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will take into account streamside harvesting, leave strips, yarding across streams, potential windfall into streams and the introduction of logging debris during and after the harvest operations.

Guidelines under FSH 433.11 and 433.12 specify that road locations near natural drainages are to be avoided; cut and fill slopes are to be seeded immediately after construction; and stream crossings are to be in areas where minimum bank and channel disturbance will occur.

Rock and barrow pit locations, under FSH 433.13 guidelines, are to be located away from streams where possible. Gravel removal from active stream channels is prohibited.

In reference to regeneration and accelerated channel instability, Forest Service policy (FSM 2471.22) prohibits clearcutting in areas where adequate regeneration will not occur in 5 years. Since natural regeneration is to be relied upon, unstable floodplain areas conflict with policy.

An access road to the upper reaches of the North Bradfield River has been improperly constructed in crossing V-notches, colluvial deposits and streams. As a result, road segments have been obliterated by colluvial debris and streamflow. Furthermore, considerable runoff (streamflows) has been diverted down road surfaces. Slides #7 and #8 show where colluvial debris within a V-notch has removed the road prism. Slide #6 shows runoff diverted down one road segment. Slides #9, #10, #11 and #12 depict improper drainage and resulting road washouts. All these soil disturbances have resulted on accelerated erosion/sedimentation and represent violations of State Water Quality Standards (turbidity and suspended sediment).

Guidelines under FSH 433.11 and 433.12 specify the location of roads near natural drainages are to be avoided; cut and fill slopes are to be seeded immediately after road construction; excessive fills near stream channels are to be avoided; and natural road drainage by use of out-sloped dips are to be installed. Furthermore, it recognizes that up to 90 percent of the accelerated sediment due to harvesting occurs from roads.

In conformance with the Forest Service Handbook 2509.23, temporary roads are to be located to minimize erosion and stream pollution. Present and proposed roads are located along unstable floodplain soils and across landslide prone slopes.

* Slope failures and severe surface erosion has resulted from roading and harvesting activities across V-notches, oversteepened slopes and snow avalanche paths in the upper reaches of the North Bradfield River. This is documented by slides #13 through 20. Approximately 18,300 cubic yards have been eroded from the road prism and cut slopes. Approximately 1.7 acres of land have been removed from timber production for an estimated 100 years plus and an additional 3.5 acres suppressed for 50 to 100 years. Most of the slope debris and eroded material has entered the mainstream of the North Bradfield River in the form of accelerated sediment. Spawning habitat has been affected.

As specified in FSH 433.2, unstable soils where harvesting will accelerate landsliding, increase soil erosion hazards and/or adversely affect other resources should be avoided until practical methods are available to protect the soil

Research results indicate that the removal of overstory vegetation on slide prone soils and the accumulation of logging debris in V-notches are a major cause in accelerating mass wastage. Such potential conditions exist in the Bradfield Basin, especially in the upper stream reaches.

Timber management guidelines recognize these hazards as stated in FSM 2482.2 and 2482.21.

"Research has shown that debris avalanches and flows (hereafter referred to collectively as "landslides") may increase in number and frequency on steep slopes following logging. They usually occur on slopes of 67 percent or more. They are larger and more numerous on areas with the bedrock dipping parallel to the slope; areas with the bedrock presenting its edges to the slope experience large landslides less frequently. Side drainages that have downcut and produced oversteepened slopes are particularly susceptible to sliding. These have a characteristic V-notch shape. Logging debris left in the bottom of these drainages aggravates the land-sliding problem."

Unstable slopes and streambanks in the upper reaches of the East Bradfield River represents a high risk to water quality and downstream spawning habitat.

CURRENT IMPACTS

- * Roading and harvesting have resulted in adverse impacts to the soils, water and fisheries habitat.

Throughout the lower reaches of North Bradfield River, harvesting has occurred on floodplain alluvial soils; roads and bridges were located near meander bends; and barrow material was taken from stream gravel bars. The result has been stream removal of roads, bridges, logging debris, and residual vegetation. Remnants of bridges, stumps and other material have formed debris dams, creating areas of channel scour and deposition (accelerated stream sedimentation). The silting of spawning areas are highly suspected. Channel meandering and braiding have been accelerated on floodplains, making regeneration and stability difficult to impossible. In Appendix D, slide #1 shows the braided, meandering nature of the North Bradfield River and the location of a road near an unstable meander bend. This road has been washed out at least once and is flooded annually. Slides #3 and #4 show barrow pit location on a gravel bar. This practice results in the accelerated contributions of fine sands and silts to streamflow and spawning substrates. Slide #5 is representative of the type of debris moved by streamflows after harvesting.

Forest Service policy recognizes streamcourse protection as a vital Multiple Use goal. During sale preparation and planning, measures are to be developed to protect streams for fish production, wildlife, watershed and recreational values. As directed by FSM 432.2, emphasis is given to salmonid spawning, rearing and shelter areas including intermittent streams if utilized. Measures primarily relate to erosion control and logging debris management. Erosion prevention will consider soil properties; volume and velocity of water produced due to harvesting; stream crossings; gravel barrow from streamcourses; road layout and drainage; and rock pit locations. Logging debris management

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Report criticizes Tongass

By JOHN CARTER

EMPIRE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON - Mandated harvesting in the Tongass National Forest is costly and "irrational public policy," according to a Wilderness Society report released today.

The 200-page study of the U.S. Forest Service's management of the Tongass indicates that "excessive logging and roadbuilding ... is destroying an ecosystem of incalculable value."

Wilderness Society President George T. Frampton Jr. said the report will be used to lobby Congress to change provisions of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act that require the Forest Service to spend at least \$40 million a year to supply 4.5 million board feet of tim-

ber per decade.

The forest service "is squandering millions selling timber at a loss," said former Sen. Gaylord Nelson, counsel to the Wilderness Society.

The U.S. Treasury lost \$260 million between 1977 and 1984 on sales of timber from the Tongass, according to the report. In 1983 and 1984, the Tongass timber program lost 91 cents for each taxpayer dollar spent.

"This is public policy gone astray," said Alice Rivlin, Wilderness Society board member. "They had a good intention of providing jobs, but the economic world has turned against this industry. What was once dubious economics has now become indefensible."

Losses from the Tongass are "bound to grow over time because of chronically weak markets for South-

timber management

east Alaska's timber products and the fact that future harvests will have to rely on less accessible and less value stands," the report said.

Pulp made from the trees is used to make rayon and cellophane, outdated products that have been superseded by similar materials made from petroleum products. One result has been that "the market value of pulp exported from southeast Alaska declined by 49 percent between 1960 and 1984."

Aside from the economic problems of harvesting the Tongass, there are ecological problems, the Wilderness Society said.

"The Tongass shelters some of the last significant stands of northern hemisphere virgin rain forests found anywhere on Earth. These stands are a rare, endangered, irre-

placeable and priceless resource," the report said.

"Wildlife habitats and traditional subsistence lifestyles will be lost, salmon fisheries degraded and recreation and tourism values and related employment diminished if the current timber program remains in place," the society said.

The society is expected to call for cutting the timber harvest from 450 million board feet annually to 150 to 200 million board feet. In addition, the environmentalists want a moratorium on logging and roadbuilding in key fish and wildlife areas.

ANILCA calls for a review of the Tongass in 1985, which the Forest Service has completed. That report will be the subject of hearings in May.



Alliance for Juneau's Future, Inc.

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WATER PERMITS & COMPLIANCE BRANCH
EPA-REGION 10

This is in further response to Public Notice No.: AK-004043-6, regarding the proposed reversal of a November 9, 1988 EPA decision to issue a Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit to U.S. Borax. It should be noted that the November 9, 1988 EPA decision was consistent with EPA's formal acceptance of the preferred alternative as described in the Quartz Hill Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) record of decision that was released on October 24, 1988. The USDA Forest Service was the lead agency in the preparation of this FEIS; the EPA an active participating agency in that process.

In response to our May 24, 1990 Freedom of Information Act and related requests, the EPA has thus far not provided any record of consultation with State of Alaska officials on this proposed action. However, an official of the EPA stated that the Acting Administrator of EPA did have a telephone conversation with an official of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation before EPA announced its proposed decision. The Alliance has also received another report of EPA meetings regarding the proposed reversal of the EPA decision before the decision was announced. If the EPA did have such meetings or discussions with organization or agency representatives, the Alliance requests a listing of such contacts be included as a part of the Hearing Record.

The Alliance has also learned that the USDA Forest Service was not informed or consulted regarding the proposed change in the EPA position. In fact, the enclosed May 8, 1990 letter from Regional Forester Michael Barton of the USDA Forest Service, notes that he was "astonished by this unexpected action on behalf of EPA". In a follow-up request for information, the Alliance has learned that the EPA, as of July 6, 1990, has not yet responded to this May 8, 1990 request from the Forest Service.

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The EPA's proposal to reverse its 1988 decisions on the NPDES Permit and the Operating Plan FEIS is seriously flawed. The process by which this proposed decision was reached merits formal review by the United States Congress and/or the General Accounting Office. Although the EPA has not fully complied with our May 24, 1990 and related Freedom of Information Act requests, enough information has been obtained to reveal that EPA may not be in compliance with the various laws, regulations and administrative procedures applicable to this proposed action.

For example, the Alliance believes that the EPA's decision may be arbitrary and capricious under section 10(e) of the Administrative Procedures Act. The Preferred Alternative in the FEIS was accepted by the EPA; the Draft NPDES Permit, which had been tentatively approved by the EPA, mitigated against possible water quality violations by restricting the term of the permit to five years. The analysis given in the May 7, 1990, fact sheet does not provide a basis for denying the initial five-year permit. There is also no basis for EPA to "change" the FEIS Preferred Alternative.

Because of the implications of the proposed EPA action, the Alliance would appreciate your addressing the following questions regarding your tentative decision to deny the NPDES Permit for Borax to discharge submarine tailings into Smeaton Bay/Wilson Arm:

1. Does the tentative decision to deny the NPDES Permit indicate that the EPA is opposed to submarine tailings discharge per se?
2. Please describe the situation under which the discharge of marine tailings would be permissible from EPA's point of view.
3. If EPA is not opposed to a submarine tailings discharge per se, to what extent would those tailings have to be dewatered for EPA to approve their discharge? If the tailings were dewatered, would EPA have jurisdiction over such a discharge under the Clean Water Act and its Memorandum of Agreement with the Corps of Engineers?
4. Would the EPA approve submarine tailings discharge if the discharge was in accordance with the State Water Quality Standards?
5. Would you please detail the baseline work and other studies which EPA would need in order to make a decision on whether or not to grant a permit to discharge marine tailings?

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6. What type of trade-off analysis between on-land disposal of tailings and submarine tailings disposal does EPA make in determining whether or not to grant an NPDES Permit to discharge marine tailings?

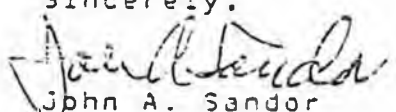
The Alliance requests the inclusion of these questions (and answers) in the hearing record. Also please send us an answer to these questions at the earliest opportunity either mailed to our mailing address on this letter or to our FAX (907) 586-2494.

The Alliance also notes that EPA Regional Administrator Robie Russell's December 28, 1989 letter to Vice President C.A. Hesse of U.S. Borax outlines the process by which a final NPDES Permit could be granted. Please include a copy of Mr. Russell's letter in the Hearing Record. Mr. Russell's letter also makes reference to the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund's (and other organizations) appeal of the mine development decision for the Quartz Hill Project. EPA's proposed action appears to have been based on points included in this appeal. It should be noted that this appeal is under review by the Chief of the USDA Forest Service, the lead agency in the FEIS process. EPA Administrator Russell's December 28, 1989 letter clearly acknowledges the Chief of the Forest Service's responsibility in reviewing and acting on this appeal. The Acting Administrator's proposal to reverse the 1988 EPA decisions appears to pre-empt or pre-judge the decision of the Chief of the Forest Service on this pending appeal. Accordingly, the proposed action by the Acting Administrator should be withdrawn until the hearing before the Chief of the Forest Service is completed.

The Alliance for Juneau's Future requests that the EPA's November 9, 1988, decision to issue an NPDES permit for Wilson Arm/Smeaton Bay be reinstated.

Enclosed is a PETITION in opposition to the proposed action by the EPA.

Please enter this letter and all enclosures in the hearing record.

Sincerely,

John A. Sandor
Executive Director

cc: Governor Cowder
Alaska Congressional Delegation



Alliance for Juneau's Future, Inc.

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted] :

Juneau has experienced considerable economic darkness over the last few years. There are encouraging signs which indicate the worst is over and that the future looks a bit brighter. A united business community can play a major role in turning that brightness into brilliance - a golden brilliance.

A community must move forward or face stagnation and atrophy. As we move toward the next decade and the turn-of-the century, we must work together to keep our community competitive within the Pacific Rim economic environment. We believe a better community can be built if we start working together and if we start working now.

We are happy to announce the formation of an organization to provide the mechanism to work together toward these objectives - THE ALLIANCE FOR JUNEAU'S FUTURE. Dozens of business and community leaders have spent hundreds of hours carefully putting this organization together over the last two months. Now we are ready to move to the next stage - the active involvement of hundreds of caring people. We hope you will be one of them. Enclosed is a brochure describing the purposes of our corporation.

If you agree with the purposes, we would very much like to have you as an active member. You will be entitled to determine policies of the corporation and elect the Board of Directors. You will also receive our newsletter with indepth articles on subjects such as improved transportation access, assuring ample supply of energy resources and other issues of current economic interest. Our first objective is to assure re-introduction of mining to our economy specifically starting with the environmentally sound Echo Bay-A7 project.

A member of the Alliance will be following-up to answer your questions or concerns. Please give him/her a few minutes of your time when she/he calls. We hope you will join with us in helping to shape Juneau's future as we move into the new century.

Sincerely,

John Sandor
Executive Director

William J. Cullinane
Membership Committee Chair

Transcription of KTOO-FM news story by Sherri Kochman,
April 18, 1991

There are two versions of a letter addressed to the Bureau of Land Management from Rusanowski on the AJ project. The April 14th letter describes the Impact Statement as inadequate in many areas and premature in drawing some conclusions. The letter dated a day later and actually sent to the BLM applauds the study as a sound document. Rusanowski called the changes just part of the process:

"The changes that you see between the two letters are part of the consolidation process. The material that was deleted is already contained within our page-specific comments, and the cover letter is designed to focus on major issues and concerns and we're trying to be as clear as we could in expressing those issues and concerns since we had the other materials already covered."

Attached to the cover letter are 68 pages of comments prepared by the Division of Governmental Coordination on the draft impact statement. Those were not changed when the cover letter was rewritten and Rusanowski said he is attaching all of the original agency comments as they were first submitted to the Division. Comments from the Departments of Fish and Game and Environmental Conservation were highly critical of the study. Included were statements that not enough information was gathered to support the conclusion that Sheep Creek is the best place for tailings disposal, and they questioned whether enough was known about Gastineau Channel tidal action to use it as a mixing zone for diluting tailings discharge. Putting those comments next to the cover letter which says that the DEIS is sound appears contradictory, but Rusanowski doesn't see it that way:

"I don't see that as a contradiction I see that as a clarification of the State's position and a uh, an expansion on the information available for the BLM to work with in addressing our concerns and issues." (Dr. Paul Rusanowski, Dir., DGC)

John Sandor, commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation agrees. Sandor met with Rusanowski and other resource commissioners on Tuesday.

Fish and Game commissioner Carl Rosier said the AJ comments were reviewed at the meeting, and he had been assured that the critical agency comments would be forwarded to the BLM. But as those criticisms head to the BLM, the press release applauds the project and says that the controversial tailings pond in Sheep Creek valley could be an asset as a recreation spot. Deputy Press Secretary John Manley says the Governor has not seen the press release or the cover letter.

John Howe of Alaskans for Juneau, a group that opposes the project called the changes in the cover letter a political move:

"We see that as at best a very premature, a dangerous thing to say when considering a document that has real importance to the health and safety of the people of Juneau." (John Howe, Alaskans for Juneau)

"Any conjecture as to why the letter may change so much in the two versions?" (Sherri Kochman, KTOO News)

"Well I'm sure there's political pressure, as opposed to good scientific research that is influencing this." (John Howe)

Another local group, the Alliance for Juneau's Future supports the AJ plan. Sandor previously headed up that group, but does not see that as a conflict with his work as commissioner:

"At the time I, uh, was um, executive director of the Alliance for Juneau's Future it had not yet, um, taken a position with respect to the project, it has now." (John Sandor, Commissioner, DEC)

With the State's comments in, the BLM will move forward in preparing the final impact statement and the question is how the agency will use the State comments. In Juneau, I'm Sherri Kochman.

JOHN SANDOR: THE FOX GUARDING THE HENHOUSE?



DEC commissioner John Sandor

■ **NAME:** John Sandor

■ **AGE:** 63

■ **PRESENT JOB:** Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. Appointed three months ago.

■ **PREVIOUS POSITIONS:** Founder and executive director of Alliance for Juneau's Future (1980-1990); the group strongly favors reopening the A-J Mine. Alaska Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service (1976-1984)

■ **EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in forest management, Washington State University

■ **REPUTATION:** Longtime Tongass National Forest planner K.J. Metcalf says the regional branch of the agency was in "complete disarray" when Sandor came aboard. Sandor, he says, was able to turn things around. "We ... came up with some really good guidelines for forest practices."

But in time, Metcalf adds, those practices eroded and "all the decisions were made in favor of timber." Roads were built "where roads had no business being."

■ **WHAT THOSE ON THE SIDELINE SAY:** "(Sandor) created a runaway bureaucracy, (as regional forester) and stayed busy building roads to nowhere, offering up timber for sale that was way in excess of the market," according to Bart Kohler, executive director of the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council.

"(Sandor's appointment) means not only mining but all industry will be treated fairly," said Steve Borell, executive director of the Alaska Miners Association.

"(His amendment of the Bradford River timber sale) resulted in an environmental disas-

ter ... We had whole islands washed away. Salmon were spawning in ditches. It was just a nightmare," said Joe Mehrkens, former Forest Service official, now executive director of the Southeast Alaska Natural Resource Center.

"He works pretty well in the political arena, so he's just not blatantly going to indicate what he will do. He's clearly pro-development. That's not a secret," according to K.J. Metcalf, team leader of the first Tongass Management Plan, now retired after 26 years with the Forest Service.

■ **WHAT SANDOR SAYS:** "It would have been more accurate if I had been depicted as a multiple-use advocate. ... It's certainly fair to characterize me as an advocator of not only the protection but the development of resources."

On what his involvement will be regarding the DEC permits sought by Echo Bay to develop the A-J mine: "I don't expect to play a personal role. ... I don't see the administrator of DEC doing anything but taking the advice of the professionals."

On his attitude (as former executive director of the Alliance for Juneau's Future) toward developing the A-J mine: We support the concept that the A-J mine can be reopened and operated in an environmentally sound manner.

■ **WHAT GOV. WALTER HICKEL SAYS:** "When we look back after four years of leadership by this administration, one of our proudest accomplishments will be our environmental record. John Sandor will lead that effort."

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

ALLIANCE FOR JUNEAU'S FUTURE, INC.

The undersigned natural persons of the age of nineteen (19) years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") under the provisions of the Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act (AS 10.20)(hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Alliance for Juneau's Future, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III

Purposes and Powers

Section 1. Purposes. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

(a) To encourage responsible local economic development, improved transportation access and to assure an ample supply of energy resources for the City and Borough of Juneau (hereinafter CBJ) and surrounding areas. To help shape CBJ's future as it moves into the new century.

(b) To reintroduce the development of mining as a stable and viable industry in CBJ. To encourage other responsible

(3) wilful or negligent conduct involved in the payment of dividends or the repurchase of stock from other than lawfully available funds; or

(4) a transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

Section 8. Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the corporation its assets shall be donated to the Juneau Chapter of the Alaska Miners Association.

ARTICLE V

Name of Initial Registered Agent and
Name of Initial Registered Office

Section 1. Registered Agent. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation is John A. Sandor at the address below.

Section 2. Registered Office. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 3311 Foster Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

Section 3. The principal office of the corporation is to be located at 3311 Foster Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

ARTICLE VI

Data Respecting Directors

Section 1. Initial Board of Directors. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of Three (3) persons who must residents of the State of Alaska and members of the corporation.

Section 2. Names and Addresses. The name and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until his or her successor is elected and qualified are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Rudy Ripley	313 Coleman, Juneau, Alaska 99801
Scott Spickler	10754 Horizon Drive, Juneau, Alaska 99801
John A. Sandor	3311 Foster Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801

ARTICLE VII

Data Respecting Incorporator

The name and address of each incorporator is:

NAME	ADDRESS
Rudy Ripley	313 Coleman, Juneau, Alaska 99801
Scott Spickler	10754 Horizon Drive, Juneau, Alaska 99801
John A. Sandor	3311 Foster Avenue, Juneau, Alaska 99801

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, being the incorporators designated in Article VII, execute these Articles of Incorporation, and certify to the truth of the facts therein stated, this 22nd day of May, 1989.

Rudy Ripley
Rudy Ripley

Scott Spickler
Scott Spickler

John A. Sandor
John A. Sandor

STATE OF ALASKA)
 : SS.
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on 19th day of May, 1989, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared RUDY RIPLEY, to me known to be one of the individuals described in and who subscribed to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, in Juneau, Alaska, and acknowledged to me that he signed and sealed the same

STATE OF ALASKA

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WALTER J. HICKEL GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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February 21, 1991

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Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

In follow-up to my discussions with you and Mr. Alvin Ewing of your Anchorage office, the State of Alaska is committed to proceed with plans to assume greater responsibility for the clean up of hazardous waste sites within our State.

At our SEA meeting yesterday, I outlined our commitment to these specific objectives:

1. To work with the EPA in the location and development of at least two and preferably three approved hazardous waste treatment and disposal sites that would meet State of Alaska and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) siting requirements. It is our understanding that the siting process ordinarily takes two or more years. We want to work with your agency in expediting this process as much as possible so that we may act more effectively in dealing with hazardous waste within our State. In the meantime we want to work with EPA in obtaining a permit for a temporary storage facility in Alaska.
2. To work with EPA and the local communities in identifying a priority and timetable for discovering, evaluating, classifying, and cleaning up these hazardous waste sites. The State of Alaska wants to take the lead in the investigation and clean up of those sites that are not on EPA's Superfund National Priority List. As you know, Alaska has both the authority and funds to deal with many of the hazardous waste sites that EPA cannot clean up due to its priority system and funding limitations. I am also very

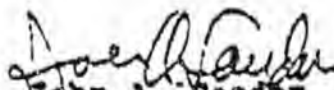
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interested in exploring the possibility of additional federal funding under the Superfund Core Grant to further develop an independent State hazardous waste cleanup program. The State of Alaska intends to work cooperatively with communities in dealing with these problem sites. We are also committed to utilizing privately owned waste-treatment facilities and services for the cleanup programs whenever it can be assured that the work of such firms will meet both federal and State standards.

3. To work with EPA to ensure rapid investigation and clean up of the national Priority List sites. It is my understanding that there are six such sites in Alaska, four of which are federally owned sites, and two of which are privately owned. The two private sites are Alaska Battery Enterprises and Arctic Surplus, both of which are in Fairbanks. EPA has already taken action at both of these sites, and any State actions would have to be in accord with EPA's Superfund requirements. Rather than assert State lead for these two sites, I feel it would be in the best interest of Alaska for ADEC to provide oversight and advice to EPA to ensure a rapid and effective clean up. You may expect an application for a support agency cooperative agreement for EPA funding of ADEC's oversight of EPA's clean up at Alaska Battery. We understand that EPA will consider any advice the State may have on the cleanup options, but there appears to be little advantage in changing the lead agency designation. Accordingly, our decision is to work with the EPA in completing the work at that site. If further clean up at Alaska Battery is necessary, we will ask that EPA carefully consider temporary storage of any hazardous waste for final disposal or treatment with the State. We want to avoid the hazards and costs of transporting this hazardous waste to other states. I will make a decision on ADEC's participation at Arctic Surplus depending on the relationship that we develop at the Alaska Battery site.

We appreciated working with your representatives on this and other issues.

Sincerely,


John A. Sandor
Commissioner

cc: Senator Stevens
Senator Murkowski
Al Ewing, AOO

Ms. Dana Rasmussen

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February 21, 1991

Governor Hickel
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TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING ALLOCATION SUMMARY - MARCH 1978

REGIONAL FORESTER JOHN SANDOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR LAND USE DESIGNATIONS IN THE TONGASS LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS. THIS AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS. CONGRESS, IN THE ALASKA NATIONAL INTEREST LANDS CONSERVATION ACT, APPROVED AN ALLOCATION FOR THE TONGASS THAT PROVIDED THE MANAGEMENT DIRECTION WHICH THE FOREST SERVICE FOLLOWED AFTER THE PASSAGE OF ANILCA.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This recommendation would provide for the current demands of the timber industry, salmon enhancement programs, mining developments, and community interests while maintaining many of the forest's most important wilderness, fish, wildlife, and recreation areas in a natural state. The proposed allocations will achieve a good balance between amenity and commodity values while maintaining timber-related employment opportunities. Provisions for reconsidering a number of key issue areas now allocated to LUDs III and IV are included.

LUD I - LANDS RECOMMENDED FOR WILDERNESS DESIGNATION

LUD II - LANDS RECOMMENDED FOR MANAGEMENT IN A ROADLESS STATE

ALLOCATION SUMMARY:

GEOGRAPHIC AREA	LUD I	LUD II	LUD III	LUD IV
CHATHAM AREA	1,989,000 acres	2,351,000 acres	1,387,000 acres	1,179,000 acres
% OF AREA (6,906,000 acres)	28 %	34 %	20 %	17 %
NUMBER OF VCU's	78	114	105	87
STIKINE AREA	656,000 acres	465,000 acres	729,000 acres	1,270,000 acres
% OF AREA (3,120,000 acres)	21 %	15 %	23 %	41 %
NUMBER OF VCU's	24	18	38	57
KETCHIKAN AREA	1,079,000 acres	1,303,000 acres	1,292,000 acres	1,489,000 acres
% OF AREA (5,163,000 acres)	21 %	25 %	25 %	29 %
NUMBER OF VCU's	37	73	97	131
TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST	3,724,000 acres	4,119,000 acres	3,408,000 acres	3,938,000 acres
% OF FOREST (15,189,000 acres)	25 %	27 %	22 %	26 %
NUMBER OF VCU's	139	205	240	275

* TOTAL NUMBER OF VCUs EXCLUDING THOSE SELECTED BY NATIVE GROUPS UNDER THE ANSCA
 NOTE: ACREAGE FIGURES REFLECT LATEST CORRECTIONS IN BASE ACREAGES

LUD III - LANDS RECOMMENDED FOR MANAGEMENT FOR A VARIETY OF USES

LUD IV - LANDS RECOMMENDED FOR INTENSIVE RESOURCE USE



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Alliance for Juneau's Future, Inc.

April 26, 1991

Senator Lloyd Jones, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Jones:

Recently, several misstatements related to the positions and purposes of the Alliance for Juneau's Future, Inc. and its relationship to the previous executive director have been published. The Executive Committee of the Alliance for Juneau's Future, Inc. wishes to correct the public record because these misstatements have been made in conjunction with the confirmation hearings for the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, John A. Sandor.

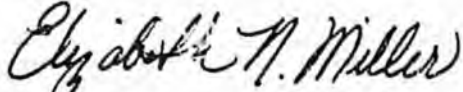
The Alliance was founded in April of 1989 by a group of concerned Juneau citizens to promote environmentally responsible economic development. After several months as an all-volunteer organization, John Sandor was selected as the organization's first executive director because of his broad experience and expertise in resource management. John Sandor is widely respected for his integrity and professionalism within the public and the private sector. As the executive director of the Alliance, John Sandor's credibility and commitment to environmentally sound development assisted the organization's growth during its early years and encouraged constructive dialogue regarding Juneau's economic development.

The Alliance has grown to a broad based, multi-purposed group of over 600 members devoted to diversification of Juneau's economy. Our concerns are varied and diverse within the context of environmentally responsible economic development. We have strongly supported important aspects of our community's development such as DIPAC, revision of the Tongass NF Land Management Plan, enhanced airline service to Juneau by Canadian airlines, new road access to Juneau and improvement of the Alaskan Marine Highway System. We have attached a full list of our purposes and objectives as approved by our Board of Directors.

The Alliance did not take a position on the A-J Mine until late March of this year - nearly four months after John Sandor left the organization. The Alliance decided only after a careful review of the A-J Mine Draft Environmental Impact Statement that the mine proposal should be allowed to go forward. The reviewing committees, composed of over 70 Alliance members, formulated a number of recommendations and

suggestions designed to strengthen the Final EIS and sent them to the Bureau of Land Management. The Alliance is circumspect in selecting projects to support. We require a high level of civic responsibility and strong community enhancement from the project.

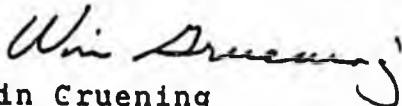
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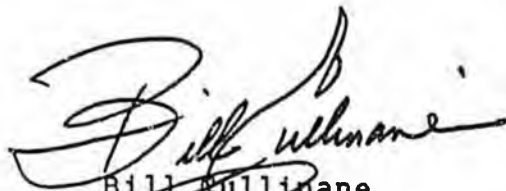
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Alaska Environmental Lobby, Inc.

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Mr. John A. Sandor
Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation
P.O. Box 0
Juneau, AK 99811-1800

April 30, 1991

Dear Commissioner Sandor:

I am writing to respond to your letter of April 25, 1991, addressed to Bill Glude, executive director of the Alaska Environmental Lobby (AEL). I've been executive director of AEL since October of 1990. Perhaps you do not recall our hour long meeting of January 16, 1991, at your Juneau office and then our meeting at AEL's 1991 legislative reception on February 8, 1991. Please address all further correspondence to me.

The Alaska Environmental Lobby, Inc. is a coalition of 20 Alaskan environmental groups which provides a unified voice to the Alaska legislature on issues of concern. The Alaska Environmental Lobby always strives to provide the public with accurate and fair information.

We oppose your confirmation as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation because during your career you have demonstrated a consistent bias favoring development over environmental concerns. We believe this bias will make it extremely difficult for you to carry out your duty to protect the environment from the hazards of development.

It is unfortunate that you take exception to the content of the action alert. We intended no personal attack and to the best of our knowledge the information is correct. Furthermore, your letter provided no specific reasons to question the accuracy of the information.

For example, you characterized your tenure as Regional Forester of Alaska and your authorship of the 1979 Tongass Land Management Plan as indicative of your "conservation leadership." We agree that you were the overseer of the Tongass management plan, which was by and large adopted by Congress in the 1980 Alaska Lands Act. But rather than demonstrating conservation leadership, the Tongass timber program was an unprecedented environmental and fiscal disaster, attracting national and international media attention and ultimately being overturned by the passage of the 1990 Tongass Timber Reform Act.

As we pointed out in our action alert, the Tongass timber program, which was written and implemented under your jurisdiction as Regional Forester, needlessly destroyed vital fish and wildlife habitat. According to a 1989 Congressional report accompanying the Tongass Timber Reform Act: "Between 1979-84,... the Forest Service policy was both a waste of taxpayer money and an insult to responsible

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resource management."* Nor was Congress alone in this opinion. No less than 16 southeast Alaska communities, the United Fishermen of Alaska and all other southeast fishing organizations, the Sealaska Corporation, and virtually every southeast Alaska conservation group joined to condemn the Tongass timber management program and urge its reform.

In response to your second allegation of falsehood, that you were not a founder of the pro-mining Alliance For Juneau's Future, we refer you to the Alliance's articles of incorporation (dated 5/22/89). They very clearly list you as the initial registered agent, as one of three initial directors, and as an original incorporator.

Lastly, you claim that in your duties as Commissioner you did not provide Alyeska Corporation an advance copy of draft regulations governing oil spill contingency planning. In contrast to your statement, the *Anchorage Times* on February 21, 1991, reported that your agency gave Alyeska a "preview" of the regulations on January 24. The ombudsman's office is currently investigating this irregularity. Although you may not have been the employee who personally delivered the draft regulations to Alyeska, we insist that you -- as Commissioner -- take responsibility for the actions of your employees.

We cannot respond further because your letter failed to clearly state which specific portions of which statements you believe to be false. If you can provide us with documented information supporting your letter, we will be pleased to examine it and further discuss your concerns.

As a cabinet official, you serve at the highest level of state government and your actions must receive the highest level of scrutiny -- including a free and unfettered debate over your qualifications and past performance. We believe that working well with the public, even those people with whom you disagree, is a critical qualification for anyone working in state government.

The AEL has always attempted to work with public officials, voicing the concerns of our constituents and trying to see that our guiding principal of protecting the environment is incorporated in public policy.

Sincerely,


Marna L. Schwartz
Executive Director

cc: Alaska Legislature

* House Report No. 101-84, Part 1, 101st Cong., First Sess., at 14 (1989).



Sent 4/24

Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Resources
committee name
committee on Confirmation/J. Sandoz, dated April 26, 1991
bill/subject

See attached.

Signed: Frank Koppel
Testifier
Alaska Pulp Corporation
Representing (Optional) ✓
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4600 SAWMILL CREEK ROAD • SITKA, ALASKA 99835-9801

April 24, 1991

The Honorable Lloyd Jones, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Senate
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Lloyd:

This letter is in support of your confirmation of John Sandor as Commissioner of Environmental Conservation. I have had experience working with John Sandor for more than 10 years and consider him to be very professional and knowledgeable in the areas of environmental conservation. As you no doubt know, John, by virtue of his being head of the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska, was responsible for the Environmental Impact Statements for many different areas of lands and projects that were affected by forestry and mining activities. There are few people that have the depth of understanding of the regulatory function as it interfaces with the federal agencies and various agencies of the State as it relates to environmental compliance.

I would urge your confirmation of John Sandor as being in the best interests of the State of Alaska.

Very truly yours,

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Franklin C. Roppel
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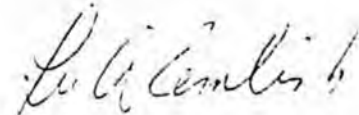
9820 Lone Tree
Anchorage, AK 99516
April 14, 1991

Hon. Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Legislature
P.O.Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Jones:

I am writing to oppose the appointment of John Sandor to the position of Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation. I do not feel it is appropriate to appoint John Sandor to this position to protect the environment. His entire career has worked to destroy and pollute the environment. He has unfairly favored the oil industry and promoted mining in the Juneau area, despite the resulting toxic pollution. He worked to clear-cut the magnificent ancient forests of the Tongass. I believe the environment should be protected for the people and wildlife of Alaska and I believe the Dept. of Environmental Conservation should lead in the protection of Alaska's environment. John Sandor would lead the Dept. of Environmental Conservation in destroying Alaska's environment. Please block this appointment. I appreciate your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,



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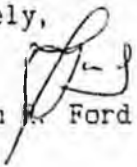
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501
278-6924
April 14, 1991

Senator Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Legislature
PO Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Jones:

I wish to oppose the confirmation of Commissioners Harold Heinze and John Sandor for the departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, respectively. The track record of these two acting commissioners confirms the fact that they are not the two best candidates to oversee and direct the future of Alaska's natural resource policies. There is no doubt that mismanaged resources lead to the depletion of interdependent resources, usually resources that have economic value. We have many, many sites throughout the U.S. that were early guinea pigs to unfortunately prove this theory. Alaska deserves better. Alaska must have better. Economic policy and environmental policy can work together, but there must be competent leaders in the Departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. Heinze and Sandor are definitely NOT these leaders. It is in the state's interest to empower commissioners who are both trained, qualified, and CONCERNED, about Alaska's resources. Thank you for opposing the confirmation of Heinze and Sandor.

Sincerely,


Malcolm K. Ford

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Fran Mauer
1220 Miller Hill Ext Rd
Fairbanks, Ak. 99709

16 April '91

Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Chairman Jones,

I am deeply concerned about the people that Governor Hickel has appointed to head the DNR and DEC. Both of these men have demonstrated through their past activities (Mr. Heinz as former president of ARCO Alaska and Mr. Sandor as USFS Reg. Forest Supervisor) an anti-environment attitude. In the case of Mr. Heinz, we would have a former oil company leader ^{now} administering ^{state} oil lease regulations and provisions directed at his alma mater (ARCO). After the Exxon-Valdez disaster, you'd have thought we Alaskans were smarter than this! Hopefully we are, and I'm urging you to reject these appointments and send a clear message to Gov. Hickel that the Alaskan people demand better government than the type he has come up with so far.

Thank you,

Sincerely - Fran Mauer

17001 Aries Ct.

Anchorage AK 99516

April 15, 1991 APR 22 1991

Chairman Lloyd Jones:

Regarding the appointments of Harold Heinege as Commissioner of the Dept. of Natural Resources and John Sandoz as the Commissioner of the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, I do not think either Mr. Heinege or Mr. Sandoz should be confirmed as commissioners of these state departments. I do not think they have the state's best interests as their priorities. Their past statements and records show they are both pro oil company at the state's expense. Their records and statements seem to say the state's natural resources of something to be gotten rid of, that they are of no use or value to the state. This seems to be contrary to what I think these commissioners responsibilities should be. I suggest you do not confirm either Mr. Heinege or Mr. Sandoz.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely

Marilyn J. Scarborough

Maiden Scarborough
17001 Aries Ct
Anchorage AK-99576



Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau AK 99811

4/16/91

To: Chairman Lloyd Jones

I am writing concerning the confirmation hearings of the DEC Commissioner, John Sandur.

This man is an environmental liability! We can no longer afford to degrade our environment for the sake of short-term economic gain, even in such a wilderness as Alaska!

It distresses me to read facts about his willingness to welcome industry, development, etc. without serious environmental considerations. This kind of attitude may have worked in the 1950's but is no longer acceptable in a top-ranking official.

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Juneau, Alaska
April 20, 1991

Senator Lloyd Jones, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

440 E. 1st St.

Dear Senator Jones:

~~I am concerned about the Hickel Administration's attempts to undermine our state's natural resource agencies.~~ Specifically, the appointments of John Sandor and Harold Heinze to head DEC and DNR are alarming. With officials like these we cannot trust our agencies to protect our natural resources and human health. What will the effect be on the staffs of those agencies? How many of Alaska's resources will be summarily disposed of during their tenure? I hope you will oppose confirmation of these inappropriate nominations.

~~The situation is like that during the Reagan Administration, when people opposed to the purposes of various agencies were appointed to head them. The Valdez oil spill was a lesson in the inadequacy of our resource agencies as they now stand. Do they need to become yet more available to the demands of industry?~~

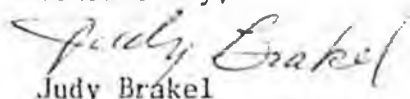
The oil industry is as powerful as many large nations. Its powers are used to oppose energy conservation and laws and regulations to prevent pollution. In Alaska the oil lobby wields more influence and spends more money than any other lobby by far. ~~The appointment of an oil company executive to head Alaska's Department of Natural Resources is outrageous.~~ The specifics of this particular oil executive include a history of calling people involved in environmental groups "extremists" and and possible involvement in recommendations to circumvent Alyeska's oil spill contingency plan prior to the Exxon spill.

John Sandor has a long history here in Alaska as an advocate for the timber and mining industries. He has never displayed any willingness to restrict industry on the basis of environmental concerns. His record as Regional Forester for the U.S. Forest Service, as co-founder of the Alliance for Juneau's Future, and as a leading advocate against the City of Juneau's mining ordinance are readily available to the legislature. I believe ~~John Sandor~~ is supremely unfitted for the job of commissioner of our Department of ~~Environmental Conservation~~.

~~Besides cabinet appointments, other administration efforts to weaken resource protection have surfaced. One of these is the Division of Governmental Coordination's apparent intent to move beyond coordinating other agencies' input into permit applications to a role of rewriting those inputs. With all this, how can we feel confident that within the agencies as well there won't be pressure on staff to falsify or "ameliorate" findings and requirements?~~

~~We need to tell this administration that it cannot proceed along this path.~~ These actions and appointments are a throwback to an era that is past. Great damage can be done to our state in four years, especially by an administration that is not concerned about being reelected. Advocates of resource development must see that people are unwilling to let many projects go forward unless they believe the resource agencies can be trusted to properly assess impacts, regulate, and enforce standards.

Yours truly,



Judy Brakel

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

Please deny confirmation of John Sandor as DEC Commissioner,
and Harold Heinze as DNR Commissioner.

Please soyno to these poor choices our Governor is making.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

John White
John White

P.O. Box 62

Tenakee Springs, AK 99841

c. Senator Lyoyd Jones
Representative Cliff Davidson

APR 20 1984

Dear Representative Grussendorf:

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Sincerely,

Katy White

P.O. Box 62
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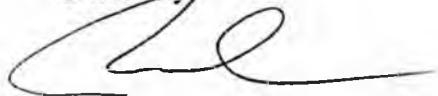
April 19, 1991

The Hon. Senator Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Please vote NO on confirmation of John Sandor as Commissioner of DEC and vote NO on confirmation of Harold Heinze as Commissioner of DNR. Both of these men are disasters for the environment of Alaska. They have both demonstrated by their actions since taking office that they are industry representatives, working for industry, not the best interests of Alaska and her environment. Because of their close ties to industry special interests, I do not believe either of them are capable of carrying out their statutory mandate to protect the environment and resources of Alaska.

The old cliché about putting the fox in charge of the henhouse was never more apropos. Unfortunately, once the friends of Heinze and Sandor get the chickens, we Alaskans will be left without any eggs.

Sincerely,



Paul H. Grant

APR 23 1991

Apr 19, 1991

Honorable Jim Duncan
Honorable Fran Ulmer
Honorable Bill Hudson
Alaska State Legislature
PO Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

If you're just counting letters, please add this one to the "two thumbs down on John Sandor for Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation" stack. If not, please, read on.

Mr. Sandor is the perfect choice for this administration's chief of DEC; in other words, entirely inappropriate. With so many state agencies under Mr. Hickel's administration saying "yes" to all kinds of natural resource development, DEC's role as environmental watchdog is more critical than ever to preventing and mitigating environmental damage. With someone like John Sandor at the helm, DEC is unlikely to offer any hope as Alaska flies into the jaws of it's "Bright Future"©.

Mr. Sandor's pre-DEC record is enough to generate skepticism regarding his commitment to environmental integrity: as the Tongass Regional Forester, promoting clear-cut logging, especially of old-growth, beyond the call of duty; as a member of the Juneau Mining Advisory Committee, voting against environmental protections in the city's mining ordinance; co-founding the Alliance for Juneau's Future to promote development of a mining project whose environmental effects have yet to be adequately estimated (we're all entitled our vision of Juneau's future, but doesn't this indicate a conflict of interest?). Now add to that some actions since he has arrived at DEC—quashing staff comments on the Tongass Land Management Plan, proposing a department re-organization plan that would politicize regional office enforcement actions, suggesting that extra-departmental entities (polluting industries perhaps?) be allowed to participate in DEC staff evaluations, attempting to soften staff criticism of the AJ mine Draft EIS, and the release from his office of new regulations to Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. prior to their public release—and that skepticism turns to outright distrust. What happened here? Couldn't Hickel get James Watt for the job?

I'm not proposing that we need Dave Foreman (or even John Howe) for the post, but the appointment of John Sandor is scandalous. Now more than ever, DEC should be led by someone who shows some commitment to its purpose: environmental protection. Please, please think of this when it comes time to vote on Mr. Sandor's confirmation, and vote against it. And please remember that MOST Alaskans did NOT vote for the gentlemen who now sit in the offices of Governor and Lt. Governor, so there is no mandate for their agenda. (There's a bill I'd like to see: the state's executive must be elected by a majority of the voters.)

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely,



Neil Huddleston
2188-B Lawson Creek Rd.
Douglas, AK 99824

cc: Chairman Lloyd Jones, Senate Resources Committee
Chairman Cliff Davidson, House Resources Committee

Petersburg, Alaska 99833

April 17, 1991

Hon. Senator Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Legislature
PO Box 7
Juneau, Alaska 99811

In reference to the appointment of John Sandar as DEC
Commissioner, and Harold Heinze as DIER Commissioner.

I oppose both of the appointments and ask that the
legislature deny the appointments.

Yours truly,

Nellie Birch

Nellie Birch

PO Box 64

Petersburg, Alaska 99833

In my opinion John Jandor
should not be employed as
A & C Commissioner - he is
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Thank you

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Please oppose these nominees!

Thank you -

Sincerely,

Clayton J. Jones

Per 34653

Juneau AK 99803

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In my opinion John Stauder
should not be confirmed as
U.S. Commissioner - He is
not an advocate - which is
necessary!

Thank you

27.18.91

Bill Nelson
1200 Gaps
Juneau, AK 99801



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P.O. Box 1
Juneau, AK 99801

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Sincerely,

Art Jaraal

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Juneau, AK 99801

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Larry Edwards
Box 6001
Sitka, Ak 99835

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April 20, 1991

Senator Dick Eliason
Alaska State Legislature
Box V
Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear Dick,

I am writing to ask you to do whatever you can to reject the appointments of John Sandor and Harold Heinze as commissioners.

During controversial confirmation hearings it seems that someone always chimes in that a governor or President (as the case may be) should be allowed to pick his cabinet without interference from the legislative body, allowing him to pursue his agenda. I reject this argument. The power of the legislative body to confirm or not confirm is central to the concept of checks and balances which provides stability in our form of government by preventing a misguided chief executive from running amuck.

I bring this up because I feel the Hickel administration has spawned an era when it is critical that the legislature take its power over confirmation most seriously, and that it stand up and stand firm by exercising its power to deny confirmations which are not in the best interests of the state.

John Sandor has been appointed to an agency which is charged with the responsibility of protecting public health and welfare and the integrity of the environment. For DEC to fulfill that responsibility it must act on professional judgement, not on a political agenda and not according to personal whim. Having watched Mr. Sandor for many years while he was USFS Regional Forester for Alaska, I have no doubt what-so-ever that his administration of DEC will turn DEC into an absolute failure. The price of this failure is one the citizens of this state may have to pay for decades to come -- such is the nature of oil spills, hazardous waste, and hazardous discharges and emissions.

One anecdote I can offer is very relevant to the confirmation. After many years of preparation, the Forest Service issued the Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) in 1979. Among other things TLMP set up the four Land Use Designations (LUDs) with which you are familiar, and zoned each part of the Tongass with one of those classifications. An Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) of individuals representing the various professions within the Forest Service

(forestry, soil science, hydrology, habitat biology, etc) prepared the draft zoning assignments. The IDT zoned the Kadashan River drainage, one of the most controversial areas on the forest, as LUD II. This designation would exclude logging during the ten year life of TLMP (at which time it could be reconsidered), in recognition of the area's great importance for fish and wildlife and its fragility.

Solely by his executive fiat, John Sandor reversed his IDT's decision and designated Kadashan as LUD III — open to logging. There was nothing in law or regulation which dictated or even suggested that this reversal was called for; it was simply Mr. Sandor's personal whim. Mr. Sandor then pressed his agency to open Kadashan to development without delay. This action resulted in immediate, successful litigation by the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council which closed a major arterial logging road which was substantially under construction when the court's order was issued. Mr. Sandor's "personal" decision cost the federal government many millions of dollars in contract payments, tied up a district court for a considerable period of time, and was an extreme burden on the public which had to call him to task. In the end, federal law passed last year specifically gave Kadashan permanent LUD II designation, just as the IDT had originally planned. More importantly, Kadashan is but one of Mr. Sandor's fiduciary failures. Others have also been the subject of successful litigation, and others beyond those got by but bear a dear price which will be paid by future generations.

The problem is not entirely poor judgement on Mr. Sandor's part, but also the extreme degree to which he either bids for or is influenced by industry, and his well known advocacy for new mining ventures in Juneau demonstrates that he bids not only for the timber industry. The legislature must not allow Hickel to emasculate the Department of Environmental Conservation with Sandor's appointment.

I have no reluctance what-so-ever in saying that Mr. Sandor is unfit to serve as Commissioner of DEC. He is!

The choice of Harold Heinze as DNR Commissioner is equally flawed. He is not and will never be a true "trustee" of Alaska's primary assets, her resources. He will line the pockets of his industry and its sister industries with the wealth of those assets, and the state will be much the poorer for it. This is not to say that industry should not have access to some of the state's resources, but I foresee a wholesale sellout. I am reminded of what happened in Wyoming under Interior Secretaries Morton and Watt. Vast coal deposits were leased at lower prices than you can possibly imagine, in quantities sufficient to supply the coal industry's wildest demand projections for many, many decades to come. There was no planning. Everything was on the block. Any hope for responsible coal mining was dashed because no care was given to where leases were offered, other than that coal was present. The most suitable sites for mining, all things such as impacts and mining economics considered, are mixed in with the worst. Economics, not impacts, will drive the industry's decisions from here on out on where to mine. There is no assurance that the impacts will not be environmentally devastating, since there was a planning vacuum. I fear that Mr. Heinze will do "to" Alaska, for a variety of extractable or removable resources, just what Morton and Watt did "to" Wyoming.

Sincerely,

Gay Edwards

Trish Beckwith
PO Box 240112
Douglas, AK 99824

4/19/91

Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee
PO Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

APR 23 1991

Dear Chairman Jones,

I am strongly opposed to The Department of Environmental Conservation appointee, John Sander.

In his first few months on the job, he has already begun to dismantle our current level of protection and safeguards for our environment. We need more protection, not less. With his past and present track record of disregard for our environment, Sander's appointment to this position is unthinkable.

I urge you to vote "no" on his confirmation.

Sincerely,

Trish

Trish Beckwith

1710 Gilmore Trail
Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

April 21, 1991

Honorable Tom Moyer
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box 2
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Greetings,

I am writing this letter to urge you not to confirm John Sandor and Harold Heinze as commissioners of DEC and DNR.

John Sandor has nothing in his background or experience that would suggest that he has the inclination to continue the important work of protecting Alaska's environment through the use of regulatory channels. In fact, all indications are that he will oppose the use of regulations that ensure that business interests conduct their affairs in a manner that protects the environment. Environmental regulations need to be reviewed for fairness and equity, nevertheless, regulations are tool that the state needs to use. Unfortunately, Sandor has clearly sent the message to DEC employees that regulations should not be enforced.

Harold Heinze also comes to state government with a background incompatible with the need to protect the state's interests in matters associated with oil companies. His appointment can only be seen as the classic example of the fox guarding the hen house.

There are too many questions surrounding these two gentlemen to ensure that they will serve the state of Alaska and protect it's interests over the next four years.

I'm looking forward to hearing your views on the confirmation of the above acting commisioners.

Sincerely,



Mark Boberick

cc: Senator Lloyd Jones, Chair of Senate Resources Committee
Representative Cliff Davidson, Chair of House Resources Committee

ELLERY STEPHEN WRIGHT
P.O. BOX 901
DUTCH HARBOR, ALASKA 99692

CHAIRMAN LLOYD JONES
SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX V
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

DEAR MR. JONES,

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION TO THE CONFIRMATIONS OF HAROLD HEINZ AND JOHN SANDOR TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION.

IT SEEMS INCONCEIVABLE TO ME THAT AS A LEGISLATOR CHARGED WITH MAKING THOROUGH AND RESPONSIBLE EVALUATIONS OF DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONER APPOINTEES, YOU COULD POSSIBLY APPROVE OF THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO SO BLATENTLY CONTRADICT THE TRADITIONAL VALUES AND INTENTS OF THE AGENCIES THEY SEEK TO HEAD.

THE DEPARTMENTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION WERE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS DESIGNED TO CONTROL IMPACTS ON OUR PUBLIC LANDS. THEY WERE NEVER INTENDED TO BECOME AGENCIES SUITABLE FOR JUST RUBBER STAMPING THE PROFIT MOTIVATED INTERESTS OF PRIVATE INDUSTRIES AND THEIR POLITICAL CRONIES A LA JAMES WATT.

IT IS OBVIOUS FROM THE PROFESSIONAL HISTORIES AND RECENT STATEMENTS OF BOTH HAROLD HEINZE AND JOHN SANDOR THAT THEY REPRESENT CLEAR CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS AND WOULD NOT HESITATE TO PROMOTE LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLOITATION WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE LONG TERM REPERCUSSIONS ON OUR LAND, WATER AND AIR RESOURCES.

AS A NINE YEAR ALASKA RESIDENT, I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE CONTROVERSIES AND MISCONCEPTIONS SURROUNDING THE EXTREMIST "LOCK IT UP" ENVIRONMENTALIST VERSUS THE UNFAIRLY REGULATED TO DEATH DEVELOPER SYNDROME. I BELIEVE THESE STEREOTYPES AND FALSE IMAGES ONLY SERVE TO MASK THE REAL ISSUES THAT CONFRONT ALL OF US AS WE COLLECTIVELY ATTEMPT TO SUSTAIN OURSELVES AND OUR PLANET INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. AS ALASKANS LIVING IN RELATIVELY UNSPOILED COUNTRY, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID REPEATING THE SAME MISTAKES MADE IN THE LOWER 48 WITH REGARD TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE DEGRADATION. WILL WE CONTINUE TO EMBRACE THE EHTIC OF UNRESTRAINED CONSUMPTION FOR SHORT TERM GAIN AT THE EXPENSE OF TOMORROW OR WILL WE FINALLY RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR EFFICIENCY, CONSERVATION AND TRULY RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT?

CONCERNING OUR GOVERNOR'S DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND THE APPOINTMENTS OF HAROLD HEINZ AND JOHN SANDOR, I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT 61% OF ALASKA'S VOTING ELECTORATE DID NOT VOTE FOR WALTER HICKLE!

SINCERELY YOURS,

Ellery Stephen Wright
ELLERY STEPHEN WRIGHT

APR 20 1991

Molly Kemp
Box 571
Tenakee Springs AK 99841

April 20, 1991

Hon. Lloyd Jones
Alaska Senate
Box V
Juneau AK 99811

Dear Senator Jones,

I have enclosed a copy of a letter to Rep. Grussendorf regarding the nominations of John Sandor for Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation and Harold Heinze for the Department of Natural Resources.

I believe that both of these nominations are highly inappropriate, and urge you to oppose both.

Sincerely,

Molly Kemp
Molly Kemp

Molly Kemp
Box 571
Tenakee Springs AK 99841

April 20, 1991

Honorable Dick Eliason
Alaska Senate
Box V
Juneau Ak 99811

Dear Senator Eliason,

I am deeply concerned about Governor Hickel's nominations of John Sandor to head the Department of Environmental Conservation, and Harold Heinze to the Department of Natural Resources.

I believe that department heads should be advocates for the stated goals of their departments. Government works well when there is a balance between departmental objectives, and a strong, committed leader at the top of each.

The Department of Environmental Conservation exists to protect the infinitely valuable assets of Alaska's still relatively clean air and water, and the quality of life that is the reason most of us live here. John Sandor has made it clear that he supports immediate exploitation of resources without constraints. How can he possibly function as an advocate of environmental concerns?

Dealing with the Forest Service with John Sandor in charge was an exercise in frustration. The controversy over Tongass National Forest management was a direct result of decisions made while Sandor was Regional Forester. He made it abundantly clear that sustainable economic development was not his cup of tea, and that protecting our truly renewable fisheries resources was less important than "liquidating decadent old growth".

John Sandor is not the the right person to head the Department of Environmental Conservation! Please vote against his confirmation.

I have not had personal experience with Harold Heinze, but given the general trend of Governor Hickel's appointments and Mr. Heinze's history with ARCO, he seems like a mighty peculiar choice to head the Department of Natural Resources. From what I've read recently he seems to feel that Alaska's petroleum resources belong to the oil companies rather than the State of Alaska, which in itself should ring some alarm bells. I hope that you will oppose that confirmation as well.

Sincerely,
Molly Kemp

Bill Rotecki
PO Box 7738
Ketchikan, Ak 99901

April 21, 1991

Honorable Senator Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Legislature
PO Box V
Juneau, Ak 99801

Senator Jones:

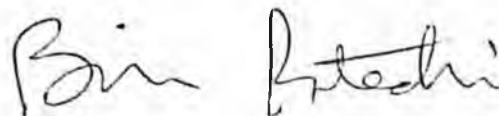
I am sorry to be so negative about this, but it seems to me that the appointment of John Sandor as the commisioner of DEC is just plain not good for government, industry, or the society as a whole.

John has publicly supported the release of the mining industry from their responsibilities to existing environmental standards. Can you believe it?? A candidate for commissioner of DEC?? Any commissioner who begins with the position that the laws which create their department are not worthy of enforcement is an unacceptable candidate for that position. The legislature, through as democratic a process as we can design, has passed laws to protect the present AND FUTURE residents and enterprises of this state. The appointment of an administrator who chooses to deny the laws which passed the legislature is the appointment of someone who is not supportive of the democratic process as our state has defined it. That is just plain unacceptable.

I urge you to vote against the confirmation of John Sandor as Commissioner of DEC.

Thank you for listening

Bill Rotecki



Lake Minchumina
Alaska 99757
April 9, 1991

Senator Lyman Hoffman
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Hoffman,

With hearings on the commissioners of the Departments of Environmental Conservation and Natural Resources to be held soon, I want to urge you to OPPOSE John Sandor and Harold Heinze for those positions.

Mr. Sandor, as head of the Tongass National Forest for the U.S. Forest Service, did nothing to prevent excessive commercial logging there, at the expense of fishing, subsistence and tourism. He also did nothing effective to stop the timber industry in Sitka from polluting the air and water of that beautiful area.

Mr. Heinze has many times expressed a lack of sympathy with those who want to keep bush Alaska from being overrun with development that would damage the subsistence way of life of bush people. He is quoted as saying, "...The only way Alaska's resources will ever amount to anything is if we develop them." And the word "develop" means to "use up"---mine all the minerals, log all the timber, and thus destroy the resources of clean water, healthy fish and wildlife populations, and unscarred and roadless wilderness that support people whose lives depend on the renewable resources of their surroundings.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Florence R. Collins
Florence R. Collins

cc: Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee

Thanks for listening
Kathleen Holt

I would like to send a clear message
to Gov. Hickel that we, the people of
Alaska, will not tolerate his style
of caring for Alaska. We want
responsible people to fill these important
positions, people we can trust and
people who care about more than
than only money.

I'd like to see both Harold Kling
and John Gardner respect at the
confirmation hearing. I just cannot
believe that either one of these people
can be trusted to do their appointed
jobs responsibly.

Dean Senator Lloyd Jones,

P.O. Box 794
Kaktovik, AK 99610
Apr. 12, 1991

P.O. Box 100

Atkinchak, AK 99551

Apr. 10, 1991

Senator Lloyd Jones
Chairman, Senate Resources Committee

Dear Senator Jones,

This letter is to urgently request that the nominations of Harold Heinze as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, and that of John Sandoz as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, stop. I urge that these individuals not be appointed to their respective nominated positions. Copies of my letters to my local Senator and Representative are enclosed.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Joyce Blumenthal

P.O. Box 100
Akinchek, AK 99551
April 10, 1991

The Honorable Senator Lyman Hoffman
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Hoffman,

This letter is to urge you to oppose the appointments of Harold Heinze as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, and that of John Sander as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Both of these individuals do not have a healthy concern for the Alaskan environment and its protection for the benefit of our children and grandchildren.

Please oppose these appointments.

Sincerely,
Joyce Blumenshine
Joyce Blumenshine

P.O. Box 100 -

Alkiachuk, AK 99551

April 10th, 1991

The Honorable Representative Ivan M. Ivan
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Ivan,

This letter is to urge you to oppose the appointments of Harold Heinze as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, and that of John Sandor as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Both of these individuals do not have a healthy concern for the Alaskan environment, and its protection for the future of our children and grandchildren.

Please oppose these appointments.

Sincerely,

Joye Blumhild
Joye Blumhild

Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee
P. O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

8 April 1991

Dear Mr. Jones,

I am writing to express my concern and outrage over the appointment by Governor Hickel of two long term advocates of industrial development to the top posts of the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). John Sandor has been one of the primary advocates of large scale mining in Southeast Alaska. Harold Heinze has worked for ARCO Alaska for many years, has never held a position in public service, and has no experience or training in natural resources management. Both of these men have a history of pro-industry bias which casts serious doubt on their ability to objectively manage Alaska's natural resources. I strongly urge you to reject their appointments to the posts of Commissioner of ADEC and DNR. Otherwise we will really have a case of the fox guarding the henhouse.

Sincerely,

Bradley G. Stevens

Bradley G. Stevens
P. O. Box 2472
Kodiak, AK 99615
(907) 486-4305

April 12, 1991

Lloyd Jones
P.O. Box O
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Jones,

Please oppose the confirmation of Harold Heinze and John Sandor.

Their ties to the oil industry may result in imbalanced and partial decisions.

Support appointees who have a record of impartiality and open-mindedness to both industry and the environment.

Sincerely,

W Thomas
P. Thomas
Denny Thomas

Thomas Family
6301 Bunnyshoe Circle
Anchorage, Alaska 99516

507 Second St.
Douglas, AK 99824
April 14, 1991

Chairman Lloyd Jones
State Resources Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Chairman Jones:

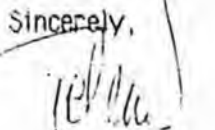
I am very concerned about a number of Governor Hickel's appointments and urge that you oppose the ones indicated below. Mr. Hickel has appointed a number of ideologues whose credential in many cases seemed not their knowledge and abilities, but their willingness to unwaveringly adhere to the administration's political extremism. These appointments are serving to demoralize state government and to divide the state. First of all, Mr. Millet Keller, Commissioner of Administration, has sent a memo which calls for state government supervisors to evaluate new hires on their "philosophy." This is nothing but a cover for political front-loading, which is illegal. This man does not deserve to have this job.

Secondly, John Sander, Acting Commissioner of DEC, has been ardently a promoter of the very industries he is now supposed to regulate. During his tenure at the USFS, the Tongass National Forest suffered such abuses that the U.S. Congress had to intervene with the Tongass Timber Reform Act. During his brief tenure at DEC, the department has already secretly turned over draft government regulations to the oil industry so that they could suggest changes before the documents were released to the public.

Thirdly, Mr. Harold Heinze, Acting Commissioner of DNR called the leaders of Alaska's environmental organizations *aggressive extremists and activists who operate under the disguise of environmentalists* and who are working to *"strangle Alaska."* Despite the lessons of the Exxon Valdez, Mr. Heinze thinks that Alaska has a history of too much environmental protection. Though someone in his position is supposed to protect and promote Alaska's natural resources, Mr. Heinze is using the position to make it easier for the extractive industries.

I cannot help but believe that the foxes are guarding the chicken coop and that Mr. Hickel's appointments are nothing but cynical and subversive to proper state management. I urge you to oppose those listed above and to closely question the motives of the others.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Steele

April 11, 1991

Honorable Senator Lloyd Jones

Alaska State Legislature

PO Box V

Juneau, AK 99811



Dear Senator Lloyd Jones,

I oppose the confirmations of Harold Heinze to DNR and John Sander to DEC. I urge you to vote against their confirmations. We need Commissioners who will protect our environment, not exploit it.

I also oppose the intent of HB 196. We need laws that strengthen oil spill liability and response incentives. I support the position of the Oil Reform Alliance and United Fishermen of Alaska in their Joint Position paper opposing the Exxon claims settlement.

Thank you.

No reply necessary.

Carol Griswold

Carol Griswold

POB 1342

Juneau, AK 99801

Beth MacCready
Box 407
Haines, Ak 88927

10 April 1990

Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Re: John Sandor and Harold Heinze

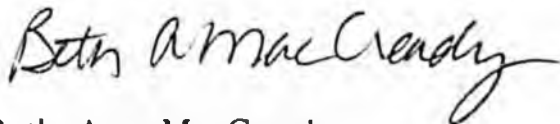
Dear Mr. Jones:

I am strongly opposed to Governor Hickel's nominations of John Sandor and Harold Heinze for Departments of Environmental Conservation and Natural Resources.

This is a glaring mismatch between two individuals with unquestionably pro-development work histories and two absolutely critical State agencies designed for protecting and insuring reasonable use of Alaska's resources. The records of these two men are all you need for proof. (*Sandor* ' is the antipode of '*conservation* '.)

Believe me, I am not an obstructionist. I am frightened by this administration's reinterpretation of state values. We already have agencies with the clout needed to divide and conquer Alaskan resources. But where is the balance? Where are the voices within the present administration that represent those of us who believe our "resources" have incalculable value?

Respectfully,



Beth Ann MacCready
Haines

1632 Beaver Place, Apt. 3
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
April 10, 1991

Honorable LLOYD Jones
PO Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Jones:

Walter Hickel, like George Bush, calls himself an environmentalist. As hypocritical as this is with the President, it is even more incredible with the Governor. At least President Bush can validly assert that he is less anti-environmentalist than his predecessor. Governor Hickel will work to protect our quality of life only when there is a consensus that it will not infringe the interests of the pro-development minority that elected him.

We can see this in his appointees for Commissioners of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Harold Heinze and John Sandor. Please reject these nominations and force the Governor to put forward nominees who will protect the beauty and way of life that many of us came to Alaska to find.

Thank you.

Grace & peace--

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth Brewster".

Kenneth Brewster

April 19, 1991

To: Senator Lloyd Jones, Chair
Senate Resources Committee

Dear Senator Jones:

I have lived in Alaska for ten years. I consider the state a land of opportunity. I am a strong supporter of responsible logging and mining. I **do not** believe in "get as much as you can as quick as you can, then leave."

Bearing this in mind, I am dismayed that Governor Hickei has appointed John Sandor and Harold Heinze as his Commissioner-nominees. Mr. Heinze's and Mr. Sandor's brand of progress will leave an environmental legacy that my children and grandchildren will have to live with- a legacy carried out with no regard to future generations.

I do **not** want Harold Heinze appointed Commissioner of DNR. I do **not** want John Sandor appointed Commissioner of DEC. I do want future generations to be able to enjoy a balanced economy of fishing, mining, tourism, logging, hunting and recreation in our Great State.

Please appoint Commissioners with long term interests in our State.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

H. Brett Dillingham

BIA
313 7th St. #1
Juneau, Ak.
99801.

P.O. Box 210094,
Auke Bay, AK 99821
17 April 1991

Chairman Lloyd Jones,
Senate Resources Committee,
Alaska State Legislature,
P.O. Box V,
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that Mr. John Sandor may be confirmed as head of the DEC by the State Legislature on 25 April 1991. I am firmly opposed to Mr. Sandor's confirmation, and I ask that you do what you can to block it.

Mr. Sandor has a history of favoring the mining industry, which is hardly appropriate for the head of the agency which would function as the watchdog over mining in this state. In his first few months in office as commissioner of DEC he has already greatly weakened the DEC's policing function. He also recently called the proposed A-J reopening an "environmentally sound. . . project" despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

Placing Mr. Sandor in charge of DEC makes about as much sense as placing the wolf in charge of the chicken coop. As you know, the wolf would grow fat as the chickens disappear, one by one.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Rita M. O'Clair

Rita M. O'Clair

3240 Nowell Avenue
Juneau, AK 99801

April 17, 1991


Senator Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Jones:

I am writing to ask that you vote against the confirmation of John Sandor as commissioner of DEC and of Harold Heinze as commissioner of DNR. I do not believe it is in the long-term interest of Alaskans to have either of these men in charge of such important resource agencies. I say this because each of them has a history of being against environmental protection and being for quick resource extraction without regard for sustainable, environmentally sound resource development.

I believe that the governor has the right to determine who his commissioners are, but only to the extent that the commissioners have a history of responsible management with the public interest in mind.

Thank You,



Doug Woodby

1500 Russian Jack Dr. #40
Anchorage, AK 99508

April 14, 1991

Honorable David Finkelstein
Alaska State Legislature
PO Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Mr. Finkelstein:

I am writing to strongly urge you to oppose the confirmations of acting commissioners Harold Heinze and John Sandor. I do not like what I have seen and heard so far and do not believe these men have Alaska's best interest at heart.

The DNR Commissioner is to manage Alaska's lands, forests, oil and minerals, including State Parks. Mr. Heinze will manage the land, the wildlife that lives there, and the environment into extinction if we allow him to remain. He has and always will work for the oil companies, not for the state.


I DO NOT WANT HEINZE TO MANAGE ALASKA'S NATURAL RESOURCES!

The DEC Commissioner is to protect the environment through regulations and enforcement of laws for polluting industries to abide. Mr. Sandor will only protect his own interest, which include mining in Juneau despite toxic pollution, and protecting the oil industry. It is a known fact he has done quite a few things behind peoples backs.

I DO NOT WANT SANDOR TO PROTECT ALASKA'S ENVIRONMENT!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,


Holly L. Werner

cc: Senator Lloyd Jones
Representative Cliff Davidson

Don Soileau
505 W. 2nd Ave. #104
Anchorage, AK 99501

April 10, 1991

Senator Jones:

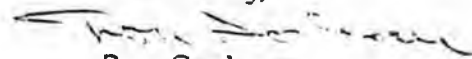
I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to reject the confirmation of John Sandor, Governor Hickel's appointee as Acting Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation. The job of the Commissioner of DEC is to protect the environment through regulation and enforcement of laws controlling oil, mining, and other polluting industries. And yet, Mr. Sandor, as Commissioner of DEC, has unfairly favored the oil industry. His department secretly turned over draft government regulations, so that the industry could suggest modifications before the documents were released to the public.

Mr. Sandor is co-founder of the Alliance for Juneau's Future, and served as its Executive Director. The primary purpose of this organization is to promote mining in the Juneau area, despite the resulting toxic pollution.

Mr. Sandor, as the former top Forest Service official in Alaska, worked to clear-cut the magnificent ancient forests of the Tongass: "It is desirable to liquidate the existing decadent climax stands [of trees] as soon as possible." He did everything he could to carry out that philosophy, including "pre-roading," a policy of building government-subsidized logging roads, even in areas which were not slated to be cut -- just to destroy the Wilderness potential, and make sure that they would eventually be logged.

Is this the person we want to protect Alaska's environment? Absolutely not! Please reject Mr. Sandor as an unsuitable nominee to this position.

Sincerely,



Don Soileau

Box 82183
Fairbanks, AK. 99708
April 14, 1991

Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Sen. Jones,

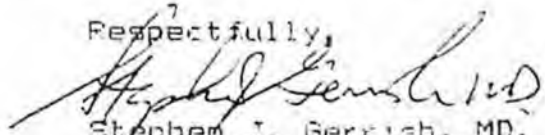
You will soon be holding hearings on Gov. Hickel's nominations for the Dept. of Environmental Conservation and Dept. of Natural Resources. I believe both nominees are poor choices, and their confirmation should possibly be blocked.

The Dept. of Environmental Conservation has a responsibility to protect our states environment from damage and misuse, and to be an advocate on behalf of the people of the state for the long term conservation of our natural resources. John Sandor comes from the old school of the Forest Service that saw its mandate to utilized as much forest as possible, and as it turns out, in a very short sighted manner. The new schools of forestry coming up through the ranks have a different philosophy, and are seeing our environment as a complex system that has to be managed very carefully for long term diversity and health, and not for short term development and profit. It would be unfortunate if the State of Alaska chose Mr. Sandor as a guardian of not only our forests, but all our natural resources. The Department needs a leader who is dedicated to the ideals of conservation and the environment. There are others responsible for development, and the two should be separated.

The Dept. of Natural Resources certainly needs to represent both sides, for development and conservation of the resources. Development should be tempered with good management practices, and that means long range goals consistent with environmental costs, renewability when possible, and judicious use of the nonrenewable resources. Mr. Harold Heinze is clearly so biased towards development in spite of any environmental costs or long term benefits, that it is doubtful that he could provide any additional perspective beyond simply maximizing profit. That has been his experience with ARCO, and there is no reason to expect change. Once the old trees are gone, the air dirtied, the streams polluted, and wilderness destroyed, it is too late to turn back. Resources must be developed, but it requires wisdom, and a real concern for the future, and what its needs will be. Mr. Heinze has not such concerns. He is first and foremost an "oil man," before the environment, the people, or even the state.

I hope you will consider rejecting both of these nominations. Perhaps it would send a message to the Governor that he is answerable to us all, and owes us a certain element of objectivity and responsible leadership.

Respectfully,


Stephen J. Gerrish, MD.

Suzann G. Speckman
PO Box 81898
Fairbanks, AK 99708

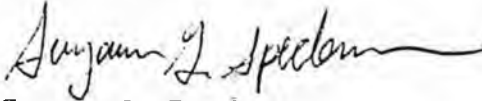
Dear Senator Jones:

I am writing to let you know that I am adamantly opposed to the appointments of both Harold Heinze and John Sandor. I don't feel either of these people is able to objectively represent the state's interests or the interests of the people. Furthermore, I have serious doubts about the integrity of both.

We need honest, unbiased people who don't have conflicting interests and do have experience in the fields in which they'll be working.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Suzann G. Speckman

1420 G St.
Anchorage, AK 99501
April 13, 1991

Lloyd Jones, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Senate
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Sen. Jones:


As you are no doubt aware, Governor Hickel has chosen Harold Heinze to be his Commissioner for the Department of Natural Resources, and has chosen John Sandor to be his Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation. I am normally in full agreement that an incoming Governor needs to have speedy confirmation of department heads -- individuals that share that person's philosophy and can speak for him on a wide variety of issues. In all honesty, however, the two above candidates are so utterly one-sided in their viewpoints that I must question their legitimacy for the jobs for which they have been selected.

Both men are obvious proponents of industry's points of view, and have little feeling for environmental values. Mr. Hickel, an obvious proponent of industrial growth, deserves to have conservative leaders of these two agencies -- but not to such an extreme as these two. Mr. Heinze, for instance, has characterized Alaska's environmental leaders as "aggressive extremists and activists who operate under the guise of environmentalists," and sees the role of the state as "to become an advocate of resource development" which thus far had "been too paranoid to be anything but a regulator." Mr. Sandor, a mining-industry advocate, has said of the old-growth stands on the Tongass National Forest that "it is desirable to liquidate the existing decadent climax stands ... as soon as possible." He has gone so far as to support "pre-roading," the policy of building roads in forested areas before contracts are approved, in order to prevent the consideration of those areas as roadless areas.

I do not think that either of these gentlemen should be able to win confirmation to their posts, and I urge you to vote reject those nominations.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,



Frank Norris

Vivian C. Menaker

Post Office Box 118

Haines, Alaska 99827

April 9, 1991

Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Chairman Jones,

After having watched how Mr. Sandor has dealt with forestry issues, how he has had so little regard for clean water, clean air and the preservation of habitat, I worry about Alaska's valuable resources.

Mr. Sandor seems to prefer extractive resource development which is bad enough in the forest but large scale mining is even worse when the chemicals used in heapleaching are considered. There are many mining claims in and around Haines, Skagway and Juneau. The Kensington mine development has already had a fuel spill into a valuable fishing stream and it is only in the developmental stage. The whole Lynn Canal could eventually become too polluted to support the multimillion dollar fishing industry it now has.

Please don't confirm the appointment of Mr. Sandor as head of the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Respectfully yours,

Vivian Menaker

Vivian Menaker

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April 19, 1991

Charles Rice
Box 116
Gustavus, AK 99826

Re: Sandor, Heinze confirmations

To the members of the Senate and House Resource Committees:

I urge you to oppose these confirmations. The fact that these two shills for industry are even being considered is alarming. Whether the Exxon disaster, the Tongass folly or our overfished waters, the root cause in every case was the cozy relationship between industry and government.

If we continue to allow industry to be accountable unto itself, who pays the piper? Alaska's miserable environmental record speaks for itself. What I will remember is not the antics of Wallis' fun team, but the lame statesmen who secured their authority.

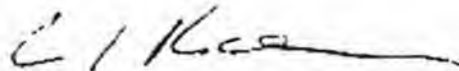
An application for employment as a bus driver or police officer would demand training and some expertise. Ironically, an appointee for the most critical position in government requires only that the applicant not be deceased. Is there compelling reason to believe that Heinze and Sandor will now act in a fashion contrary to their past?

If there is to be any balance between self interests and the interests of society, people must rely on the goodwill of legislators to weed out the unsavory or unprincipled. To this end, you can only say no to Heinze, Sandor and the myriad of accomplices to a minority governor hellbent on extractions at any cost. The pointmen for Hickers' flagrantly obsessive agenda must be checked.

The essence of ethics in politics is "to being the collective desires of the group to bear upon individuals." (B. Russell)

Can harmony be anticipated if we apply this necessity in reverse??

Sincerely,



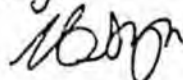
HONORABLE Lloyd Jones
Chair, Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Post Office Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

April 10, 1991

Dear Senator Jones:

The enclosed letter is a copy of one I sent to my state senator and representative. I feel very strongly that the two appointees, Harold Heinze, ~~the~~ Commissioner of the DNR and John Sendor, Commissioner of the DEC, will do an extremely poor job of managing and protecting Alaska's resources. Please oppose their confirmations to these posts.

Sincerely,



RICHARD S. CHAPPELL

5801 HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN ROAD
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99712

4/11/91

Dear Senator Jones,

Please oppose the
confirmation of —

JOHN SANDOR
DAVID KELLEYHOUSE
HAROLD HEINZE

APR 11 1991

these men have no busi-
ness having anything to
do with state policies
in any way. shape
or form! We oppose any
of Hickel's appointees,
especially the forementioned
people!!



Thank You.
Sincerely,
Hayle Bell
Homer Ak.
99811

Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resource Committee
P.O. Box 305
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

I urge you to do all in
your power to see that
John Sanders and Harold
Haines are not confined
to the positions in which
they have been processed.
Neither, by his word, has
the qualification nor
the attitudes necessary to
carry out the mandates
of these offices.

Sincerely,
Francis J. Putman

MS M. PUTMAN
2903 W. 29th
ANCHORAGE, AK 99517

To: Chairman Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee
P.O. Box 1
Juneau Alaska 99811

April 9, 1991

Chairman Jones

I am writing to express my dismay at the appointment of John Sandoz, F. Henry to their respective positions making decisions regarding Alaska resources.

I oppose both appointments. Sandoz has repeatedly shown a pro-industry stance with little environmental concern. His record with the Tongass emphasizes that.

Henry's appointment is as upsetting. He is not a resident of an oil company in the National Security Department in the State of Alaska is so blatantly pro-oil development and so insensitive to the ramifications of the Exxon oil spill. Instead someone who is pro-environmental concerns should be the appointee someone who will safeguard Alaska's resources not exploit them.

Myself in the local administration is very insensitive to the concerns & feelings of many Alaskans. The arrogant attitude is already trying. We are a commercial fishing boat family and are not pleased with the selection of Clem Filion either.

Dear Senator

4/11/11

Please vote NO on the confirmation of
Commissioner Frank Heinze and

John Sander, This vote ~~is~~ is for all

Alaskans and their children and the
wellment of life for all. If you should insist
or are swayed to support their appointment
Please send me a full explanation of your
reasoning, on how such individuals could
and shall be enlisted to protect Alaska's future.
Sincerely, Rick Foster

Dear Chairman Jones;

I want to urge you to reject the appointments of John Sandoz and Harold Heinze, to DEC and DWR respectively.

I'm sure it's not necessary to detail why I feel neither of these men to be suitable, given their past records.

Please do not allow Gov. Hickel to make a mockery of our resource agencies. NO to John Sandoz & Harold Heinze.

Alan Seeger
POB 2030
Denali Park, AK
99755

Sincerely,
Alan

May 2, 1991

Senator Lloyd Jones
Chair; Senate Resources Committee

Dear Chairman Jones,

Your committee will soon be holding confirmation hearings on John Sandor's appointment as Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation. I have reviewed his record and reputation with my contacts among Alaskans statewide, to ensure that my recommendation to you is based on accurate, first-hand information from those who have worked directly with him on environmental issues.

The unanimous reaction of environmentally-concerned Alaskans to the Sandor appointment has been outrage. His reputation among those who have dealt with him is that he has been a strident advocate of resource development without a balancing concern for environmental responsibility.

He has no credibility at all among those who have worked on environmental issues. Perhaps most disturbing, my contacts within the Department of Environmental Conservation indicate that he is widely perceived within the agency as hostile to the agency's mission, and that morale has sagged dangerously with his appointment. In early comments to the press, he indicated that he viewed DEC as a multiple-use agency. DEC's mandate is to monitor and enforce for environmental protection, NOT multiple use. Such comments reveal a deep misunderstanding of the purpose of his agency.

I am certain that John is a fine person, and I duly note that his reputation is excellent among my contacts whose politics emphasize resource development as the top priority. Is he, then, a person who can serve as a peacemaker: one who can act as a bridge between varied concerns? Unfortunately, my contacts indicate that he has not built a reputation for being able to work with the environmental side of resource issues. If he has the ability to be a statesman, it has not been demonstrated yet.

The Commissioner of Environmental Conservation must be someone with impeccable "green" credentials and commitment to the mission of the Department. John Sandor lacks credibility among the key constituencies for his agency, and thus cannot function effectively as Commissioner. I strongly urge you to recommend against his confirmation.

thank you,

Bill Glude

Bill Glude
PO Box 23316
Juneau, AK 99802; 586-5606

cc: all Committee members
the Juneau delegation

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Box 251
Petersburg Alaska
99733

April 30, 1971

Hon. Lloyd Jones:

This letter is to urge you to vote against the appointment of both Mr. Sordow and Mr. Henze for their positions on the D.E.C. and Dept. of Natural Resources. Men with such strong connections with private industry and personal philosophies of resource development cannot possibly do the jobs they are nominated for. Both men have shown their pro-development bias and lack of interest in preserving natural areas for tourism, recreation and subsistence purposes. Their records of disregard for environmental considerations speak for themselves.

We need people with genuine concerns for the long-term welfare of our state's natural resources. Neither of these men have this all-important quality.

Sincerely,

Eric Lee

APR 30 1991

April 1991
P.O. Box 298
Klawock, Ak. 99925

Sen. Eliason and Rep. Mackie;

Re: Sandor / Heinze Confirmations

This is to advise you that I unequivocally oppose confirmation of the Mickel appointees, Sandor and Heinze, as Commissioners of DEC and DNR, respectively. Both candidates represent postures antithetical to the protective stewardship attributes appropriate for these positions. There are already numerous serious Bio-problems in Alaska, and the ascension of these veteran 'developers' to such responsible offices will insure a continued degradation of the environment.

Mike Rieves



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Copies: Sen. Lloyd Jones and Rep. Cliff Davidson

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Taken PO Box TKI.
Ketchikan Ak
99950-0230

Senator Dick Eason
PO Box V
Juneau

Dear Senator;

I am totally opposed to the confirmation of John Sandoz as Commissioner of DEC. Governor Hickel really couldn't have picked anyone less suitable for the job. John Sandoz would set wise resource back fifty years.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Geraghty

Copied

Tolson PO Box TKI
Kotelikow, Ok.
99950-0230
4/27/91

Rep. Gerry Madise
PO Box 1

Juneau

Dear Gerry,

I would like you to be aware of
my total opposition to confirming
John Sander as Commissioner of DEC.
Governor Hitchel would have had to
search far and wide to find someone
less suitable for the job. John
Sander would be a total disaster.

Sincerely,
Sylvia Grayley

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PO Box TKI
Ketchikan, AK 99950-0230



Senator Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Legislature
PO Box V
Juneau, Ak 99811

Senator Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Legislature
PO Box 1
Juneau, AK 99811

Thoms Place
April 23, 1991

Dear Senator Jones,

We write to ask you to please deny confirmation of John Sandor as DEC Commissioner and Harold Heinze as DNR Commissioner. Neither man seems a wise or reasonable choice for these posts.

Alaska's pristine environment and abundant natural resources are great treasures. Their management should not be entrusted to men or women who, like Sandor and Heinze, have consistently failed to demonstrate an appreciation for the value of these treasures to present and future generations of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Joel Hanson

Alice C. Hanson

Joel & Alice Hanson

PO Box 1783

Wrangell AK 99929

April 26, 1991

Senator Lloyd Jones
Senate Resources Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Senator Jones:

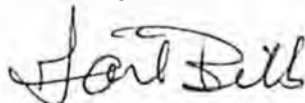
RE: Objections to Appointment of John Sandor as DEC Commissioner

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation was created in 1971. Its mandate is to protect the environment and the public health. DEC is the agency responsible for the regulation of any discharges of pollution into the land, the air, and the waters of the State of Alaska. As a sixteen year resident of the State of Alaska, I can quickly say that the protection DEC affords me and my family is invaluable. Having moved to Alaska from a smog-filled, inner city I appreciate the clean air and water here maybe more than those who are native to this land. I support agencies like DEC because with careful study perhaps we can avoid some of the development nightmares that have occurred in the rest of the United States. I realize DEC is no panacea, after the oil spill, we know better. However, the oil spill points to an even greater need for a stronger, expanded DEC.

Governor Hickel has appointed John Sandor as head of this agency so critical to the protection of our environment. Can John Sandor be trusted to expand and strengthen DEC? I think not! John Sandor has been exceptionally pro-development. Here in Juneau I have observed Mr. Sandor's relentless promotion of Echo Bay Exploration's proposal to reopen the A-J Mine. Mr. Sandor, as the executive director of the pro-development group Alliance for Juneau's Future, endorsed the A-J project months before even the preliminary draft environment impact statement was published. Later, when the environmental concerns were discussed, Mr. Sandor denied that the Alliance had endorsed the project, even though a memo with Mr. Sandor's approval of the project was in evidence. Not only has Mr. Sandor been actively promoting this mine development, he has been disingenuous with the public by denying his involvement with it.

In closing, I submit that Mr. Sandor cannot be trusted to protect the environment and the public health. He will, instead, bend the law to fit demands of private development. Please vote no to the appointment of John Sandor to Commissioner of DEC.

Sincerely,



Gail Bills
536 Park St., Apt. A
Juneau, AK. 99801

Dear Senator Eliason,

I would like to voice my STRONG opposition to the appointments of John Sandor as head of the D.E.C. and Harold Heinze as Commissioner of the D.N.R.

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Both men are long time pro-development advocates. Their experience and expertise lies in exploiting our natural resources, certainly not in managing them. Pro-industry men such as Sandor and Heinze view natural resources as short term money makers, not as long term investments in our quality of life—as they should be viewed. Such views squander for short term goals instead of regulate for long term benefits. And so much of what they are wasting cannot be replaced.

Please vote AGAINST the appointments of John Sandor as D.E.C. Commissioner and Harold Heinze as D.N.R. Commissioner.

Thank you for your time.

Paula Hardy
14 year resident
Box 6032
Sitka, Alaska
99835

Dear chairman Jones,
This is a copy
of the letters I sent
to Senator Eliason
and Representative
Grussendorf.

Paula
Hardy

APR 18 1991

P.O. Box 1324
Haines, AK 99827

April 18, 1991

Dear Chairman Jones-

I am strongly opposed to the appointments of John Sandor as DEC commissioner and Harold Herz as DNR commissioner. Both have strong industry biases and are advocates of resource extraction. They are not the people we need to protect our environment and resources.

I trust you will vote against their confirmations.

Sincerely,

Kate Palmer

Paul Barnes
Box 155
Gustavus, AK.
99826

April 16, 1991

Senator Lyod Jones -

As a lifetime resident, businessman, fisherman and traveler of Alaska, I am appalled by the direction of the Hickel administration. The narrowminded focus of men like John Sandor and Harold Heinze will destroy any hope for a balanced economy or ecology in this state.

I and everyone I know is in a state of shock. I urge you to block the confirmation of these commissioners.

I would like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Barnes", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.