

March 20, 2017

To: Members of the Alaska Senate Resource and House Resource Committees

My name is Gary Halmstad from Fairbanks, AK.

I have hunted Alaskan game for the past 42 years. I write today in support of Gov. Walkers pick for Board of Game, Tom Lamal.

If confirmed to the Board Tom Lamal would bring a wealth of knowledge of the Alaskan game resource and second he would

very much have the interest of Alaskans in mind as he would make those game management decisions.

Please give Tom Lamal your support for Board of Game.

Thanks for your time.

Gary Halmstad

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To the Senate Resources Committee,

I am writing to show my support for confirming Thomas Lamal as a member of the Board of Game. Mr. Lamal has been active in the board process for many years as a concerned citizen and would be an excellent board member. He is a strong supporter of the Alaska constitution and would be an advocate for allocating game resources for the benefit of the citizens of Alaska. I have no doubt that Mr. Lamal would make thoughtful, conscientious decisions as a board member.

If you have any questions for me about my endorsement of Tom Lamal feel free to reach me at

Thank you for your consideration,

Darcy Etcheverry

North Pole, AK 99705

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I'm writing in support of GOV Walker's appointment of Tom Lamal to the Board of Game. I have known Tom since 1983. I can say without hesitation that Tom is one of the most honest, trustworthy and reliable people I know. We met and bonded due to our love of Alaska and the hunting and fishing opportunities it provides. He is passionate about duck hunting, sheep hunting and calling in moose. He has hunted all over the State.

I highly support Tom's appointment because I would like to see more hunters and less guides on the Board.

Jim Von Holle

Palmer, Alaska

Dear Senator Giessel,

I appreciate this opportunity to make my comments part of the public record regarding the confirmation of Tom Lamal to the Board of Game.

I have known Tom for a number of years, since he has been primarily responsible for the flood of 'resident preference' game proposals that we have been plagued with in the past, proposals which have cost the State of Alaska and individuals countless hours and literally millions of dollars, virtually all of which ultimately failed due to the good judgement of past Boards of Game which he now wishes to influence.

As a professional hunting guide relying almost exclusively on non resident clientele for my livelihood, Tom's past actions have been a direct threat to my way of life, as well as a direct and even more serious threat to the primary source of funding responsible for nearly all game management in Alaska. By default, this is also an indirect but very real threat to Alaska's wildlife.

While I consider Tom a good guy outside of wildlife politics, and have no personal vendetta against him, there can be absolutely no doubt what his agenda will be.

I can hardly imagine a more bias individual destined to compromise a highly respected Board whose mandate is to ensure the overall good of Alaska's precious Wildlife.

I am hopeful that you will do everything within your power to ensure that does not happen.

Best Regards

Dave Morris

To Whom it may concern,

I met Tom 35 years ago when building his log house. We have been friends ever since then. He has always been passionate about his hunting and fishing experiences in Alaska. His Minto duck hunts and Tanana Valley moose hunts each Sept. are a rite of passage for him each year. Tom cares about Fish and Game issues in Alaska and will put in the time required to make intelligent decisions regarding management options.

The two things I respect most about Tom is his willingness to fight for causes he believes in, and the other is his ability to work with people and make friends in the process. He would be a good choice for the Board of Game.

Sincerely Bill Kisken dba Log Weavers

Hello Senator,

I would like to voice my support in Governor Walker's appointment of Tom Lamal to the Alaska Board of Game. I am a lifelong Alaskan that enjoys hunting and fishing with my family and friends, the Alaskan way! In a few years, I hope to be lucky enough to share the experiences with my grandchildren. I believe Tom supports the traditions we have long counted on and taken for granted living in Alaska.

I first met Tom working on the pipelines in Prudhoe Bay in 1980. Tom was a surveyor, I was a pipe welder. We shared our experiences with stories about our hunting and fishing adventures in Alaska. Our paths continued to cross over the years working on the North Slope. They crossed again after I had children and he taught them at West Valley High School. Once again, he shared his passion for hunting and fishing in Alaska with me.

Tom is a true sportsman, having hunted, sport fished and commercial fished around the State. The stories included commercial fishing on the lower Yukon and in Bristol Bay, Duck hunting, Moose hunting, Sheep hunting, upland game hunting and the list goes on. Tom will have the interest of the Alaskan sportsman first and foremost.

Please support Tom's confirmation to the Board of Game.

Sincerely,

David Norum

I am a 58 year old lifelong Alaskan resident that enjoys hunting and fishing in Alaska.

This is a letter of support for Tom Lamal joining the Alaska Board of Game. I have known Tom for 24 years. He is a retired educator, pilot, and hunter. He is very active in the support of hunting, has hunted most of his life and is knowledgeable about the biology and political aspects that govern the various populations of our game animals.

I think that he would be a very valuable addition to the Board of Game.

J. Murray

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Dear Senator Giessel,

I write to you today to endorse Tom Lamal of Fairbanks for the Alaska Board of Game. Tom Lamal is an "Alaskans First" kind of person. He exemplifies exactly the qualities you want in your Board of Game members. He cares deeply about our wildlife resources and he believes they should be managed according to our State Constitution: sustainably and "for the maximum benefit of its people". "Its people", being its residents.

Tom Lamal's interest in the management of our game resources is simply put—selfless. His efforts to improve the quality of our game resources as well as the opportunities and experiences hunters and non-hunters alike can have, are not for personal gain or selfish reasons. While he does not have children of his own, future generations are what drive his efforts and what motivates him. He truly wants this State to be better off than how he found it some 40 years ago.

Thank you for your time, for your consideration of Tom Lamal to the Board of Game, and for your service to Alaskans and the Great State of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Jake Sprankle

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Dear Members of the Senate and House Resources Committees,

I am writing this letter in support of Governor Walker's appointment of Thomas Lamal to the Alaska Board of Game.

I have known Tom for many years and, to be brief, I can say that for this position, he is experienced, competent and ethical. But more important, Alaska hunting and fishing are Thomas Lamal's passion. Governor Walker has made a wise decision with this appointment.

Sincerely,

James A. Cerney