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Alaska Board of Fisheries members,

I am writing to support the selection of Dr. Roland Maw for the office of Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Careful management of our renewable natural resources is essential to the economic, social and cultural well-being of this state. Starting with the Knowles administration and continuing through to Parnell's, the management of our fish and game resources has become increasingly politicized, usually to the detriment of the resource and certainly the economy. This needs to stop. In order to fully utilize the harvestable surplus of these resources while insuring their sustainability we must return to the science based management regime that this state has been recognized for, but no longer follows.

I have worked closely with Roland on many resource related issues and have found him to be very knowledgeable and fair minded. His credentials and his long history of involvement will allow him to lead the much needed redirection of the Departments of Fish and Game.

Sincerely,

Erik Huebsch