



Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott
STATE OF ALASKA

September 12, 2017

Mike Wood
P.O. Box 773
Talkeetna, Alaska 99676

Dear Mr. Wood:

On July 14, 2017, I received your application for the following initiative that you entitled:

"An Act providing for the protection for wild salmon and fish and wildlife habitat."

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 158 of the 162 signatures submitted were those of qualified voters. Therefore, the application had a sufficient number of sponsors to qualify for circulation of a petition under AS 15.45.030. The petition statistics report prepared by the Division of Elections is enclosed.

The Department of Law reviewed the application for compliance with AS 15.45.040 and recommends that I decline to certify this initiative on the grounds that the application does not comply with the specific constitutional and statutory provisions governing the initiative process. Based on this recommendation, and in accordance with AS 15.45.080, I am denying certification of your initiative application. A copy of the Department of Law opinion regarding the application is enclosed.

Please be advised that under 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 Scott Meriwether in my office at (907) 465-4081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Byron Mallott".

Byron Mallott
Lieutenant Governor