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March 22, 2003

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Sincerely,



Jason Graham

3300 Kendall Loop

Anchorage AK.

99507

March 30, 2003

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Sincerely,



Madeleine Grant
3724 Campbell Avenue Rd
Anchorage AK 99504

Date: 4/7/3

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Chair, House Resources Committee

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Sincerely,

Melinda Greig
Signature:

Melinda Greig
Written Name:

2501 Turnagain Pkwy
Address:
 Anch AK

Cc.

The Honorable Bruce Weyrauch, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

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Date: 4/5/03

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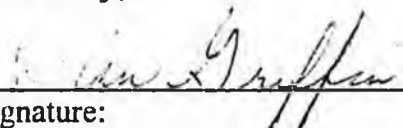
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Signature:

DIAN GRIFFIN
Written Name:

7727 Blackberry
Address:
Aieorage, AK 99502

Cc.

The Honorable Bruce Weyrauch, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

The Honorable John Harris, Chair, House Finance Committee

The Honorable Tom Anderson, Chair, House Labor & Commerce Committee

4 Apr. 2003

In re: Executive Order 107 (EO 107)

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please address House and Senate Committee Resolution Number One (H&SCR No.1) to move it to the floor so that the legislature is able to vote on it. Governor Murkowski's EO 107 to combine the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is tantamount to attempting to combine protection of animals that Alaskans depend on with resource development. Both protection and development are important to Alaskans: we hunt and fish to feed our families and for recreation; and the fishing industry has been important to our economy for more than a century. Alaska's gold, silver, copper, oil and gas and more have each supported Alaska's economy over the same times.

How can one agency provide for both protection and development? Alaska's wealth in fish and mammals requires expert personnel to protect them. At the same time Alaska's wealth in minerals, trees, oil and gas requires expert personnel to develop them. If ADFG and DNR are combined, there will be insufficient personnel to adequately manage both.

It would be a blow to Alaska's economy to combine ADFG and DNR, therefore we support House and Senate Committee Resolution Number One (H & SCR No. 1) and oppose Executive Order 107 (EO 107). We urge a floor vote on H and SCR No.1. Please report it out of your committee.

Constance Griffith
Constance Griffith
P.O. Box 175
Haines, AK 99827-0175
907-746-2408

Date: 4/5/03

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Signature:

Tyler Grosshuesch
Written Name:

522 E 10th Ave #11
Address:
Anchorage, AK 99501

Cc.

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Ernest Gilbert
Signature:

Ernest GILBERT
Written Name:

PO Box 395
Address:
Sand Pt AK 99641

Cc.

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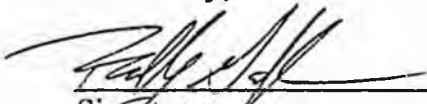
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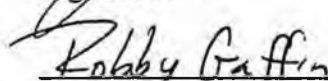
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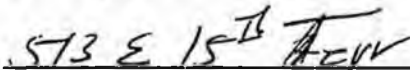
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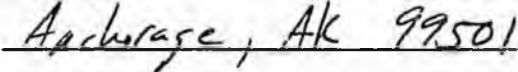
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Sincerely,

Betty J. Gilmore
Signature

BETTY J. GILMORE
Written Name:

PO Box 854
Address:
SEWARD, AK 99664

Cc.

The Honorable Bruce Weyrauch, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

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Date: 4/16/03

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Signature:

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Written Name:

P.O. Box 854
Address:
Seward AK 99664

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Date: 04/06/03

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James E. Gilmore

Written Name:

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Address:

SEWARD AK 99664

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Signature:

Douglas L. Gibson

Written Name:

7430 HUCKLEBERRY CT

Address:
Anchorage, AK 99502

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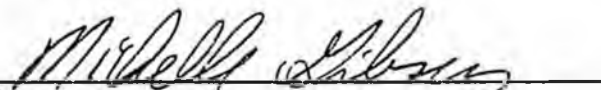
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Signature:

Michelle Gibson
Written Name:

7430 Huckleberry Cir
Address:
Anchorage AK 99502

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Kelsey Gray 2206 Burke St #23

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Marie-Cecile Grives
Signature:

MARIE-CECILE GRIVES
Written Name:

327 E. 13TH AVE #3
Address:
ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

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KARL GUSTAFSON
944 W 11TH A
AUGA, AK 99501

Date: 4-6-03

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Sincerely,

Jill Hacker
Signature:

Jennifer Hacker
Written Name:

P.O. Box 875613
Address:

Wasilla, AK 99687

Cc.

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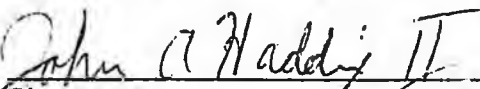
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Signature:

John A Haddix II

Written Name:

7341 Christopher Circle

Address:

Anchorage, AK, 99507

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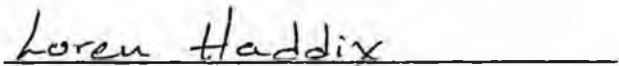
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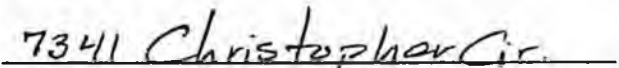
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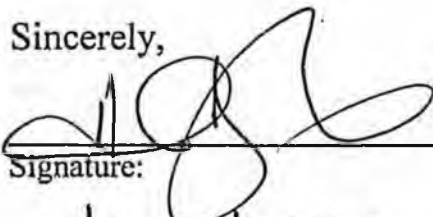
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Signature:

HAL HAGGE
Written Name:

10928 E. R. RD
Address:
EAGLE RIVER, AK.

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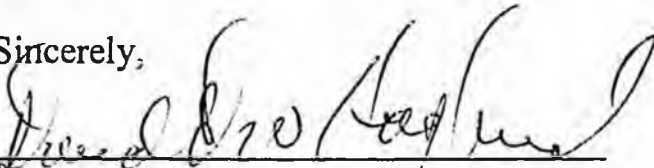
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Signature:

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Written Name:

12521 LAKE OTIS PLWY
Address:
AVC AK 99516

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FRANCES H. HALL

3-29-03

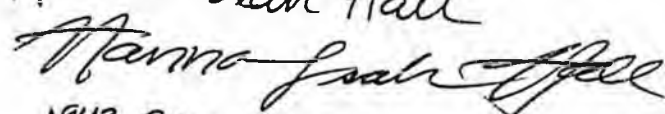
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Hanna Leah Hall


1943 Onyx St. # 2
Eugene, OR 97403

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Bob Hallman

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PO Box 92076

ANCHORAGE AK 99509

Date: 4/3/03

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Sincerely,


Signature:

Sheila K. Haney
Written Name:

5408 New Smyrna
Address:
Anch. AK 99508

Cc.

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John Hansmeyer Sr.
Signature:

JOHN HANSMEYER SR.
Written Name:

1901 OTTER ST.
Address:

ANCHORAGE 99504

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Signature:

Denise Hanson

Written Name:

3710 LIANA CR

Address:

Anch, AK 99507

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Sarah Hansen
2501 W 43 Ct
Anchorage AK 99517

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6326 Citadel Lane
Anch, Ak
99504

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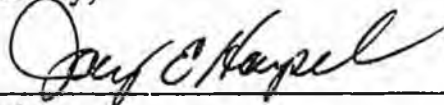
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Signature:

JAY E. HARPEL

Written Name:

6701 E. 16th

Address:

ANCHORAGE, AK. 99506

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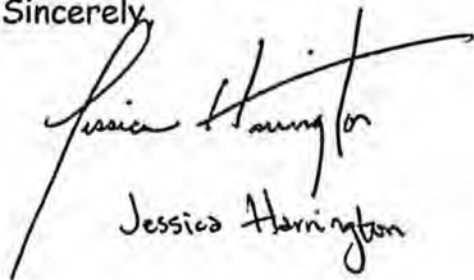
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Jessica Harrington

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Signature:

GARY HARTMANN
Written Name:

3800 W. 43rd Ave
Address:

99567

Cc.

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Greg Hartman
Writer Name:

3511 EASTWIND DR
Address:

99516

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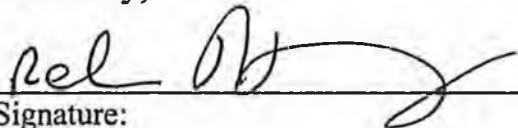
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Rebecca A Harvey
Written Name:

Po Box 201536
Address:
Anchorage, AK 99520

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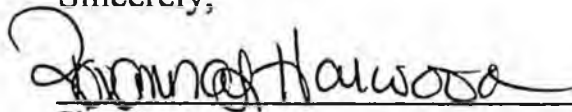
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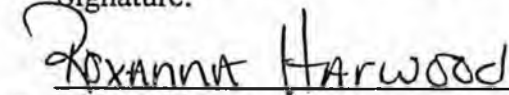
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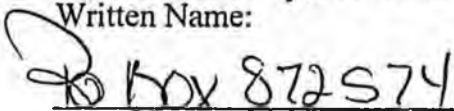
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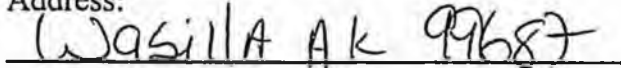
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James J Hasbrouck
Signature:

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Written Name:

11910 Hilltop Drive
Address:
Anchorage, AK 99515

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Signature:

Desiree L. Hastings
Written Name:

32271 Eagle Vista
Address:
ER, Ak 99577

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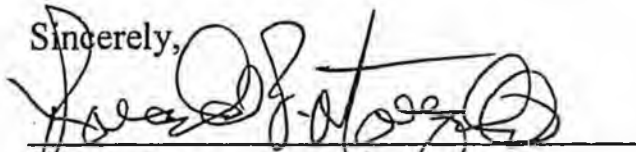
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Signature:

Ronald P. Matthews

Written Name:

13665 SUNSET BLVD

Address:

ANCHORAGE AK 99515

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2418 Oak Dr.

Anchorage, AK

99508

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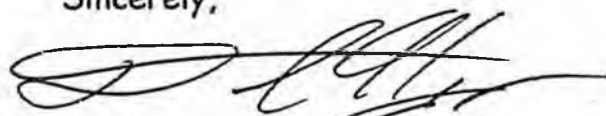
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David Hayes
1131 W 53rd
Anchorage, AK 99518

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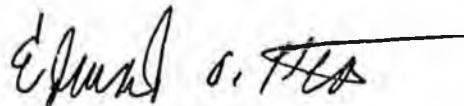
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Edward O. Heath

508 Lynwood Dr.

Anchorage AK 99518

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508 Lynnwood Dr. #12
Anchorage, Ak. 99518

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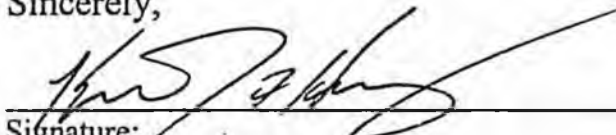
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Signature:

HEGLIN KENNETH
Written Name:

Address:

100940 AWCH AK 99501

Cc.

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Date: 9 Apr 03

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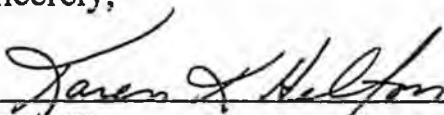
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Written Name:

15646 Noble Point Dr.
Address:
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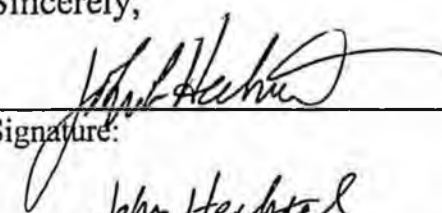
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Written Name:

22063 Deer Park Apt B Chugiak

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Magdalen Jensen

Box 295

Unalakleet AK 99684

Date: 4-10-03

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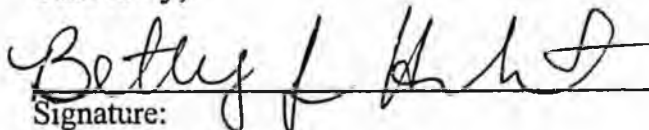
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Signature:

Herbert

Written Name:

P.O. Box 874182

Address:

Wasilla AK 99687

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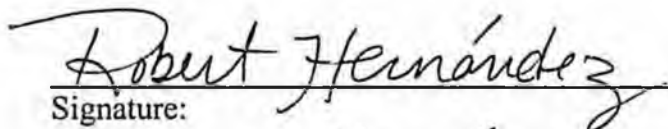
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Signature:

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Written Name:

7350 Cantonment Ct

Address:

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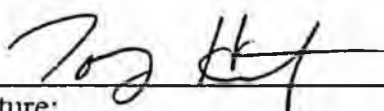
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Sincerely,


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Tony Hertz
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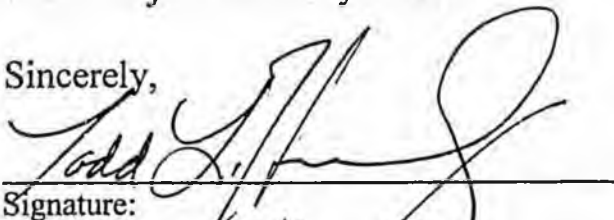
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To: House State Affairs Committee Chair Bruce Weyhrauch

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- **Re: Fraser Report -- "Annual Survey of Mining Companies" & Executive Order 107**
To: Alaska Senate Resource Committee hearings regarding EO 107 -3/10/03
To: State Affairs Committee hearings regarding EO 107 - 3/11/03

From: Doug Hill of Anchorage, Alaska (I am testifying on behalf of myself).

Tom Irwin (Commissioner of ADNR) and Kevin Duffy (Acting Commissioner of ADF&G), have cited the Fraser Report as one of the justifications for moving fish habitat protection authority from ADF&G to ADNR on the following occasions:

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ADNR Commissioner Irwin has provided the legislature and the public with a MISINTERPRETATION of the FRASER REPORT. The results of the Fraser Institute's "Annual Survey of Mining Companies" do not support the administration's case against ADF&G Habitat Division.

What is the Fraser Report? Since 1997 the Fraser Institute (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada) has been surveying junior and senior mining companies annually to assess how mineral potential and governmental policy factors affect exploration and investment decisions. The factors included in the assessment include: (1) environmental regulations, (2) regulatory duplication and inconsistencies, (3) uncertainty concerning the administration/interpretation/enforcement of existing regulations, (4) uncertainty concerning what areas will be protected as wilderness or parks, (5) uncertainty concerning native land claims, infrastructure, (6) labor regulation/employment agreements, (7) socio-economic agreements/community development conditions, (8) infrastructure, (9) taxation, and (10) mineral potential. As the survey has grown it has expanded to include more governments/geographical regions from around the world. The Fraser Report currently queries 162 companies for their opinions about the investment attractiveness of 47 jurisdictions around the world. The Fraser Report is essentially a "report card" that rates the mining company perception of governments/geographical regions investment attractiveness.

The Fraser Report provides several indices of how the mining industry perceives a given jurisdiction as a place to do business. However the three major indices are the Policy Potential Index, the Mineral Potential Index, and the Investment Attractiveness Index. The Policy Potential Index is a composite index that measures the affects nine government policy factors on the willingness of mining companies to do business in Alaska. The factors included in the assessment include: (1) taxation, (2) environmental regulations, (3) administration and duplication of regulations, (4) uncertainty concerning native land claims, (5) protected areas, (6) labor issues, (7) infrastructure, (8) socioeconomic agreements, and (9) political stability. The Mineral Potential Index rates a region's attractiveness based on mining company executives' perceptions of geology. The Investment Attractiveness Index is a combination of the nine Policy Potential Index factors assessed and the Mineral Potential Index. The index rating numbers that a government/geographical region receives are a composite index derived from a compilation of the ratings provided by a subset of the companies that responded. **The index numbers do not indicate that a particular jurisdiction was rated; say 50 out of 100 jurisdictions. The index numbers are simply scores; the same as a score that one receives on a math test. The scores can then be used to depict an area's relative ranking for the particular topic being considered.**

The following statements are direct quotes from ADNR Commissioner Irwin's testimony at various public forums where he used the *Fraser Report* as a reason for supporting EO 107.

March 7, 2003 – Administration Press Conference*

ADNR Commissioner Irwin stated:

“A *Fraser Report* was just completed, to give you an example, and this is a sorry story. This... (inaudible)...No! The *Fraser Report*, it's a large company, it's a mining report. They interview the mining companies around the world. And Curt Freeman (*President/CEO Avalon Development Corporation*, Fairbanks based geological consulting firm) just gave a presentation down here couple of weeks ago on it. And in the *Fraser Report* there's one section that talks about how the major mining companies perceive various areas. They include all the states, they include numerous countries, they include the provinces of Canada. Zero is terrible, 100's perfect. Every year over the last several years, Alaska [presumably *Alaska's Fraser Report ranking*] has been dropping. Now, the title of Curts' report, if I can remember it is “Perception Is Reality”. These are the decision makers in mining companies; they ranked Alaska with a score of 50 [presumably *Policy Potential Index*] as place to do business. Part of that was the permitting process. They actually, this year ranked Alaska, well for last year, the report came out this year, they ranked Alaska lower than Russia and China as politically acceptable places to do work. That's totally unacceptable to me, it should be totally unacceptable to every Alaskan.”

March 10, 2003 – Senate Resource Committee EO 107 Hearing*

ADNR Commissioner Irwin stated:

“I heard a talk about a week and a-half two weeks ago. And this talk was [titled] “Perception Is Reality” [by Curt Freeman]. There's a *Fraser Report* done every year. And this *Fraser Report* is specifically mining related, but it speaks really for industry in general. And all of the large significant large mining companies world wide, just not Alaska, but worldwide are poled, on, each state, each province in Canada, and numerous countries throughout the world. And that pole [*Fraser Report*] came out last year for 2002, very disappointing. Its [presumably *Alaska's Policy Potential Index*] been dropping the last “several” years. And Alaska ranked 50 on perception of public companies who want to invest here. Zero is bad, 100 is good. We ranked 50 in perception politically. We have now fallen below China and Russia as areas, even though we have the resources, areas we would politically be acceptable to do work in. Perception is reality, when people vote with their pocketbooks they take their exploration and development dollars elsewhere.”

March 11, 2003 – House State Affairs Committee EO 107 Hearing*

ADNR Commissioner Irwin stated:

“Some of you folks have heard me talk about the Fraser Report. And the Fraser Report comes from my background, the mining side, but it applies to the perception of how Alaska is seen in this day and age. And it’s very sobering to read it. They pole the major mining companies in the world and they do that every year. The results have been put out for the year 2002. And I’m embarrassed for our state. There’s two sections in this report. It poles the decision makers in companies. And it poles them on two things; are the resources here, and they look at Alaska and all the other states, they look at the provinces in Canada, they look at other countries. We rank very high and very well on the resources. The political perception, on a score of zero’s horrible and a 100’s good, this last year we ranked 50 [presumably Alaska’s Policy Potential Index]. Now, whether it’s perception or reality, they vote with their pocketbooks. They’re telling us now, that the major mining companies find it more politically acceptable to do investment in both Russia and China than Alaska.”

◆◆◆ CONTRARY TO WHAT ADNR COMMISSIONER IRWIN HAS STATED:

- **ALASKA WAS NOT RANKED 50 OVERALL IN 2002/2003**
- **ALASKA WAS RANKED “MORE POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE” FOR BUSINESS THAN CHINA AN RUSSIA**

(See Table 1 and Figures at end of report this report)

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47 jurisdictions were ranked worldwide.
Taking tie scores into account resulted in 34 ranks.
The criteria assessed include those identified above.
(Investment Attractiveness Index - Fraser Report - 2002/2003)
- **ALASKA’S RANKED 20th “OVERALL” as a “POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE” PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.**
CHINA RANKED 29th and RUSSIA RANKED 34th
47 jurisdictions were ranked worldwide.
Taking tie scores into account resulted in 36 ranks.
The nine criteria assessed include those identified above.
(“Policy” Potential Index - Fraser Report - 2002/2003)

- **ALASKA RANKED 3rd "OVERALL" as a "POLITICALLY STABLE" PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.**
CHINA RANKED 16th and RUSSIA RANKED 24th
 From: Percent of Companies Who Indicate "POLITICAL STABILITY"
"ENCOURAGES" DOING BUSINESS IN ALASKA.
 47 jurisdictions were ranked worldwide.
 Taking tie percentages into account resulted in 28 ranks.
 ("Political" Stability Ranking - *Fraser Report* - 2002/2003)
- **Alaska's "OVERALL" *Policy Potential Index* Ranking HAS "NOT" BEEN DROPPING OVER THE LAST "SEVERAL" YEARS.**
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- **ALASKA RANKED SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN CHINA AND RUSSIA IN TERMS OF BEING A POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.**

Alaska's *Policy Potential* (and *Political Stability*) ranking does not justify the extreme measures taken by the Murkowski administration against ADF&G Habitat Division

No where in the Fraser Report is STATE GOVERNMENT implicated as an impediment to "doing business".

In fact:

In contrast to the administration's case against ADF&G - Habitat Division, Liv Fredricksen (*Fraser Institute* - "Annual Survey of Mining Companies" survey Research Co-coordinator) has indicated that, mining company perception of uncertainty about Environmental Protection Agency regulatory consistency and the actions of environmental activists may have something to do with the recent drop in Alaska's 2002/2003 *Policy Potential Index* score
 (personal communication, 3/18/03)

Quote:

...democrats would leave the country and federal EPA closed.
 -President of a junior mining company
 (Quote provided by Liv Fredricksen, *Fraser Institute* - "Annual Survey of Mining Companies" survey Research Co-coordinator, 3/18/03)

Without a review of politics and events on a national and global scale there can be no honest and thorough evaluation of the Fraser Report results.

◆◆◆ CONTRARY TO WHAT ADNR COMMISSIONER IRWIN HAS STATED:

•• Alaska's "OVERALL" Investment Attractiveness Index ranking HAS "NOT" BEEN DROPPING OVER THE LAST "SEVERAL" YEARS.

- Alaska's Investment Attractiveness ranking increased from 9th place in the 1998/1999 survey (first year Alaska was ranked) to 5th place in the 2001/2002 survey. Alaska's Investment Attractiveness ranking increased as the survey expanded to include more governments/geographical regions. Alaska's Investment Attractiveness ranking dropped only in 2002/2003 - Alaska, China, and Russia received basically equal rankings (Alaska ranked 12th - Russia ranked 11th - China ranked 10th). However, remember that the Investment Attractiveness Index is a combination of the Mineral Attractiveness Index and the Policy Potential Index. And, the Investment Attractiveness Index was weighted 60% mineral and 40% policy in the 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 surveys. Further, China and Russia's Mineral Potential ranking rose above Alaska's Mineral Potential ranking in the 2002/2003 Fraser Report and Alaska's Mineral Potential ranking dropped from the 2001/2002 ranking of 5th place to 11th place in 2002/2003.

Liv Fredricksen (Fraser Institute - "Annual Survey of Mining Companies" survey Research Co-coordinator, 3/18/03) confirmed the obvious fact that the 60% mineral weighting of the Investment Attractiveness Index would have a noticeable affect on the overall Investment Attractiveness score; in this case a downward pull on Alaska's overall score.

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- Once again, contrary to Commissioner Irwin's statements, ALASKA'S POLICY POTENTIAL RANKING WAS HIGHER THAN CHINA AND RUSSIA IN BOTH 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 (China and Russia were included only in the 2001/2002 & 2002/2003 Fraser Reports).
(Fraser Report 1998-2003)

Alaska's "OVERALL" increase in Investment Attractiveness Index ranking as a favorable place to do business occurred while ADF&G Habitat Division controlled fish and fish habitat protection authority and during the so-called extreme pro-environmental administration of the ex-Governor Tony Knowles.

Since inception of considering Alaska in the survey (1998), when considering only the United States, Alaska has received a "composite" Investment Attractiveness Index ranking that has been second only to Nevada each year of the survey.
(Fraser Report 1998-2003)

Russia has unfavourable policies, including "political, regulatory and legal harassment (freezing accounts) because of refusal to cooperate with continuing and increasing layoffs"

-Evaluations Manager, senior mining company

(2002/2003 Fraser Report, Graphical Results section, page 32)

"Indonesia and Russia [are] corrupt [and take] too long for permitting. [We] never know if we own the mining title."

-President of a junior mining company

(2002/2003 Fraser Report, Graphical Results section, page 32)

"Alaska" has the most favorable policies. "Promotion of natural resource development [is] mandated by state constitution-- [the] state actively supports mining by loans, grants, etc., 3-year production tax (state) moratorium at start up, enhance by bottom line exploration expenditure write off re exploration at each property..."

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(1999/2000 Fraser Report, Graphical Results section, page 9)

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47 jurisdictions were ranked worldwide.
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CHINA RANKED 17th and RUSSIA RANKED 25th
(Fraser Report 2002/2003)
- Percent of companies who consider uncertainty concerning the ADMINISTRATION, INTERPRETATION, and ENFORCEMENT of EXSITING REGULATIONS a "**STRONG DETERRENT**" to DOING BUSINESS IN ALASKA.
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CHINA RANKED 33rd and RUSSIA RANKED 40th
(Fraser Report 2002/2003)
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(Fraser Report 2002/2003)

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ALASKA RANKED 9th OVERALL as a PLACE TO DO BUSINESS
CHINA ranked 18th and RUSSIA ranked 26th
 (*Fraser Report 2002/2003*)
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 Taking tie percentages into account resulted in 23 ranks.
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Vice President Exploration, junior mining company
(Quote provided by Liv Fredricksen (*Fraser Institute* – "Annual Survey of Mining Companies" Research Co-coordinator)

"Alberta, Alaska [have] low tax levels, welcoming attitudes. and accept natural resources as a responsible industry...Governments must set and adhere to their laws and regulations for extended periods (5 to 10 years), taxation rates must be lower and considerate of the payback periods (must be shorter)...
-CEO, senior mining company
(2001/2002 *Fraser Report*, page 16)

On a number of occasions both ADNR Commissioner Irwin and Acting ADF&G Commissioner Duffy had to publicly defer to Chris Kennedy (Assistant Attorney General) for answers about basic policy procedure questions such as, when there is a contentious issue will the debate rise to commissioner or the deputy commissioner? These are the men that may be implementing EO 107 and it appears that neither one of them have done their EO 107 homework, yet they blindly support and promote EO 107. Do they not have a clear understanding of what it is they are promoting or do they not want the legislature or the general public to understand the true nature of EO 107?

EO 107 places supervision of fish and fish habitat protection under the Deputy Commissioner and the State Forester. The Governor appoints neither position. In other words, the board recommends neither position and neither position receives legislative scrutiny and approval. Currently Title 16 is under the ultimate supervision of the Commissioner of the ADF&G who must be approved publicly by the legislature. What happened to the transparency in government that Governor Murkowski spoke of on numerous occasions during his campaign?

EO 107 is neither a cost cutting measure nor an administrative streamlining measure. EO 107 is the Murkowski administration's Hydro-Ax that is idling and ready to clear a right of way for development at the cost of salmon, resident fish, fish habitat, wildlife and humans supported by fish and fish habitat, nearshore and inland subsistence, sport, commercial, and personal use fisheries.

Salmon have benefited Alaskan socially and economically for thousands of years. Look to the overall future of Alaska's social and economic well-being and do not allow salmon, resident species of fish, and wildlife and humans that depend on fish and fish habitat to be trampled in the stampede for the "New Wealth" of Alaska. **I support responsible development, therefore the only choice I have is to strongly urge the legislature and all Alaskans to DISAPPROVE Governor Murkowski's transfer of fish and fish habitat protection authority from ADF&G to ADNR. Please bring EO 107 to the floor for DISAPPROVAL.**

Thank you for allowing this testimony.
Doug Hill
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Home Phone: 348-8519
email: deeryard2001@yahoo.com

I am willing to discuss this issue with anyone. I can provide copies of text and figures.

***ADNR Commissioner Irwin Quotes From The Following KTOO Gavel To Gavel Audio Archives - (<http://www.ktoo.org/gavel/audio.cfm>)**

- 3/7/03 - Press Conference, Habitat Title 16 Permitting Reorganization Plan
Time Start: 25:12 – Time Stop 26:50
- 3/10/03 - Senate Resource Committee hearing, EO 107: Transferring Fish Habitat Functions
Time Start: 8:13 – Time Stop 10:12
- 3/11/03 - House State Affairs Committee hearing, E.O. 107 Transfer of Habitat Functions from ADFG to DNR (public testimony occurred)
Time Start: 11:34 – Time Stop 13:16

Biography

My name is Doug Hill

I am an Alaska resident.

I am 44 and have been in Alaska since my teens.

I have lived on and off the road system – most of my life in Alaska has been spent in rural areas.

I am currently an employee of the ADF&G – Habitat Division Biologist
MY POSITION IS SLATED FOR TRANSFER TO ADNR IF EO 107 IS NOT DISAPPROVED.

I assist the permitting biologist (permit scoping comments, field inspections), work in the schools on restoration projects, and watershed awareness curricula.

I work part time for Wildlife Conservation Division/Waterfowl Section.

I also supervise the ADF&G camp at Redoubt Bay Critical Habitat Area (joint Habitat/Wildlife Conservation bear/angler project).

I also have extensive field experience with Alaska's inshore and inland fisheries while working for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Habitat, Wildlife, Sportfish and Commercial fisheries Division. I have a degree in biology from UAF and I have approximately 14 years of combined technician and biologist experience with ADF&G.

I have worked as a building construction carpenter

I have worked for Alaska Packers unloading fish and as a carpenter.

I have been a village maintenance worker for the catholic diocese

I have extensive experience with Alaska's inshore and inland fisheries as a commercial fisherman, a personal use fisherman, a sport fisherman, and a subsistence fisherman.

While living in the Yukon River village of St Marys I spent summers with Yupik friends gillnetting (commercial/subsistence) and putting fish up for the winter at their fish camp on Manning Island near the mouth of the Yukon River.

In the winters I worked blackfish traps and gillnets with friends from the village, as well as ice fishing I spend a lot of personal time fishing, hunting, and paddling on the inshore and inland waterways of Alaska.

Re: Fraser Report – “Annual Survey of Mining Companies” & Executive Order 107

Testimony of Doug Hill (Anchorage, Alaska) - Testifying on Behalf of Myself

Testimony To: Alaska Senate Resource Committee hearings regarding EO 107 –3/10/03

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Fraser Report - "Annual Survey of Mining Companies"

Summary of Fraser Report's Composite Indices

	<u>Rank</u>					<u>Rank</u>		<u>Rank</u>	
	<u>ALASKA*</u>					<u>CHINA**</u>		<u>RUSSIA**</u>	
<u>Year</u>	<u>1998/1999</u>	<u>1999/2000</u>	<u>2000/2001</u>	<u>2001/2002</u>	<u>2002/2003</u>	<u>2001/2002</u>	<u>2002/2003</u>	<u>2001/2002</u>	<u>2002/2003</u>
POLICY Potential Index	14	14	13	12	20	28	29	33	34
Mineral Potential Index	16	3	4	5	11	10	8	7	4
Investment Attractiveness Index	9	8	7	5	12	13	10	12	11

* Survey initiated in 1997 - Alaska was not included in the 1997 survey.

** China and Russia were included only in the 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 survey.

Figure 21: Policy Potential Index (North America)

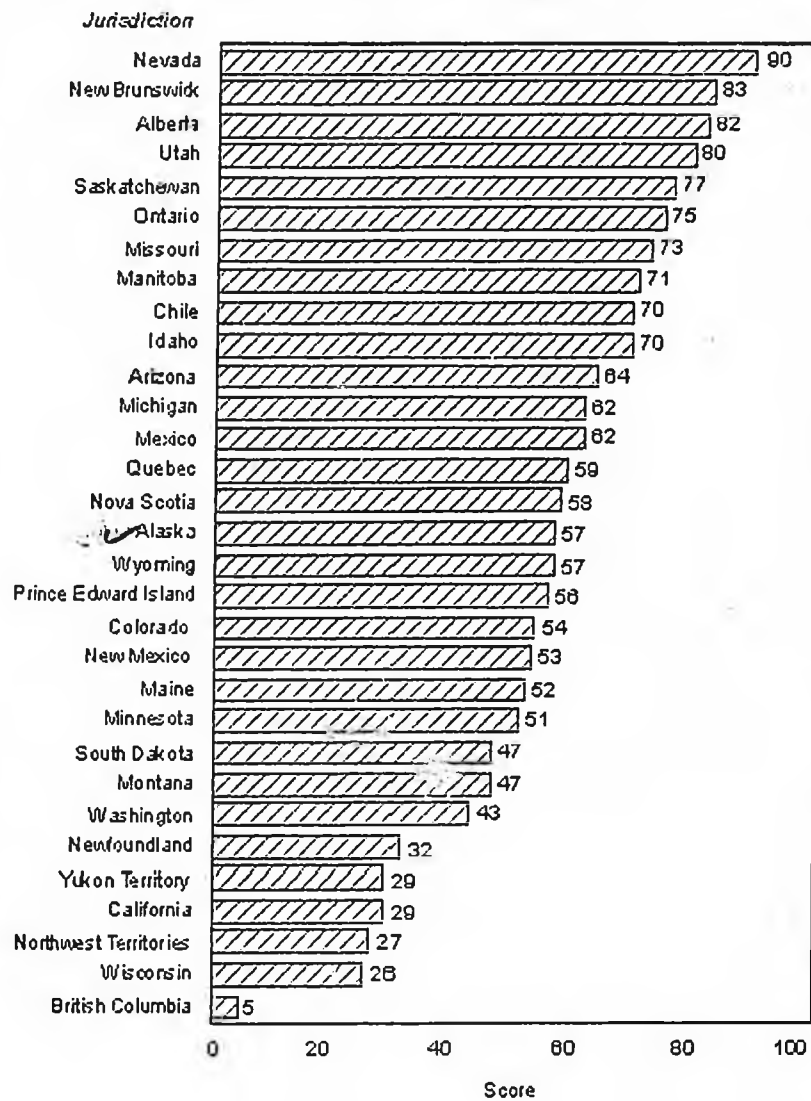


Figure 20: Mineral Potential Index (North America)

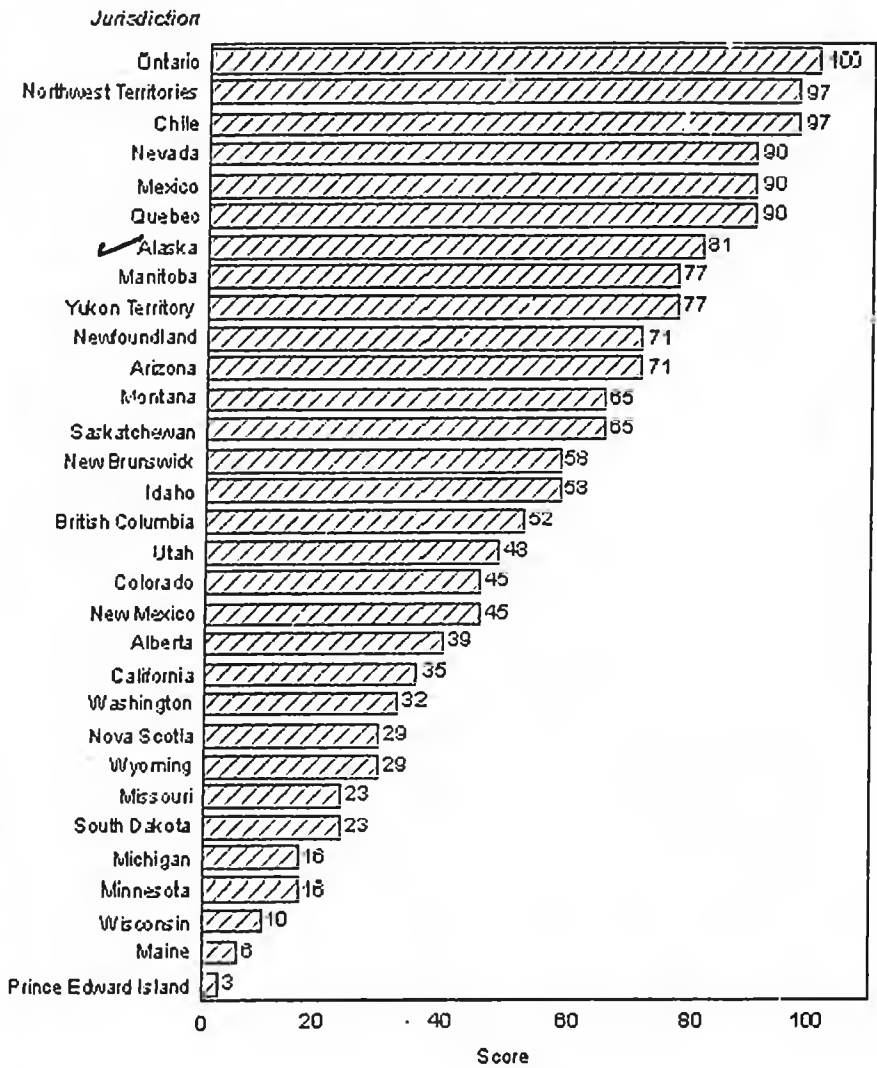


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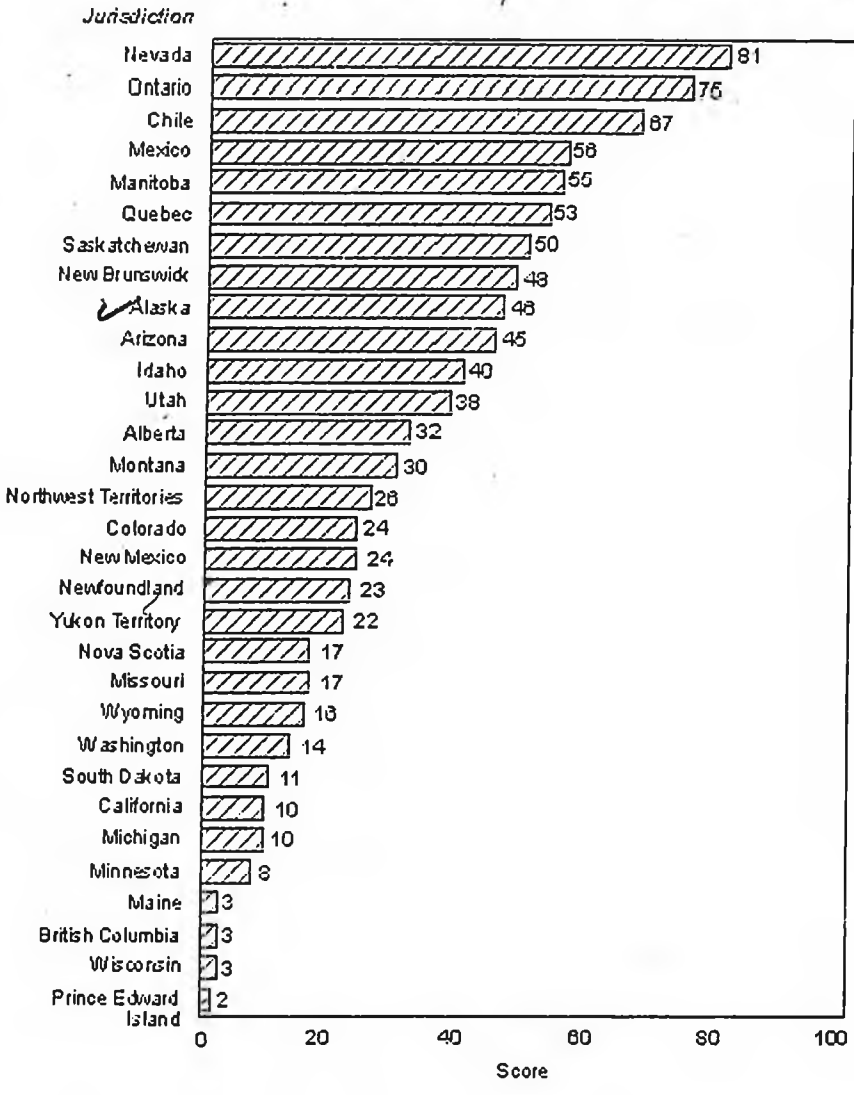
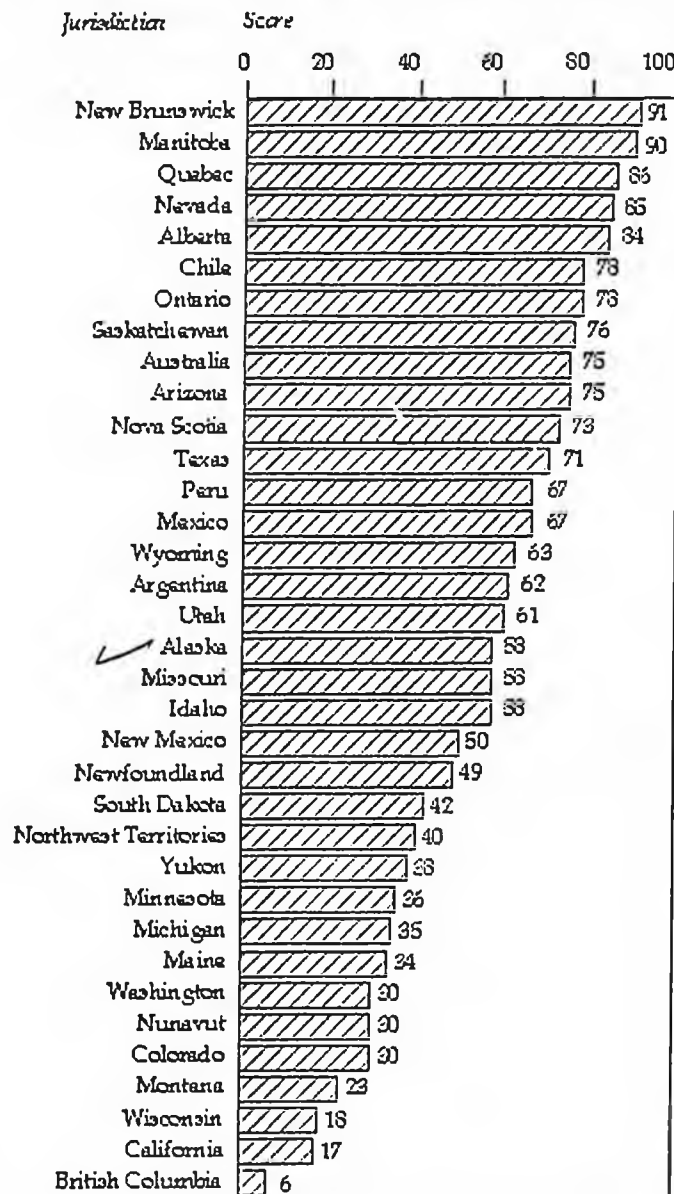


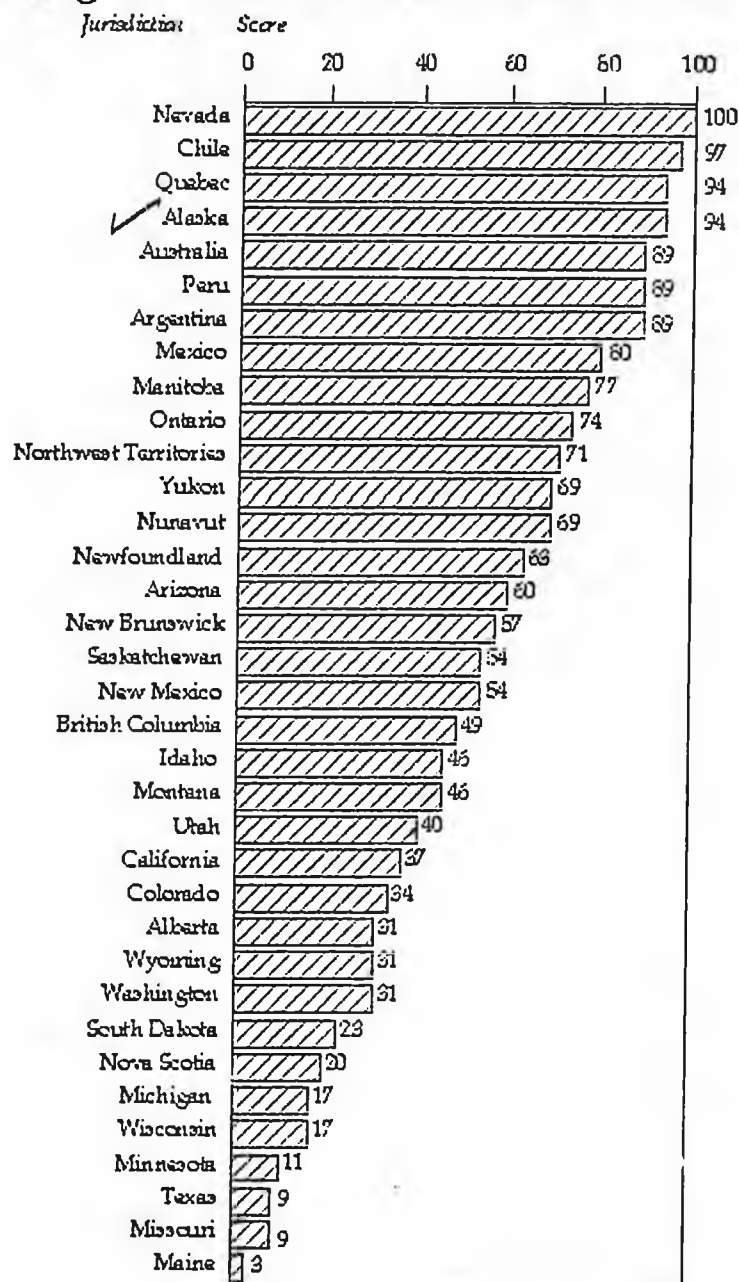
Figure 1: Policy Potential Index



The Mineral Potential Index

The Mineral Potential Index rates a region's attractiveness based on companies' perceptions of geology. The top-rated regions are Nevada, with a perfect score of 100, Chile (97), Quebec and Alaska (tied at 94), Australia, Peru, and Argentina (tied at 89). The worst-rated regions on this index include Maine (3), Missouri and Texas (tied at 9), Minnesota (11), and Michigan and Wisconsin (tied at 17).

Figure 2: Mineral Potential Index



The Investment Attractiveness Index Shows the Best and Worst Rated Places to Spend Exploration Dollars

An overall Investment Attractiveness Index is constructed by combining the mineral potential index, which rates regions based on geological attractiveness, and the policy potential index, a composite index that measures the effects of government policies on exploration investment.

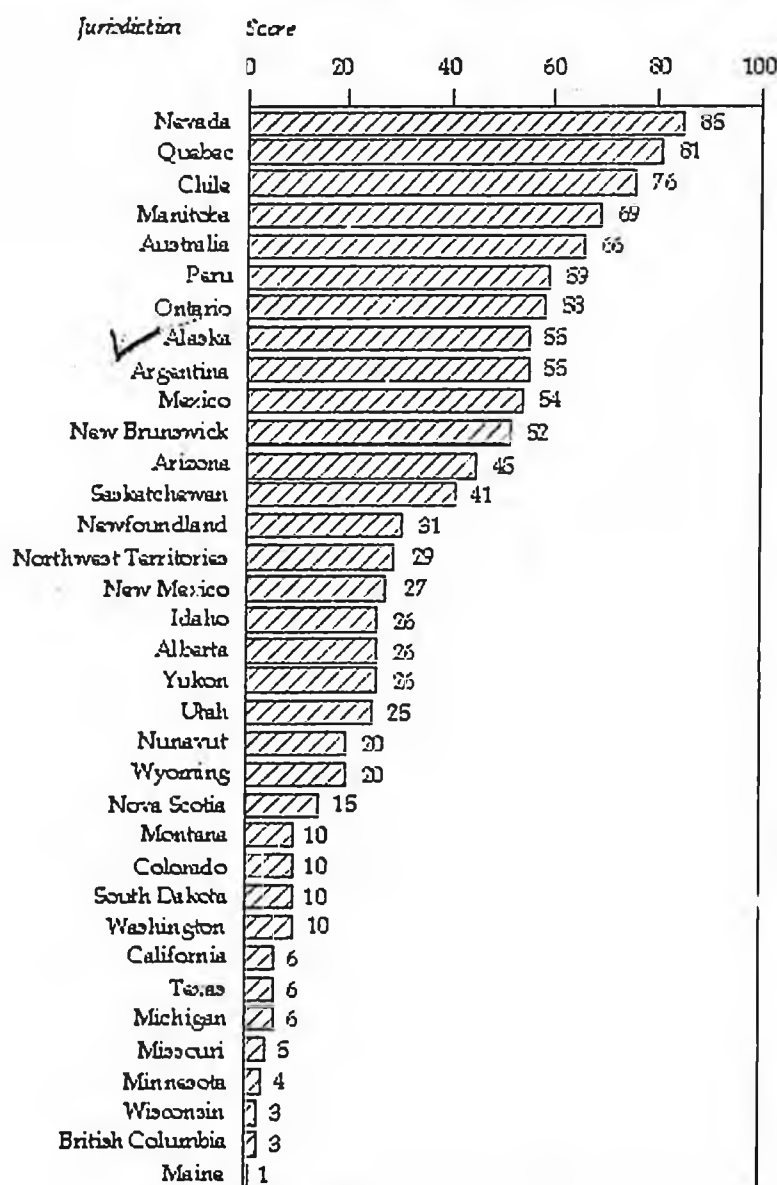
The State of Nevada is the highest rated jurisdiction for overall investment attractiveness for the second year in a row with a score of 85 points out of a possible 100. The high rating is a result of the state's top rating on mineral potential (100) and its high rating on policy (85). The next top rated regions are Quebec (81), Chile (76), Manitoba (69), and Australia (66). Nevada and Quebec beat third and fifth place contenders Chile and Australia in terms of investment attractiveness, even though the two latter countries have reputations of attracting high levels of exploration investment based on mineral potential

and favourable investment environments.

Also placing in the top ten jurisdictions for overall investment attractiveness are Peru (59), Ontario (58), Argentina and Alaska (tied at 55), and Mexico (54).

On the other end of the scale, Maine (1), Wisconsin and British Columbia (tied at 3), Minnesota (4), and Missouri (5), were rated the least attractive areas for new mining investment. British Columbia's low rating on the investment attractiveness index is mainly due to its abysmal performance on the policy potential index. Wisconsin's low investment attractiveness score suggests the results of its moratorium on mining and well-publicized anti-mining attitude as well as its low score on the mineral potential index. Maine did poorly because of its bottom rating on the mineral potential index and its mediocre performance on policy. Other low scoring jurisdictions include Michigan, Texas and California (tied at 6).

Figure 3: Investment Attractiveness Index



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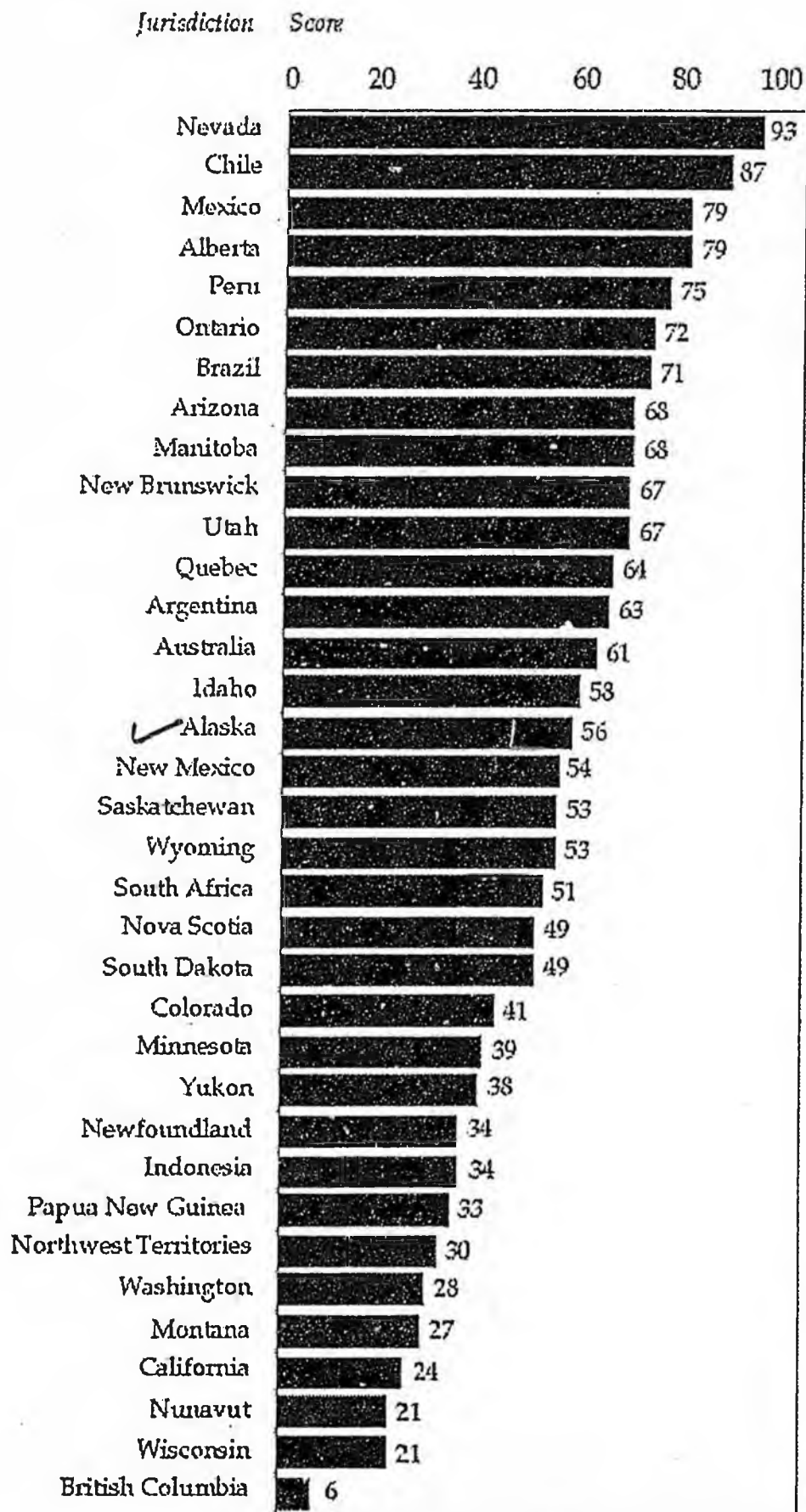


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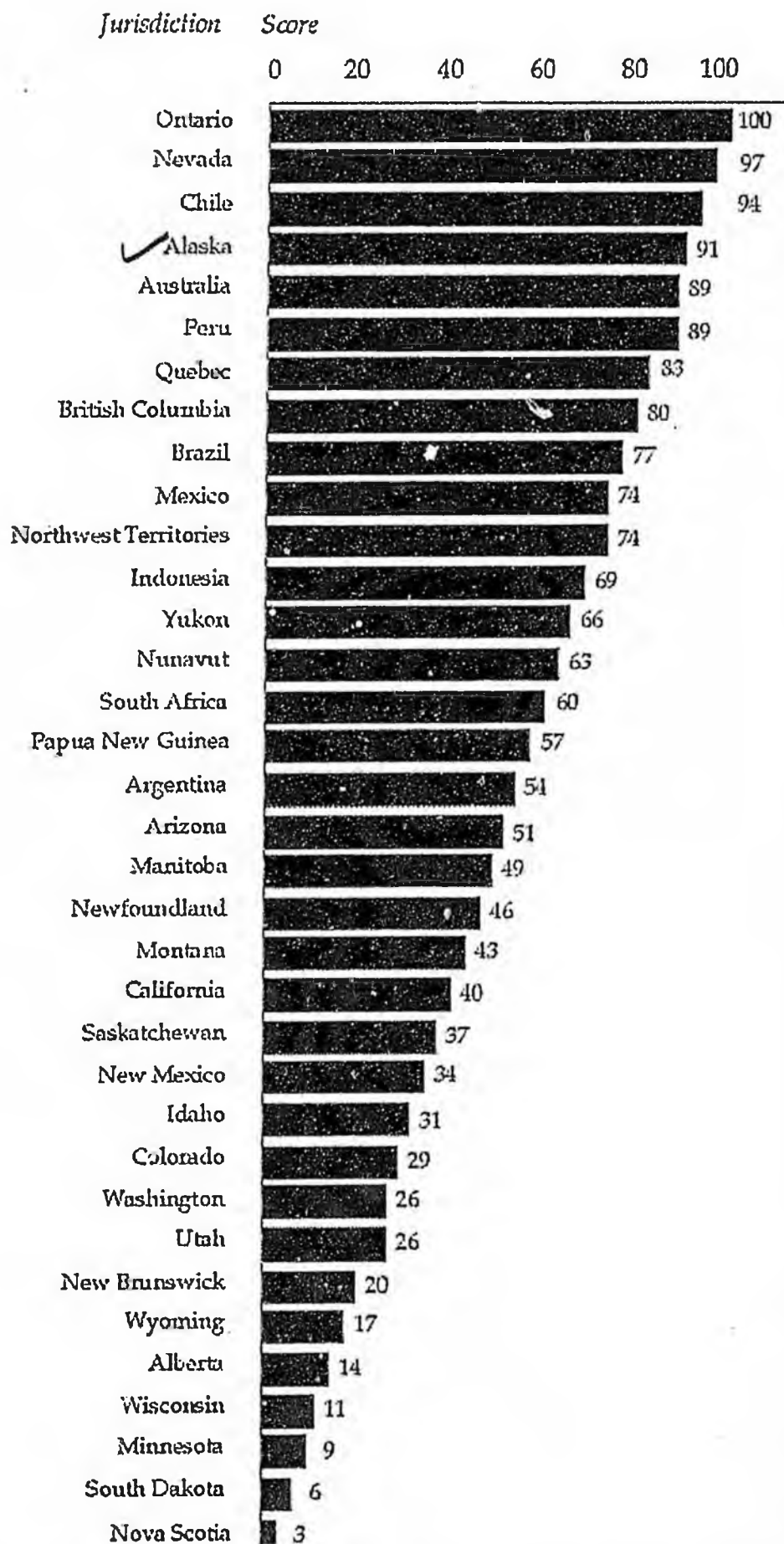


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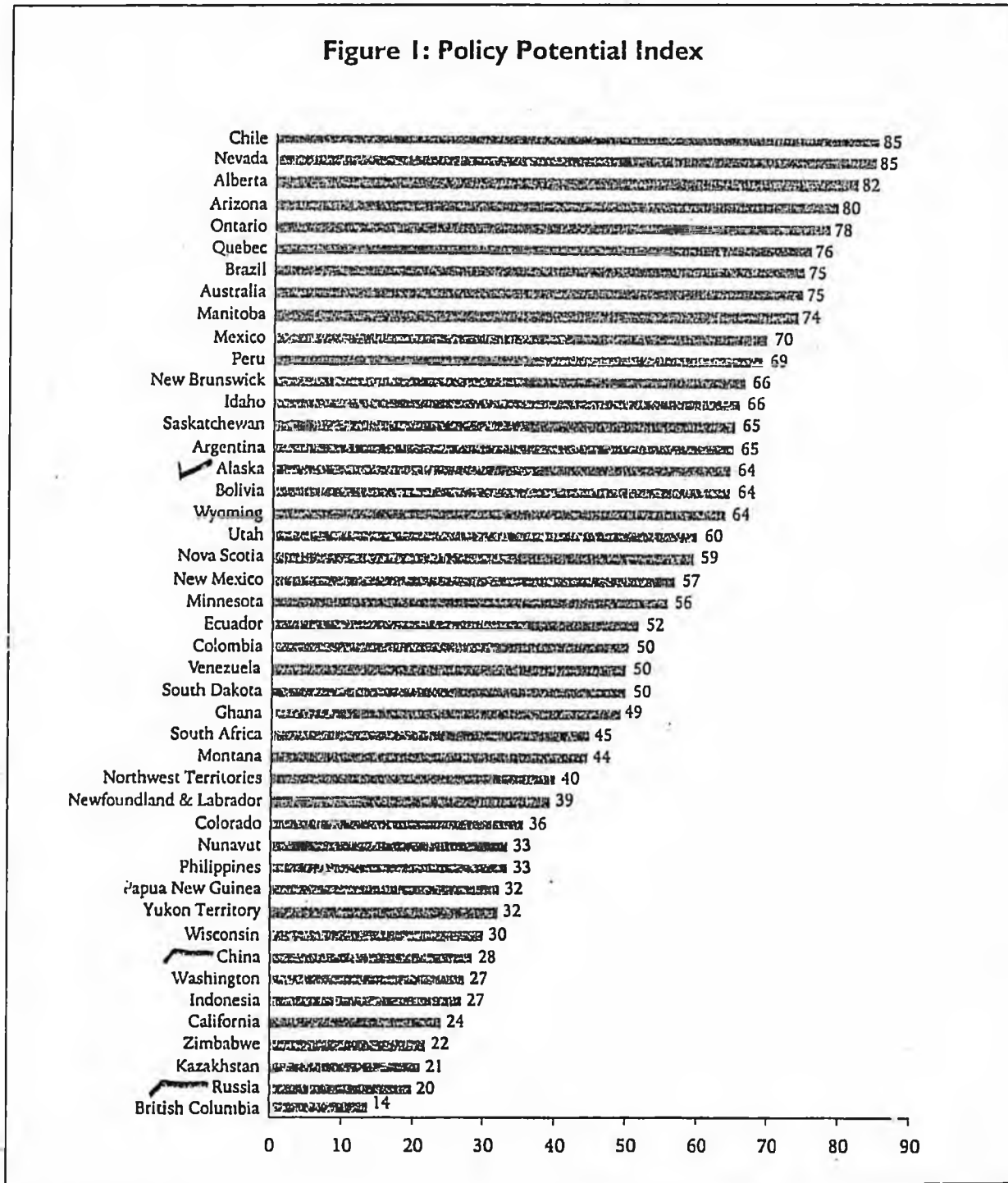


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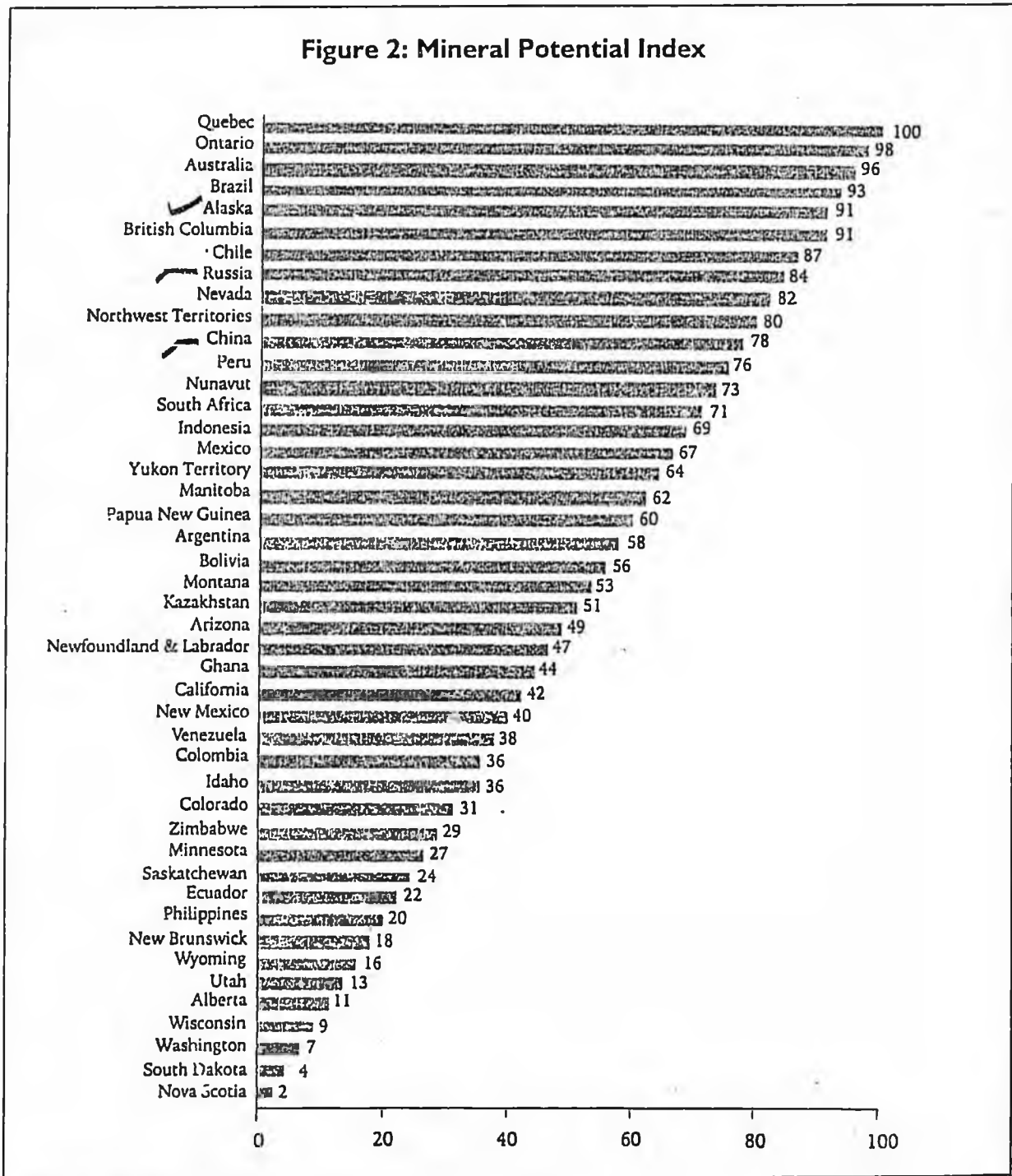
year's first place, rates a close second with a score of 98. Other top jurisdictions include Australia (96), Brazil (93), Alaska (91), British Columbia (91), Chile (87), Russia (84), Nevada (82) and the Northwest Territories (80). The worst-rated regions on this index include Nova Scotia (2), South Dakota (4), Washington (7), Wisconsin (9), and Alberta (11).

Figure 1: Policy Potential Index



The Investment Attractiveness Index takes both Mineral and Policy Potential into Consideration

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In past years, we have given equal weight to the policy and mineral scores. This year we asked respondents what weights they would put on policy and mineral potential. We used the median result, which puts a 60 percent weight on mineral potential and a 40 percent weight on policy.

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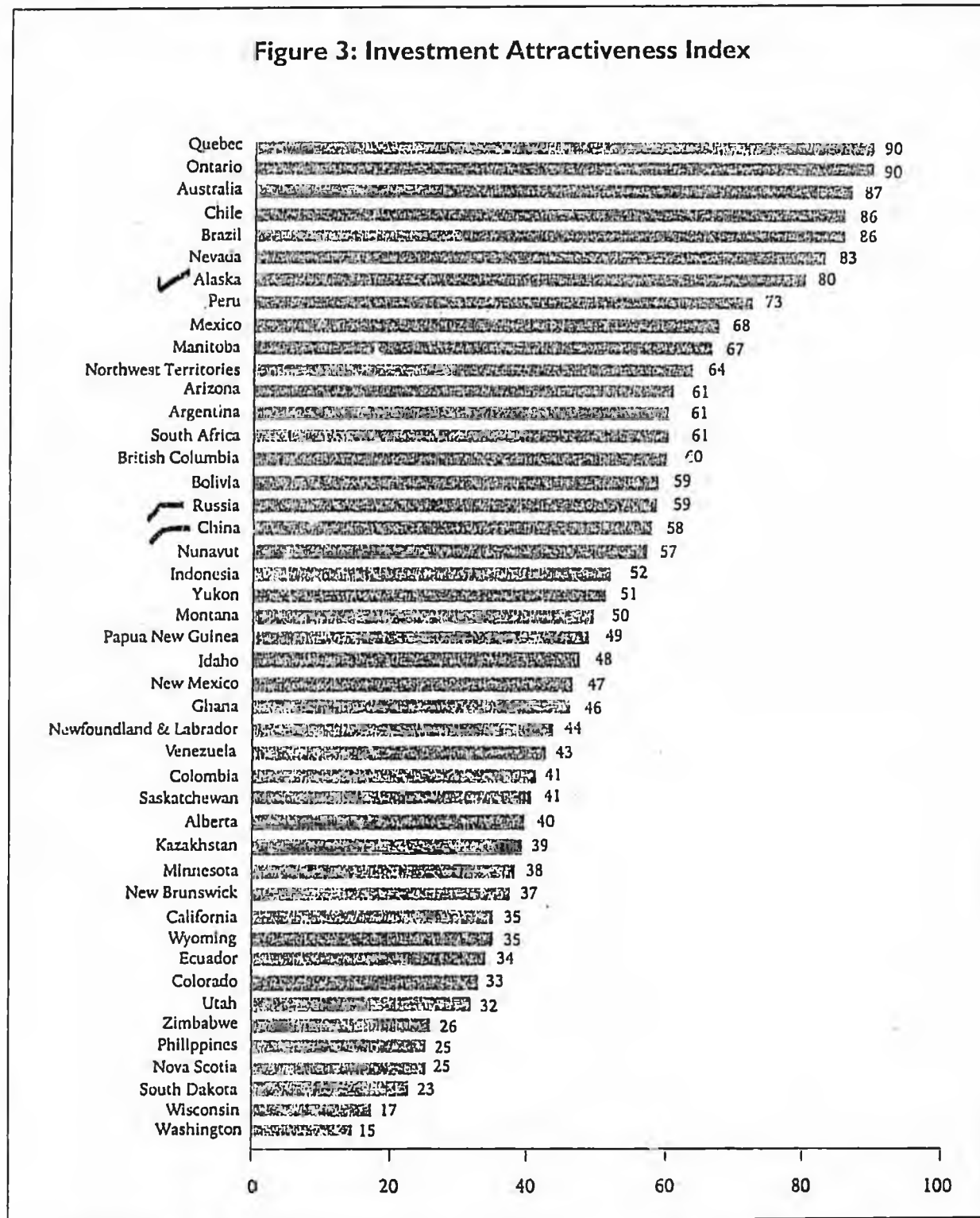


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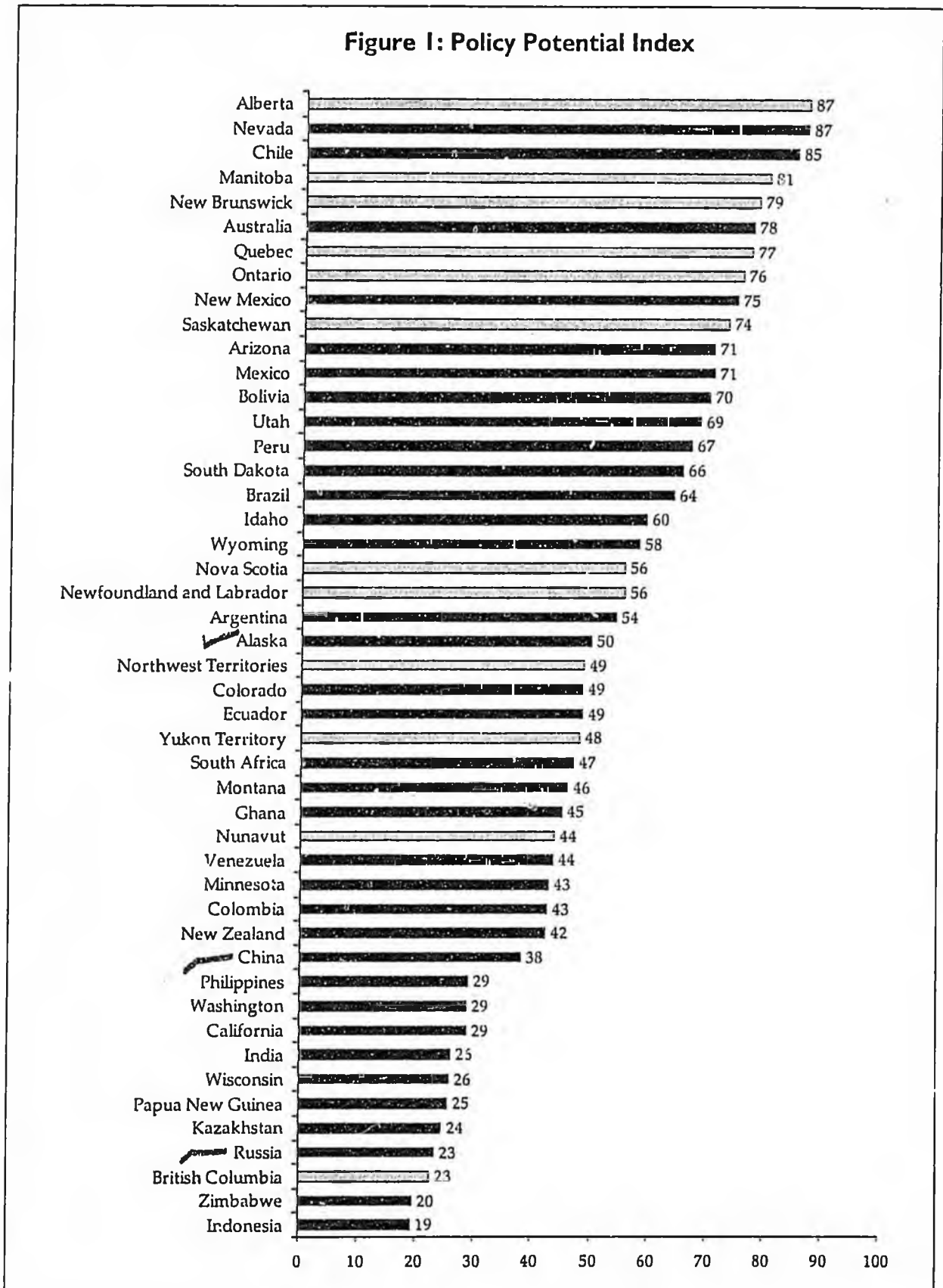


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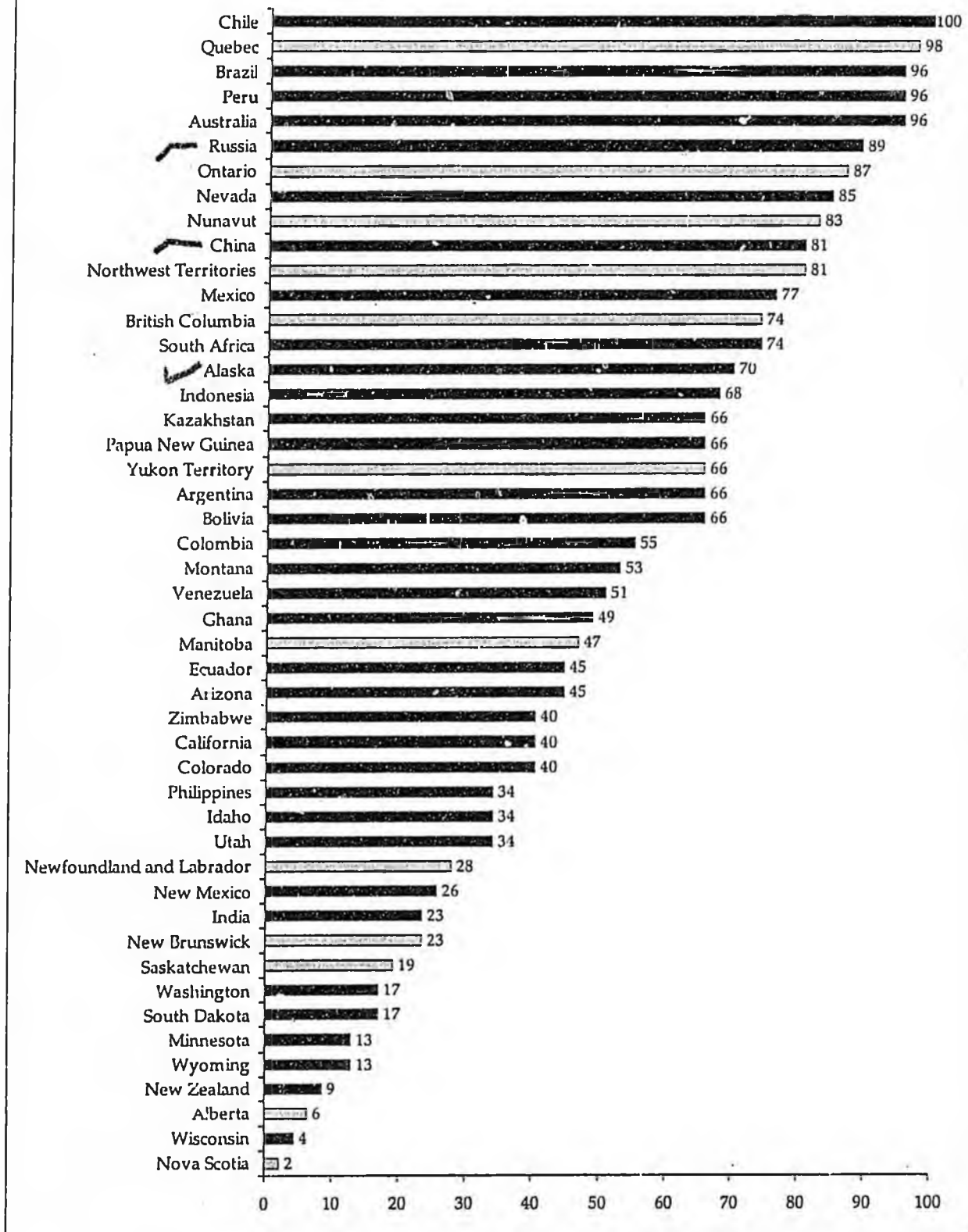
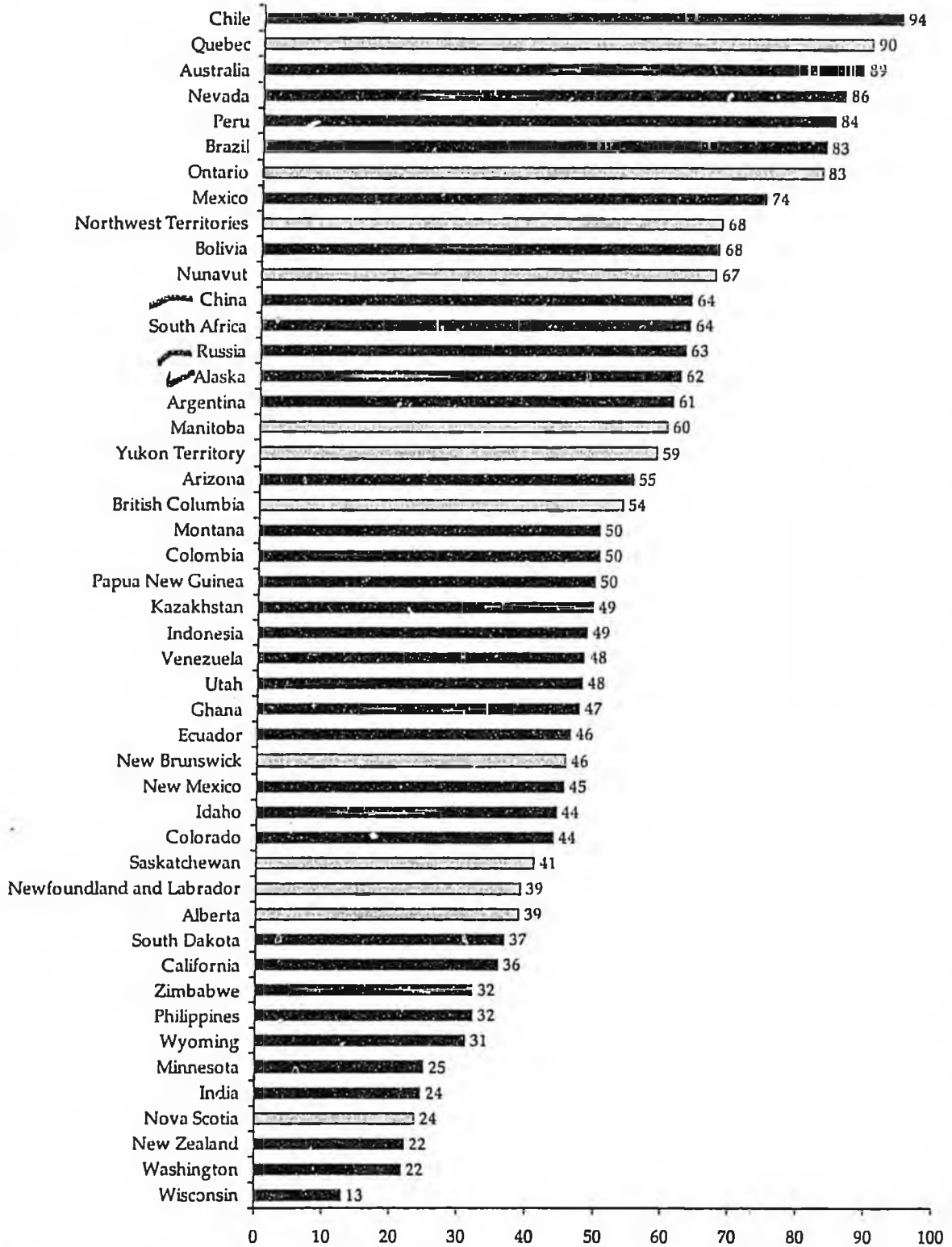


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Date: 4/3/03

The Honorable Hugh "Bud" Fate,
Chair, House Resources Committee

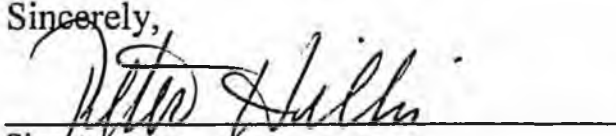
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Transferring habitat protection authority from ADF&G to the ADNR will almost certainly lead to declines in salmon runs that will affect all users of the resource, from sport fishermen to those who depend on salmon to feed their families or bring home a paycheck.

I am counting on you to act in the best interest of all Alaskans. As Senator Ted Stevens said, salmon are our real Permanent Fund. Please pass the resolution reiecting EO107 out of your committee, so that the full House can vote to reject this risky move.

Sincerely,


Signature:

PETER HILLIS
Written Name:

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ANCHORAGE, AK 99504

Cc.

The Honorable Bruce Weyrauch, Chair, House State Affairs Committee

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Date: 4-6-03

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Tom Hirt

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Tom Hiratsuka

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Marc Hobbs
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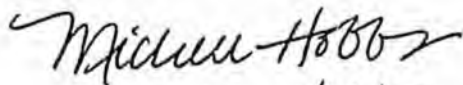
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Date: 4-6-03

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