May 21, 2008

Dear Brian,

With a heavy heart I am writing on behalf of the National Office, the Sea Grant network, and NOAA, to thank you for your service to Alaska Sea Grant and to the program as a whole. It has been a real pleasure to work with you over the past few years.

You have brought a collegial attitude and a spirit of collaboration and cooperation to Sea Grant, in addition to an impressive research portfolio and a wealth of regional planning experience. I have also been impressed by your engagement with the Agency and your willingness to educate NOAA and DOC leadership about issues of import to Alaska. In doing so, you have helped raise Sea Grant’s visibility and educated other NOAA offices about Alaska Sea Grant’s research and outreach capabilities and accomplishments.

In addition, your work as project manager of the new research initiative on stock rehabilitation of Alaska red and blue king crab stocks is groundbreaking. I am pleased that you will remain an advisor to this important program.

You have served Sea Grant admirably, and for that, I am most appreciative. My staff and I wish you all the best in Portland, and I hope to see you on my next visit to the Pacific Northwest. We in Sea Grant will miss you greatly. Thank you again, Brian. Best wishes to you in your new adventures and endeavors.

All the best,

Leon M. Cammen
Director, National Sea Grant College Program
May 21, 2008

Mr. Brian Allee, Ph.D.
Director
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Dear Brian:

I understand you are retiring as Director of the Alaska Sea Grant College Program. I am grateful for your many years of dedicated work in our State.

During your career, you have accomplished a lot for Alaskans, such as the development and construction of the Esther Hatchery as director of the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation. And, we have not forgotten, that during your leadership as the Director of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Fisheries Rehabilitation and Enhancement Division, you pioneered important initiatives.

Over the past five years, your innovative work with the Alaska Sea Grant College Program has been commendable. Your recent research into the scientific and production parameters of wild Alaska king crab mass hatchery culture has brought together NOAA Fisheries, and a diverse collection of Alaskan industry participants. I am certain your talents will be missed by many.

Best of luck in your future endeavors.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

TED STEVENS
May 20, 2008

Dr. Brian Allee, Director
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Dear Brian,

On the occasion of your retirement from the Alaska Sea Grant College Program, I would like to thank and recognize you for the significant contribution that you have made to Alaska’s citizens and resources during your career in Alaska.

Your leadership in managing the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, including the construction of Esther hatchery, the world’s largest wild salmon hatchery, and your later accomplishments as director of the Fisheries Rehabilitation, Enhancement, and Development Division in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, all represent significant accomplishments and have provided notable benefits to Alaska.

I also want to thank you for your recent 5-year tenure as director of the Alaska Sea Grant College Program. In that Sea Grant is a state-federal partnership that invests in marine and coastal research, education, and extension activities, the success of Sea Grant during your tenure has meant that Alaska citizens, business, and resources have benefited from this partnership and from these investments.

While I regret that you are retiring from Sea Grant, I am sure that you leave behind a strong and enduring program that will maintain the momentum that you have generated during your time as director. My best wishes to you in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Sarah Palin
Governor
May 20, 2008

Mr. Brian Allee
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Dear Brian:

I want to thank you for your service to Alaska during your five years as Director of the Alaska Sea Grant College Program.

I have always appreciated your efforts to keep me and my staff informed on the impacts that your organization has on Alaskans who depend on our seas and coasts for their livelihoods. Because of your diligence I have come to know and appreciate the value that Alaska Sea Grant brings to Alaska.

I recently learned, as determined in a national performance review, that, in just five years, you have led Alaska Sea Grant to be ranked in the top echelon of the 31 programs that make up the National Sea Grant network. I commend you for a job well done, and I wish you good luck and fair winds in your next endeavors.

Sincerely,

Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator