



March 23, 2017

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

Re: Doyon Support for Karen Linnell appointment to Board of Game

Dear Senator Giessel,

On behalf of Doyon, Limited, our shareholders, employees, and board of directors, I write to express our support for the appointment of Karen Linnell to the Board of Game. Doyon is one of the thirteen Native regional corporations established by Congress under the terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). Headquartered in Fairbanks, Doyon has more than 19,500 shareholders, many of whom reside in remote villages with few economic opportunities. Doyon is the largest private landowner in Alaska, with a land entitlement under ANCSA of more than 12.5 million acres. Doyon's mission is to promote the economic and social well-being of its shareholders and future shareholders, to strengthen its Native way of life, and to protect and enhance its land and resources.

Ms. Linnell is knowledgeable, exercises good judgment, and has dedicated many years of service to her community and to the people of Alaska. As a lifelong subsistence hunter and fisher, she is dedicated to ensuring healthy wildlife populations for generations to come. Ms. Linnell is a long-time resident of the Copper River basin, with over a decade of experience working on fish and game management issues in her region. She is a current board member of Ahtna, Incorporated, the Executive Director of the Copper River-Ahtna Inter-Tribal Resource Conservation District, and Chair of the Wrangell-St. Elias Subsistence Resource Commission. Additionally, she has served on the Copper River Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee for over eight years.

She will be a thoughtful and fair voice on the Game Board, and her qualifications will make her a strong asset to the State of Alaska Board of Game. I urge your favorable consideration of her appointment. Please contact our office with any questions regarding Doyon's support of Ms. Linnell by calling (907) 459-2092.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Schutt
President and CEO
Doyon, Limited