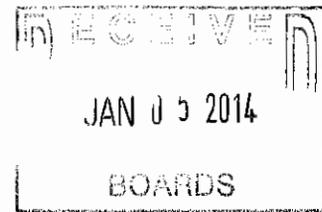


December 30, 2014

Subject; Commissioner of Fish and Game



Dear Mr Haight,

I am writing to support the nomination and confirmation of Dr. Roland Maw to the office of Commissioner of Fish and Game. I have been acquainted with Roland for many years through our mutual friendship, as participants in the Cook Inlet drift fishery, and members of United Cook Inlet Drift Association.

Dr. Maw's educational background, publications, employment history, and fish and wildlife experience demonstrate that his qualifications for this important post are second to none. He has lifelong experience as both a hunter and fisherman.

From personal conversations with Roland I can assure you that he is committed to the constitutional mandate of conservation and maximum sustained yield of Alaska's fish and game. He also believes that these resources should be made available for harvest to the greatest number of Alaskans as possible on an annual basis.

Dr. Maw's integrity and commitment are evident and beyond dispute. He truly cares about the future of Alaska's fish and wildlife resources. He will be a valuable and trusted member of Alaska's management team.

Sincerely yours,


Robert E. Merchant

Kenai, Alaska 99611

CC: Joint Boards of Fish and Game

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