

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of the Borough Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Charlie Pierce, Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor 

DATE: August 3, 2021

RE: Appointments to the *KPB Planning Commission*

In accordance with AS 29.40.020, appointments to the Borough Planning Commission are recommended by the Borough Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Assembly. In accordance with KPB 2.40.030(A), the applicant listed below has been verified as qualified voter of the borough. I hereby submit to the Assembly my recommendation for confirmation of the following appointment to the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission:

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Commission Seat</u>	<u>Term expires</u>
Robert Ruffner	Southwest	07/31/2024

Cc: Melanie Aeschliman, Planning Director
Ann Shirnberg, Planning Administrative Asst.
Clerk's Office

Kenai Peninsula Borough

Planning Department

Southwest Seat - PC Application Submitted 2021-06-21 10:53:45

Name: Robert Ruffner

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What knowledge, experience, or expertise will you bring to the Planning Commission?

I have served on the Planning Commission for 10 years. Very familiar with issues the commission deals with and believe I've made a positive contribution.

Robert Ruffner

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Current Employer - Alaska Resources Solutions, LLC

Professional Work Experience

- 2017 – present: Alaska Resources Solutions, LLC
- 1996 – 2016: Kenai Watershed Forum, Executive Director
- 1994 – 1996: University of Minnesota, Research and Teaching Assistant
- 1990 – 1994: University of Minnesota, Limnology Lab technician

Education

- B.S. University of MN Geology 1994
- Post graduate course work, 2 years University of MN Geology/ Civil Engineering
- Specific course work in Geomorphology, Engineering, Numerical Modeling including finite element, finite difference, cellular automata methods
- Developed methods for modeling complex sediment transport for Hibbing Taconite Mine Co. and the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park

Board/ Commission Experience

- Soldotna Chamber of Commerce 2011 – 2016; 2020 - present
- Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission 2010 – present
Vice-Chair
- Kenai Peninsula Borough Road Commission 2011 – present
Chair
- North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission Advisory panel 2014 – present
Chair
- Alaska Board of Fisheries 2016-2020
Vice-Chair
- Material Site Task Force Kenai Peninsula Borough 2018
Chair

Relevant Experience

- Kenai Peninsula Fish Habitat Partnership Coordinator 2007 – 2016
- Habitat Restoration on the Kenai Peninsula; including design and oversight of more than 50 fish passage culvert barriers
- Stream Buffer Evaluation – Tongass National Forest 1993
- Environmental Monitoring
 - Identified, modeled and provided education leading to solutions for hydrocarbon exceedences in Kenai River - 2000 through 2008

Awards

- 2004 Coastal America Partnership Award (Silver Salmon Creek Restoration)
- 2007 National Wetlands Conservation Award To the Private Sector
- 2008 National River Hero Award – River Network
- 2008 Person of the Year – Soldotna Chamber of Commerce