the wife of our current treasurer, Matt Alward. Renee has assisted our group with accounting advice and has proven to be very knowledgeable, patient, level headed and a problem solver. Given her experience with the family fishing operation, Renee is quite familiar with the industry and the challenges involved. Renee Weddle Alward is a thoughtful and reliable candidate and we strongly recommend her for this position. Thank you for your consideration.

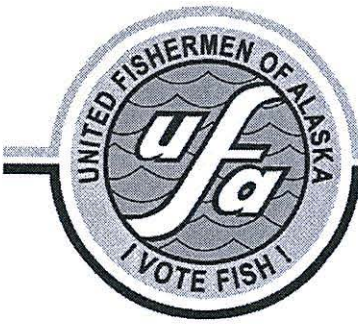
On behalf of our Board of Directors,

Malcolm Milne

Malcolm Milne

President, North Pacific Fisheries Association

npfahomer@gmail.com



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March 17, 2016

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support for appointment of Renee Alward to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Dear Representative Stutes and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 34 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters. The UFA board met recently and discussed nominees to fishery-related boards and commissions.

UFA supports the appointment of Renee Alward to the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council. Ms. Alward has longtime experience in a family fishing operation and fishing-related support business, job experience as a medical assistant in the family medical field, and bookkeeping services for fishing related businesses. This breadth of related experience uniquely qualifies Ms. Alward for the council. We appreciate her willingness to serve and ask for your support of her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jerry McCune
President

Mark Vinsel
Executive Administrator

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Bering Sea Crabbers • Alaska Independent Fishermen's Marketing Association
Alaska Independent Tendermen's Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Scallop Association • Alaska Trollers Association
Alaska Whitefish Trawlers Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve • Cape Barnabas Inc.
Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United • Douglas Island Pink and Chum
Freezer Longline Coalition • Golden King Crab Coalition • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owner Association
Seafood Producers Cooperative • Southeast Alaska Herring Conservation Alliance • Southeast Alaska Fisherman's Alliance
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Valdez Fisheries Development Association

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Game, Board of Game

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
Preference Order Board
2) Fisheries
3) Big Game Commercial Services

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
None

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Israel	Paul	Payton
Mailing Address	City	State & Zip



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2014-Present

Airframes Alaska, Birchwood, Alaska

Outside Sales/Technical Support/Customer Service

2012-2013

Professional Wilderness Services, Nikiski, Alaska

Bear Guard/Wilderness Safety Professional

2011-2013

Hunter Trapper Aviation, Wasilla, Alaska

Aircraft Mechanic

2011

Nana Construction, Big Lake, Alaska

Structural Welder

2008-Present

Self-Employed, Wasilla, Alaska

Income Property Owner/Builder/Manager

2006-2010

Schulmberger, Prudoe Bay, Alaska

Oil Field Operator

2004-2005

McGee Construction, Anchorage, Alaska

Construction/Iron Worker

2004

Glacier Granite, Anchorage, Alaska

Mason Granite Cutter/Fitter

2002-2005

True Wilderness Adventures, Skwentna, Alaska

Owner & Operator Fish Guiding Service

1997-2011

Seasonal Hunting Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

1996-2005

Seasonal Fishing Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

1993-1995

Seasonal Deck Hand on Family River Barge, Skwentna, Alaska

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

Home Schooled in Skwentna, Alaska Elementary – Junior Year High School

High School Diploma Colony High, Palmer 1997

Testing Institute of Alaska Welding Certificate 2003

Pilot Training Commercial Pilot 1999-2002

CDL Truck Driving School CDL Tanker 2006

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

Commercial & Instrument Pilots License 1999-2001

Registered Big Game Guide License 2001 Currently Expired

Alaska Bow Hunter Certification 2004

Alaska Hunter Ed Card. 1994

Coast Guard OUPV licence 1998 Currently Expired

Sport fishing guides license 1998 Currently Expired

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State of Alaska Licensed Foster Parent 2012-2014

Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee 2004-2005 & 2013-present

Aviation Safety Seminar Speaker 2014-present

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Israel Payton, 37, of Wasilla and Skwentna is a life long Alaskan. Israel was home birthed in his parents 12x12 trappers cabin at the base of the Alaska Range near the Hayes River. His first trip into the woods was on his fathers back when he was 3 days old. Israel was raised in Skwentna and grew up harvesting fish and game, and living a subsistence life. His first job was a deck hand on his family's river barge service. Israel has had many jobs taking him all over Alaska; Guide, North Slope Operator, Welder, Pilot, Commercial Construction, Airplane Mechanic, and Home Builder. Israel currently works in sales for Airframes Alaska, Alaska's largest seller and manufacture of aviation parts. Israel has participated in the Board of Game/Fish and Advisory committee process for many years and enjoys reaching out to sportsman, getting different perspectives, and bringing people together on issues. Israel describes himself as the quintessential Alaskan bush rat and spends as much time possible going to his cabin with wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Emily. Israel was home schooled in Skwentna and moved into Wasilla his senior year, graduating from Colony High School. Israel is a Certified Pipe/Structural Welder, Commercial/ Instrument Pilot, and is working on getting his Aircraft Mechanic License. Israel enjoys, hunting, fishing, flying, and talking to people about those issues.

Submitted: 10/19/2015 12:23:38 PM

Oct 20, 2015

Dear Governor Walker,

My name is Israel Payton. I was home birthed by my father and mother in a 12 x 12 log trapper's cabin at the base of the Alaska Range, on the Hayes River. Being 75 air miles from the nearest hospital my parents weighed me with a Zebco fishing scale. I grew up in the bush, learning early on a deep respect for fish and wildlife resources since we subsisted off of them. This upbringing has instilled me the values I live my life by today.


Like many Alaskans I have had various jobs to make a living; airplane mechanic, boat builder, welder, fishing and hunting guide, tour guide, slope worker, wilderness professional, house builder, and landlord. Currently I work at Airframes Alaska, the largest aviation company in the state.

I have fished, hunted and worked in many different parts of the state, and have a diverse knowledge of Alaska Game and Fish as a whole. I am a member of the Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee and actively participate in the Board of Game and Fish meetings. I am constantly trying to recruit other young Alaskans in these processes as they are truly unique. In no other state can a single individual have so much impact on passing a fish and game regulation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Israel Payton



Israel Paul Payton



Trainings/Licenses & Certifications

Current: Commercial Instrument Pilot License, Alaska Bow Hunter Card, Alaska Hunter Education Card

Previous/ Expired: Registered Big Game Guide, CDL with hazmat, Coast Guard Captain, Fishing Guide, First Aid CPR, Pipe and Structural Welder

Community Service

State of Alaska Licensed Foster Parent	2012-2014
Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee	2004-2005 & 2013-present
Aviation Safety Seminar Speaker	2014-present

Formal and Informal Education

Home Schooled in Skwentna, Alaska (Elementary – Junior Year High School)		
High School Diploma	Colony High, Palmer	1997
Testing Institute of Alaska	Welding Certificate	2003
Pilot Training	Commercial Pilot	1999-2002
CDL Driving School	CDL Tanker License	2006

Employment/Work History

2014-Present

Airframes Alaska, Birchwood, Alaska
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Israel Paul Payton
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2006-2010

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Oil Field Operator

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Construction/Iron Worker

2004

Glacier Granite, Anchorage, Alaska

Mason Granite Cutter/Fitter

2002-2005

True Wilderness Adventures, Skwentna, Alaska

Owner & operator of adventure outdoor company

1997-2011

Seasonal Hunting Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

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Seasonal Fishing Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

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Seasonal Deck Hand on Family River Barge, Skwentna, Alaska

February 20, 2015

Office of Boards and Commissions
550 West 7th Ave. Suite 1700
Anchorage AK 99501
Attn: Karen Gillis

Governor Bill Walker,

I am writing to apply for a seat on the Alaska Board of Fish. Please see my attached resume.

My wife and I moved to Alaska in 1996, after having the opportunity to spend a summer in Sitka a few years earlier while still in college. However, my first exposure to Alaska fish was early in grade school when my Uncle Bob sent a couple unlabeled gold cans of homepack for me to share with my young classmates. It was a few years later that I was able to visit him and first experience salmon fishing from his troller. Later as a young adult I was fortunate to have a summer in Sitka where, like most of us who first experience spawning salmon in small streams, I watched in awe of what these creatures do at the end of their life cycle. Something that I now share with my own two daughters.

When the opportunity arose for us to move to Soldotna in 1996, we came here without any hesitation. I found myself a job as the first employee for a newly forming organization that wanted to work with all user groups, businesses and "stakeholders" to work together for the health of our rivers and streams. I helped found and grow the Kenai Watershed Forum from an idea into a multi-million dollar organization, maintaining support from all branches of local government and achieving results in unexpected ways with all user groups coming together for the betterment of the waters on the Kenai Peninsula. This collaborative approach to conservation work is a skill that I've honed and one that I will bring to the Board of Fish. I hold no illusions that my participation will reduce the user group conflicts, but having worked with many stakeholders for years, I do believe I am in a unique position to make a positive contribution to Alaska. I know how to work in this environment and reach solutions.

While the past few years my job has become increasingly managerial in nature, I am trained as a scientist with a good core mathematical and statistical background. When questions arise around data collection and confidence in datasets, I expect I will know what questions to ask and will seek to get the best scientific information on the table to help inform my decisions. To the extent possible I will always draw on the best science to make those tough votes.

Board members have a tremendous responsibility to the public and make decisions that can have serious economic, social and cultural implications. I understand this responsibility and can assure everyone considering my application that I will take this job seriously and above all else I will be fair and transparent in deliberations and in my role as a decision maker.

My promise to the governor and legislature is that I will listen to the public and I will work my tail off to make sure that I am making decisions in the best interest of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'R' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert Ruffner

Robert Ruffner



Current Employer - Kenai Watershed Forum

Professional Work Experience

- 1996 – Present: Kenai Watershed Forum, Executive Director
 - Managed up to \$3M budget and supervised 14 employees
- 1994 – 1996: University of Minnesota, Research and Teaching Assistant
- 1990 – 1994: University of Minnesota, Limnology Lab technician

Education

- B.S. University of MN Geology 1994
- Post graduate course work, 2 years University of MN Geology/ Civil Engineering
- Specific course work in Geomorphology, Engineering, Numerical Modeling including finite element, finite difference, cellular automata methods
- Developed methods for modeling complex sediment transport for Hibbing Taconite Inc. and the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park

Board/ Commission Experience

- Soldotna Chamber of Commerce 2010 – present
- Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission 2010 – present
- Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Commission 2012 – present
- North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission Advisory panel 2014 - present

Relevant Experience

- Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership Coordinator 2009 – Present
 - Nationally recognized partnership, sets habitat priorities and recommends funding to the USFWS
- Fish Habitat Restoration
 - Designed and directly supervised dozens of fish passage projects totaling several millions of dollars
 - Co-designed and directly supervised a major Anchor River restoration of a captured gravel pit
- Stream Buffer Evaluation – Tongass National Forest 1993
- Scientific Studies
 - Identified hydrocarbon pollution levels in the Kenai River; developed predictive models for a solution and provided education leading to those solutions being implemented for the Kenai River - 2000 through 2008
 - Supervised fish passage evaluations of anadromous stream crossings on the Kenai Peninsula
 - Identified and documented juvenile salmonids for inclusion in the Anadromous Waters Catalog

Alaska Fishing Experience

- Sport fishing every year present in the State, wide range of experience from kayak fishing in Southeast Alaska to North Slope streams, including fin fish and shell fish
- Personal Use dipnetting – Kenai River every year since 1998
- Personal Use Gillnet – Kasilof River 1 season
- 2-days as a crew member on Cook Inlet Drift boat

Awards

- 2004 Coastal America Partnership Award (Silver Salmon Creek Restoration)
- 2007 National Wetlands Conservation Award To the Private Sector (award to Kenai Watershed Forum)
- 2008 National River Hero Award – River Network
- 2008 Person of the Year – Soldotna Chamber of Commerce

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Fisheries, Public Seat

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission - Advisory Panel

First Name Robert	Middle Name Austin	Last Name Ruffner
Mailing Address	City	State & Zip



Military Service
None

Conflict of Interest

Certain boards and commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS39.50.010. If required for the board or commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so?
Yes

Could you or any member of you family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying?
Yes

Please explain the potential financial benefit
No

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
Please see attached cover letter and resume

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:
Please see attached cover letter and resume

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:
Please see attached cover letter and resume

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
Please see attached cover letter and resume

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?
No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

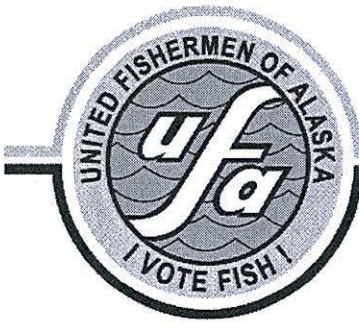
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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Robert Ruffner, 46 of Soldotna is the Executive Director of the Kenai Watershed Forum. Ruffner holds a degree in Geology from the University of Minnesota and has been working with all fishery user groups in Cook Inlet for since 1996.

Submitted: 2/20/2015 12:00:00 AM



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March 17, 2015

Representative Louise Stutes, Chair
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Support for Robert Ruffner and Al Cain for Board of Fisheries

Dear Representative Stutes and Committee Members,

United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) is the statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 34 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore federal waters.

The UFA board has considered the governor's appointments to the Board of Fisheries and we support the nominations of Robert Ruffner and Al Cain.

Mr. Ruffner has an impressive background in both scientific and public leadership described in his resume. Mr. Ruffner's longtime experience with the Kenai Watershed Forum and Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership shows that he is familiar with the issues that arise in Board of Fisheries work and fisheries management. His scientific studies and personal awards demonstrate that he has a strong dedication to all of the State's different fisheries. Mr. Ruffner's professional background as well as his experience and ability to bring diverse points of view together would bring a unique perspective to the Board while also maintaining balance.

Al Cain's long service as a liaison to the Board regarding enforcement matters would bring a broad statewide knowledge of Alaska's fisheries, and direct expertise and experience with the Board's processes.

The Board of Fisheries is well known to be among the most demanding of all volunteer public service appointments in the state. We feel Mr. Ruffner and Mr. Cain are both highly-qualified applicants and we appreciate their willingness to serve. Thank you for your time and attention to this important appointment.

Sincerely,

Jerry McCune
President

Mark Vinsel
Executive Administrator



North Pacific Fisheries Association
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March 20, 2016

Re: Confirmation of Robert Ruffner for Appointment to State of Alaska Board of Fisheries

Dear State of Alaska Legislators,

The North Pacific Fisheries Association would like to express our support for Robert Ruffner as a candidate for the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries. NPFA is a multi gear, multi species commercial fishing organization representing about fifty family fishing operations, mostly based out of Homer. Our members participate in many fisheries throughout the State from Southeast to the Bering Sea. Our group has participated in the Board of Fish process since its inception and we continue to be involved and are familiar with the politics of it.

Members of our board of directors recently had the opportunity to meet with and interview Mr. Ruffner for a second time and again discuss the possibility of him serving on the Board of Fisheries, this time for a different seat. Having reviewed his resume and discussing a variety of relevant topics and issues our board has voted unanimously to again support Mr. Ruffner. Even though Mr. Ruffner has been appointed to succeed a seated Board of Fisheries member with commercial fishing experience we continue to endorse him as his values and impartiality make him an excellent candidate. This is the type of Board member our group would like to see more of. In our view the constituency which Mr. Ruffner represents is the fish and the habitat. He understands the constitutional mandates and practicality of harvesting the resource for the people of Alaska today and in the future.

The NPFA board members think that Mr. Ruffner's science education and experience makes him an excellent candidate. We feel he will make evidence based decisions and will be for the fish. His experience in habitat protection with the Kenai Watershed Forum is crucial to the future of our fisheries. Mr. Ruffner also expressed his desire for an open Board of Fish process, a concept which is valued by our organization.

The North Pacific Fisheries Association supports Robert Ruffner and respectfully requests that Alaska State Legislature confirm his appointment to the Board of Fisheries. Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of our Board of Directors,

Malcolm Milne

President, North Pacific Fisheries Association

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