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Letter of Interest to Potential PhD Advisors

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To potential doctoral advisors,

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

Ideally, a PhD position will allow the opportunity to build on my existing connections throughout the community of people focused on research and conservation of freshwater habitat for fish and wildlife, and the human connections throughout. If you are looking for a dedicated student with strong communication skills focused on how we may balance the needs of watershed health and society, please consider my attached resume.

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 and resulted in a peer-reviewed manuscript publication. For PhD studies I am interested to examine how communities can become empowered 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 have attached my CV and would welcome the opportunity to discuss how our interests align. Additional details are also available on my website. Please feel free to contact me via email or phone to arrange a meeting. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Meyer