

# KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Dale Bagley, Assembly President  
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

**FROM:** *B.J.*  
Brent Johnson, Assembly Member

**DATE:** January 20, 2015

**RE:** Resolution 2015-007, A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES' REFUSAL TO INTERVIEW DR. ROLAND MAW FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Recently Dr. Roland Maw applied for the open position of Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Rather than being treated with respect, he was publicly snubbed by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BoF). Dr. Maw is a Kenai Peninsula Borough resident and I think the case should not pass unnoticed by the borough assembly. I can note House Speaker Mike Chenault registered his displeasure at the BoF action when he wrote a letter to Governor Walker, dated January 15.

Governor Walker has publicly answered Speaker Chenault's letter by stating, "I share Speaker Chenault's disappointment that Dr. Maw did not even get an interview." The Governor further commented that the one applicant recommended by the joint boards of fish and game, Sam Cotten, "would make an excellent commissioner." I concur, so the object of this resolution is about the process, not about the conclusion.

I also recognize the futility of stirring the same pot with the same stick without adding new ingredients. It is to that end that I offer a remedy, the BoF can reconsider its perennial snub of the Kenai Peninsula and announce a new decision to hold its 2017 Upper Cook Inlet BoF meeting in the Kenai-Soldotna area. Such action would make the Alaska citizens of the Kenai Peninsula Borough feel like Dr. Maw's efforts were not in vain. And it would go a long way in healing a rift between our communities and the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Your consideration is appreciated.