

**From:** Kowalske, Thomas M (DFG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026 12:05 PM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Kowalske Letter of Interest for Planning Commission

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Petersburg Planning Commission. As a Fishery Biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, I have developed a deep understanding of resource management, environmental stewardship, and the importance of sustainable development in our community. My professional experience has equipped me with strong analytical skills, attention to detail, and a commitment to balancing growth with conservation.

Living and working in Petersburg has given me a unique appreciation for the challenges and opportunities our community faces. I am passionate about supporting thoughtful planning that preserves our natural resources while fostering economic vitality. I believe my background in science and resource management will bring a valuable perspective to the Commission's work, particularly in areas related to land use, environmental impact, and long-term community planning.

I am eager to contribute my time and expertise to ensure that Petersburg continues to thrive as a vibrant, sustainable community. Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications further and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

**Thomas M. Kowalske**