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To potential doctoral advisors,

After over a decade 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.

My research interests focus on how we may balance watershed stewardship with changing landscapes and growing communities. An ideal PhD position will build on my network of professional connections and seek innovations to address urgent habitat conservation challenges.

My master's work at University of Alaska Fairbanks (co-advisors Dr. Mark Wipfli and Dr. Daniel Rinella) focused on freshwater salmon habitat and climate change, resulting in a peer-reviewed manuscript publication. In my PhD studies I am eager to explore how communities can apply research to address local watershed conservation concerns, such as community-based fish habitat mapping and water quality monitoring. I am excited to develop tools that empower communities to make informed decisions.

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,

Benjamin Meyer