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January 31, 2013

Eldon Mulder, Chair, and Board Members  
Kenai River Sportfishing Association  
224 Kenai Avenue, Suite 102  
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Re: Unauthorized Interception of Conference Call

Dear Mr. Mulder and Board Members:

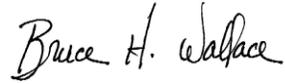
On January 17, 2013, the board of directors of the United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) held a teleconference meeting to discuss appointments to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. We have since learned that about 20 minutes into our meeting, someone at the offices of Kenai River Sportfishing Association (KRSA) surreptitiously and without authorization joined the call and listened in on our discussion for approximately 70 minutes. Our purpose in writing is to inquire whether KRSA board members are aware of this interception of our private communication and, if not, to request that you investigate the circumstances and provide UFA an explanation.

Unauthorized interception of a private communication is illegal under AS 42.20.300(b). Divulging or publishing information obtained in violation of that section, whether by the person who initially obtained it or be someone "acquainted" with the communication, is also illegal under AS 42.20.300(c)-(e). And if the private communication was recorded, that constitutes a violation of AS 42.20.310(a). We recite these provisions of law to emphasize that we take this matter very seriously.

We have also learned that information about the substance of our discussion during the teleconference was transmitted to the chair of the Board of Fisheries, who has since confirmed that he received "detailed information" concerning the substance of our teleconference. Disseminating information illegally obtained through listening in on our teleconference was not only illegal but also highly unethical and not the type of behavior that can in any way be condoned. Fisheries politics is, as we all know, at times fairly contentious in Alaska, but in the end, we are all users of the same resources and should be respectful of the process by which those resources are allocated and managed.

UFA is still evaluating its options for responding to the illegal interception of our teleconference call. But at the very least, we ask for a commitment from KRSA that its offices will never again be used for this purpose, and that you will make it clear to your board members and your staff that this type of behavior will not be tolerated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce H. Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'B' and 'W'.

Bruce Wallace  
Interim President