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Representative Dan Saddler, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Saddler:

The members of the Legislative Outdoor Heritage Caucus (LOHC) Advisory Council are solidly behind HB 161 and would encourage you to consider co-sponsoring this legislation. HB 161 would amend current statute governing the issuance of big game tags as Governor's Permits and would regulate how they are used. The proposed changes would enhance the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's funding, as well as those non-profits engaged in the wildlife conservation related to hunting and trapping.

The Advisory Council (AC) was formed a couple of years ago as part of an initiative by the National Assembly of Sportsman's Caucuses to form support for the various state caucuses. In Alaska the AC consists of major supporters of the Outdoor Heritage Foundation which supports the LOHC through various means such as its sponsorship of the recent Legislative Shoot. The current members are SCI Alaska Chapter, SCI Kenai Chapter, Kenai River Sportfishing Assoc., Ruffed Grouse Society, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, National Rifle Assoc. and the Alaska Bowhunters Assoc. The Chair is the sitting President of the Outdoor Heritage Foundation.

Member groups of the AC are strong supporters of the North American Model for Wildlife Conservation and believe that the provisions in HB 161 will greatly afford the State, the Department and many sportsmen's groups an opportunity to further strengthen the relationship between hunters and the ADF&G as proscribed by the Model. The AC would very much appreciate your serious consideration of this legislation and are hopeful that you will join fellow Caucus Members Representatives Mark Neuman, Mia Costello, Lindsey Holmes, Shelley Hughes, Craig Johnson, Charisse Millett, Cathy Munoz and Peggy Wilson in co-sponsoring this legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration on our request.

Sincerely,

Eddie Grasser
Chair