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Subject: Support for Board of Game appointment of Tom Lamal.

I have known Tom Lamal about 30 years. Most of our contact has been through the after schools program where he was the teacher/facilitator, and I was part of a crew that taught the ADF&G Hunter Education Basic Course to his students.

Tom has asked me to come talk to his Alaska Studies class on the topic of Wildlife Enforcement as I was a State Trooper with the Wildlife Division (retired in 2000). In these classes he presented speakers on topics of concern; ie., predator control, black bear baiting etc., Tom never tried to sway his class with his personal thoughts on an issue he would bring speakers in that represented both sides of an issue and let his students make up their own minds. His students were well informed and asked very good questions on the issues.

To this day I still use something I learned from Tom and Kate Lamal. During my time as a Wildlife State Trooper I was checking moose hunting activity in the Wood River, Goldking areas. A moose that was harvested by Lamal's was at the Goldking airstrip ready to be flown back to Fairbanks. The moose meat was in game bags that were labeled on the outside of the bag as to what the contents were. I could assemble the entire moose on a tarp to make sure all the required meat to be salvaged was there (and it was), and in addition to that the requirement for evidence of sex of the animal was to be left intact on a hindquarter. The game bag that contained this requirement had the male symbol on it in magic marker making my checking of the requirements much easier. I relay this story to all my Hunter Education Classes.

Based on my 30 years of contacts with Tom Lamal I find him to be a person who will analyze all parts of an issue and then determine which course of action is appropriate to take.

Regarding rural community contacts, Tom hunts waterfowl in the Minto Flats area out of interior Alaska. He drives his vehicle and boat to the community of Minto where he launches his boat to his duck camp leaving his vehicle and boat trailer in Minto. I do not believe he has ever experienced any vandalism to his equipment (which sometimes occurs there including vandalism to a State Trooper pickup parked there one fall). I believe this is due to Toms rapport with people in Minto.

I believe that Tom Lamal would make an excellent member of the Board of Game.