



Lieutenant Governor Mead Treadwell
STATE OF ALASKA

December 20, 2012

John Holman
P.O. Box 382
King Salmon, AK 99613

Dear Mr. Holman:

On October 22, 2012, I received your application for the following initiative that you entitled:

"An Act providing for protection of Bristol Bay wild salmon and waters within or flowing into the existing 1972 Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve."

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 132 of the 148 signatures submitted were those of qualified voters. Therefore, the application has 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 concluded that the proposed bill is in the proper form and therefore recommends that I certify this initiative application. A copy of the Attorney General's Opinion is enclosed.

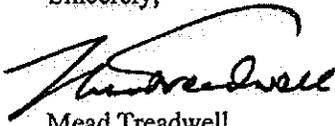
Consequently, I hereby certify your initiative application under Article XI of the Alaska Constitution and under the provisions of AS 15.45.010-15.45.245. I further certify that the proposed bill to be initiated is in the required form, that the application is substantially in the required form, and that there are a sufficient number of qualified sponsors. A copy of your official certificate is enclosed.

The Division of Elections will prepare and print sequentially numbered petition booklets to allow full circulation throughout the state. As required by AS 15.45.090, each petition will contain (1) a copy of the proposed bill; (2) an impartial summary of the subject matter of the bill; (3) a statement of minimum costs to the state associated with certification of the initiative application and review of the initiative petition; (4) an estimate of the cost to the state of implementing the proposed law; (5) the statement of warning prescribed in AS 15.45.100; (6) sufficient space for the personal information and signatures of each person signing the petition; and (7) other specifications that I decide would ensure proper handling and control. As soon as the booklets are available, they will be delivered to the Division's regional office of your choice (Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Nome.) You will also be provided with instructions and training for booklet distribution and accounting. These instructions must be followed.

Under AS 15.45.140, the initiative petition must be filed within one year from the date notice is given that the petition booklets are ready for delivery. The petition must be signed by qualified voters at least equal in number to 10 percent of those who voted in the last General Election, who are resident in at least three-fourths of the House districts of the State, and who are equal in number to at least seven percent of those who voted in the preceding General Election in that House district. Based on the 2012 General Election, you will need to gather at least 30,169 signatures from qualified voters. Signatures must come from at least three-fourths of the House districts of the State, and be equal in number to seven percent of those who voted in each of those districts.

If you have questions or comments about the ongoing initiative process, please contact Scott Meriwether in my office at (907) 465-3509.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mead Treadwell", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Mead Treadwell
Lieutenant Governor