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Letter of Interest to Potential PhD Advisors

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To potential doctoral advisors,

After years focused on Alaskan aquatic ecology and natural resources in the nonprofit, academic, and private sectors, I am seeking to leverage my experiences by pursuing doctorate studies.

I am dedicated pursing how we may balance the needs of watershed health and society. An ideal PhD position will build on my existing connections throughout the research community focused on management and conservation of freshwater fish and wildlife habitat. Examples of my work are available on my website.

My master's work through University of Alaska Fairbanks (co-advisors Dr. Mark Wipfli and Dr. Daniel Rinella) focused on salmon habitat and climate change, resulting in a peer-reviewed manuscript publication. For PhD studies I am interested to examine how communities can empower themselves to apply research that addresses local watershed conservation concerns, such as fish habitat mapping and water quality monitoring. I have a proven record of distilling complex challenges into concrete results. Given the opportunity, I am confident in my ability to achieve similarly as part of your team.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how our interests align. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone to arrange a meeting. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

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