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**Stand for Salmon has issued the following statement regarding the withdrawal of Brian Kraft from the Stand for Salmon ballot committee:**

We understand and appreciate Brian's need to step aside due to business and family constraints; we thank him for his time and energy. The reality is this initiative is made up of much more than the sponsors. Every day hundreds more Alaskans are joining the effort to update and modernize Alaska's fish habitat permitting standards in order to create a more fair, balanced and transparent process for responsible development.

**Brian Kraft has issued the following statement:**

Due to tremendous time commitment with my other businesses and my family I cannot devote the necessary time and energy that a sponsor needs to devote for an initiative. Thus, I have decided to step away as a sponsor so that someone else can devote the necessary time and energy to the Stand for Salmon Initiative. This does not change my opinion that the state of Alaska needs to examine existing habitat permitting and protection for salmon rivers.

*Stand for Salmon is a diverse group of Alaska-based individuals, businesses and organizations who support responsible development and a thriving economy in Alaska. We are united in taking immediate steps to ensure that Alaska remains the nation's salmon state for generations to come.*

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