



Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell
STATE OF ALASKA

January 6, 2014

Joseph Connors
P.O. Box 1085
Sterling, AK 99672

Dear Mr. Connors:

On November 6, 2013, I received your application for an initiative that you entitled "*An Act providing for the protection and conservation of Alaska's fisheries by prohibiting shore gill nets and set nets in nonsubsistence areas.*" I forwarded the application to the Division of Elections for verification of signatures and to the Department of Law for legal review.

The Division of Elections determined that 195 of the 209 signatures submitted were those of qualified voters. The application does have a sufficient number of sponsors to satisfy this portion of the application review under AS 15.45.030. The petition statistics report concerning these signatures prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed.

The Department of Law reviewed the application for compliance with AS 15.45.040. The department recommends that I decline to certify this initiative application on the grounds that 13 PCAF makes a prohibited appropriation under Article XI, section 7 of the Alaska Constitution.

Based on this recommendation, and in accordance with AS 15.45.080, I am denying certification of your initiative application. I have enclosed a copy of the opinion issued by the Department of Law.

Under Article XI, section 2 of the Alaska Constitution denial of certification of an application for an initiative is subject to judicial review. AS 15.45.240, "any person aggrieved by a determination made by the lieutenant governor under AS 15.45.010 - AS 15.45.220 may bring an action in the superior court to have the determination reviewed within 30 days of the date on which notice of the determination was given."

If you have further questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Michelle Toohey, at (907) 269-7148.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mead Treadwell".

Mead Treadwell