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Senator Cathy Giessel  
Senate Resources Committee  
State Capitol Room 427  
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Ted Spraker's appointment to the BOG

Dear Chairman Giessel and Senate Resources Committee Members,

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA) strongly recommends that Ted Spraker be confirmed to the Board of Game. Over Mr. Spraker's time on the BOG he has always shown himself ready to put Alaska's game resources first. His more than 30 years' experience as a Department of Fish and Game Biologist gives him the knowledge base to understand complex wildlife management issues and to explain those issues to other board members, and the public at large.

Not only does Mr. Spraker understand the data side of wildlife management, but he understands the social side as well. During public testimony, at breaks, and even after hours, he asks probing questions and listened attentively to help understand the perspective of the local user. It is not uncommon to hear him bring the information gathered from these discussions with locals and their public testimony back during difficult board deliberations. This adds a very important dimension to the BOG process and to the quality of the decisions that the BOG ultimately makes.

Serving as Chairman for the Board of Game, is a time consuming and often thankless job, however Mr. Spraker is dedicated to it. It is hard to think of a better choice to fill this important role.

For these reasons, the APHA respectfully asks that you confirm Mr. Spraker to the Board of Game.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sam Rohrer  
President, APHA