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VIA EMAIL

RE: DR. ROLAND MAW - ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME
COMMISSIONER

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I have known Dr. Roland Maw for over 40 years and believe he has the best cumulative abilities, education, and experience of anyone to be an excellent Commissioner. He is an effective communicator from PhD researchers to the average person who may have no background on the fish and game issues of Alaska.

Roland is admired by those who may not always agree with his points of view and with that mutual admiration does find common ground. This ability to see the small and large picture creates an atmosphere of consensus building to solve complex and dynamic challenges facing management of fish and game.

In conjunction with his vast fish and game experiences, Roland is well qualified with his science and biology background. He is someone outside the "establishment" and will bring needed change and perspective to the department. This fresh perspective without political baggage will allow Dr. Maw to manage our great resources with the best available science and not by political persuasions where science is ignored. He also has extensive and proven managerial skills.

Dr. Roland Maw would make a great Commissioner for restoring science to the management, sustainability and abundance of Alaska's fish and game resources for the benefit of all Alaskans and I strongly encourage you to make him the next Commissioner of ADF&G.

Respectfully,

Brent M. Western