

Trever M. Fulton

From: Anne Lee <littleipperdogspa@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 12:13 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Alaska Board of Game

Mr. BARRETTE HAS no place on the Board of Game. There should be fair representation of all wildlife users, including non harvesters. HE has a clear conflict of interest with a personal business with potential for profit. He only supports radical and extreme hunters perspectives.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Trever M. Fulton

From: awarwick@ak.net
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 10:25 AM
To: House Resources; Senate Resources
Subject: AK Wildlife Decreasing

Hello:

Year after year I've attended and testified at the AK Board of Game meetings asking and begging them to stop killing our predators but year after year they continue to kill them. I do not believe my testimony means anything to them. I'm just an animal lover, I'm just an Alaskan who wants a healthy natural world. I'm the direct opposite of them and they have the power and the money and the corruption and the joy of killing, so my encouragement to stop the killing is meaningless to them. It is a waste of time for all concerned. We no longer live in a healthy natural world, thanks to these flawed systems. Putting money interests over living wildlife. Allowing greed to kill. Allowing the sociopaths to make all the decisions. Our system has failed wildlife and anyone who cares for it. Our system holds up the killers and people who profit from killing, thus our natural world is dying.

But here I am again trying to defend wildlife. I am writing to ask that you please reject Mr. Barrette for all of these reasons:

- He owns and operates the Fairbanks Fur Tannery, Mr. Barrette manufactures and sells wolf traps, and has been a permitted gunner as part of the aerial hunting of wolves predator control program. He is a trappers and votes for the good of trappers only and is biased and uneducated to do differently.
- Mr. Barrette opposed the Denali Buffer Zone, but he also supported the moratorium preventing the consideration of a reimplementaion of a buffer zone for at least six years.
- After voting to repeal the Denali Buffer Zone, Mr. Barrette suggested the BOG authorize using a snow machine to harvest wolves in the "old" buffer zone.
- There was a conflict of interest in Mr. Barrette voting on the Denali buffer zone issue, and he should have recused himself from voting given his personal business had the potential to profit from removal of the zone since it would lead to increased wolf trapping opportunities, but he did not.
- While he did vote in favor of more bear baits he did not know if it violated Alaska's constitution as he did not seek professional review of the constitution.
- Mr. Barrette confirmed that he voted to allocate to nonresident use or to suppress resident use seasons on several occasions.
- He claims he listens to members of the public and Advisory Councils, but then votes or lobbies for contrary positions; only supports hunters' perspectives and does not consider other perspectives, such as those of non-consumptive users; regularly favors non-resident hunters' rights over resident and subsistence hunters' rights; has radical or extreme perspectives, even for the BOG; doesn't support fair chase hunting standards; or seems to disregard science when making decisions.
- Appointing Mr. Barrette is just another step of perpetuating unequal representation on the BOG:

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Trever M. Fulton

From: Barbara Brease <barbara.brease@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 12:20 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Governor's Appointees for the Board of Game - Barrette

Dear Members of State of Alaska ~~Senate~~Resources Committee,

I oppose the appointment of Allen Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game. His voting record, conflict of interest and extremist ideology make him an unqualified to make wise and ethical decisions on the board of game. The chilling video of his 2010 interview for backpacker Magazine offers one example of this.

Rather than appointing an unpopular figure such as Al Barrette, it seems smart to hold the spot for a nominee that could create a more balanced perspective on the board.

Again, Al Barrette should not be on the Alaska Board of Game, just as the legislature ruled in 2010.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Brease

Trever M. Fulton

From: Dawn Strickland <dawnsinak@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 8:02 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: I oppose Mr. Barrette

Concerns about Mr. Barrette brought to the forefront in 2010:

- In addition to owning and operating the Fairbanks Fur Tannery, Mr. Barrette manufactures and sells wolf traps, and has been a permitted gunner as part of the aerial hunting of wolves predator control program. In a [2010 ADN article](#) associated with his 2010 appointment to the BOG, he was quoted as saying “I will definitely be a representative for the trappers”. During the March 2010 BOG meeting, he voted against restricting trapping in residential areas in Healy, despite strong local support from Healy residents and community concerns about pets being inadvertently trapped and killed near homes.
- During the March 2010 BOG meeting, not only did Mr. Barrette oppose the Denali Buffer Zone, but he also supported the moratorium preventing the consideration of a reimplementaion of a buffer zone for at least six years.
- From 2000 to 2010, the Alaska Board of Game approved the closure of certain areas outside of but adjacent to the eastern region of Denali National Park (the buffer zone) to wolf hunting and trapping year-round in order to protect wolf viewing opportunities in the park. In 2010, the Board of Game eliminated the buffer zone and voted to prevent reconsideration of a buffer zone for at least six years. In 2017, the National Park Service submitted a proposal to the Board of Game to reinstate a buffer zone, but the Board of Game denied the request. There is no habitat buffer zone in place today. [Learn more about the Denali Buffer Zone and its benefits.](#)
- After voting to repeal the Denali Buffer Zone, Mr. Barrette suggested the BOG authorize using a snow machine to harvest wolves in the “old” buffer zone. No other members supported the ideas and the BOG Chairman, Cliff Judkins, was quoted as saying “I just cringe at the thought of a snow machine running down the park boundary chasing wolves – it’s almost beyond me.” When questioned about this during his confirmation hearing, he replied it was just table talk, not an amendment or anything else, and that after listening to public input and advisory committee input, his opinion about chasing wolves in snow machines is neutral.
- During the [Senate Resources Committee Hearing on April 7, 2010](#) (start at page 13 for the transcript regarding Mr. Barrette’s hearing; public testimonials start at page 22), several other concerns were brought forth about Mr. Barrette’s voting record and wildlife management perspectives.
- Concerns were expressed that there was a conflict of interest in Mr. Barrette voting on the Denali buffer zone issue, and that he should have recused himself from voting given his personal business had the potential to profit from removal of the zone since it would lead to increased wolf trapping opportunities.

- When asked his perspective about the state's biological management of predators, Mr. Barrette answered that all the current predator control programs are effective and he likes them.
- When asked if he voted to authorize the baiting of brown bears, Mr. Barrette replied he "made one of those newbie errors, and yes, I did put that on the table". He also amended a proposal to allow baiting bears in Interior Alaska when residents, tourists and families are actively fishing, hiking, and camping in the month of July; "it was substantially voted down" by other BOG members.
- When questioned about why he advocated for commercial guides (and potentially non-residents) to be allowed 10 bait stations, when Alaskan residents are only allocated 2 stations, and if prior to voting there was discussion about that violating the Alaska constitution's equal access clause, Mr. Barrette said he thought the majority of the board was in favor of allowing guides to have more bear baits because it would be safer and more efficient in the field, and that while he did vote in favor of more bear baits he did not know if it violated Alaska's constitution as he did not seek professional review of the constitution.
- Mr. Barrette confirmed that he voted to allocate to nonresident use or to suppress resident use seasons on several occasions.
- During an interview with Backpacker Magazine, [Mr. Barrette was videoed skinning a wolf and saying "It specifically puts out in the first book of the Bible, in Genesis, that we should subdue nature and control it. We should be the managers of the animals and through the sin of Adam and Eve is what brought it on and in fact the first clothes that were made for Adam and Eve were skins of animals by God"](#). When asked to clarify what he meant by this statement during his confirmation hearing, Mr. Barrette denied there is any kind of biblical foundation to his view of wildlife management. Instead he said what he meant to say was that he believes game should be managed and that should be done through professional data, input from the public and elected advisory committees. He further commented that the opposite of managing is just to "let Mother Nature take care of itself" and that you can't manage for sustainability by letting Mother Nature do it.
- Several of the members of the public [who testified opposing Mr. Barrette at the 2010 hearing](#) expressed concerns about his claims that he listens to members of the public and Advisory Councils, but then votes or lobbies for contrary positions; only supports hunters' perspectives and does not consider other perspectives, such as those of non-consumptive users; regularly favors non-resident hunters' rights over resident and subsistence hunters' rights; has radical or extreme perspectives, even for the BOG; doesn't support fair chase hunting standards; or seems to disregard science when making decisions.
- One public commenter identified the issue of appointing Mr. Barrette as one of perpetuating unequal representation on the BOG:

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Trever M. Fulton

From: akwildlifeimages@gci.net
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 8:56 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Governor's Appointees for the Board of Game

Dear Senators

I am contacting you to note my opposition to the Governor's pick for the Board of Game, Al Barrette. In 2010 Mr Barrette was nominated for this very seat but was not confirmed by the Legislature. Reasons included his zealous support for intensive predator control. In 2010, with Mr Barrettes support and aide the Board of Game closed the wolf buffer zone. It was a controversial decision then and its still a controversial one today. Mr Barrette has a tanning business and sells wolf traps. He stood to potentially profit from the same decision that he supported. Please do not let this extreme view on to the Board of Game. Thousands of Alaskans and Americans have tried to get the buffer back. Hundreds of thousands of people visit Denali National Park every year. Seeing a wolf is at the top of their list. A live wolf in Denali is worth a whole lot of money. A dead wolf in Mr Barrette's tanning business is only worth what its worth to his bottom line.

sincerely

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Trever M. Fulton

From: edward schmitt <schmitt.edward@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 8:39 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Barrette Nomination

Dear Committee Members,

It seems to me that one role of government is to identify issues that affect citizens, acknowledge alternative solutions to those issues, and make reasonable progress toward resolving those issues.

Appointing someone to a board who has a known record of extreme positions and never compromising nor even recognizing the legitimacy of another point of view does not seem to be a way to achieve good governance.

There are three issues especially relevant to citizens of Alaska and the Board of Game on which Mr. Barrette has taken very extreme positions.

Intensive Management is the notion that the only way we can have an abundance of moose and caribou in Alaska is to kill every wolf and bear in the state no matter what the cost in dollars or reputation.

Trapping, whether we should continue to allow trapping unregulated anywhere in the state, or whether we should place reasonable restrictions on trappers to prevent unnecessary loss of wild or domestic animals.

The Denali Buffer Zone in which we are weighing the freedom of hunting and trapping against the aesthetic and tourism values of having more wolves seen in Denali National Park.

Mr. Barrette has shown relentless advocacy for extreme forms of intensive management and continues to deny there are any issues relating to the current trapping laws. He argues vehemently against any form of Buffer Zone. We cannot move forward as a state with someone who is too extreme to work with others on the board to help resolve these issues.

Please do not repeat the mistakes of the past by reappointing Mr. Barrette and affirming his extreme positions.

Thank you for your consideration,
Edward A Schmitt MD
Soldotna, AK

Trever M. Fulton

From: E Bontempi <elainebont@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 11:18 AM
To: House Resources; Senate Resources
Subject: Governor's Appointees for the Board of Game

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing to urge you NOT to allow Mr. Barrette to hold the BOG position, as his past behaviors and values are inconsistent with the well being of the animals and environment of Alaska. Not only does he have a history of manufacturing and selling wolf traps, participating in the aerial hunting of wolves, but has also made it very clear that he plans on removing wildlife buffers around Denali National Park and allowing bear baiting and the taking of wolf pups from their dens. His treatment of animals is very unethical and it puts the entire state of Alaska in a very bad light in the eyes of other states. Alaska has long been appreciated for its natural beauty and people come from all over the world to view wildlife, fish, hike, photograph, and enjoy one of the last places on earth that still has relatively untouched natural beauty. Each year the state receives billions of dollars each through the tourism industry, as people want to experience time in nature. It is truly the last frontier and is a gem among all other states. To allow a person such as Mr. Barrette, who openly demonstrates a complete disregard for animal life to hold a place as BOG is not only placing endangered and protected animals at risk, but is also taking away money from the state because if animals are no longer present to view.

The United States has worked very hard at reviving the wolf population, and southeast Alaska is home to an endangered species of wolf, the Archipelago Wolf. This species is very well known and loved by the public, including children, made famous through the true story of Romeo the wolf who lived in Juneau before a careless hunter shot and killed Romeo, a collared wolf.

I am urging you to consider the well being of the animals in the state of Alaska, as well as the money that will be lost through tourism and animal observation and studies if Mr. Barrette is allowed to become a BOG member. I am urging you to not allow Mr. Barrette to be confirmed as a BOG member.

Sincerely
Dr Elaine Bontempi

Elaine Bontempi, Ph.D.

Trever M. Fulton

From: james kowalsky <jimkowalsky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:27 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Testimony on Board of Game nominee

To Members of the Alaska State Senate Resources Committee (with special on Focus on Click Bishop, my senator).

Please consider this statement for the hearing record of the April 12, 2019 committee hearing concerning nominees to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG).

I respectfully urge rejection of nominee Mr. Al Barrette.

Mr. Barrette, through past actions including those as a brief member of a previous BOG before being then rejected, self identifies as an extreme advocate of egregious unethical hunting and bear baiting proposals, the latter favoring non residents over resident participants.

His BOG colleagues during his earlier efforts even rejected some of his proposed actions.

Importantly, the Alaska State Legislature at that time, recognizing him as an extreme voice that far exceeds the boundaries of anything resembling a reasonable representation of the Alaska public refused his confirmation.

I urge that each committee member carefully consider that Mr. Barrette as member of the BOG would far exceed the bounds of reasonableness.

Mr. Barrette considering his past and present attitudes would never ever fairly represent ethical fair chase hunters of our state and would be very far off base as representative of the greater Alaskan public, all of whom are stakeholders.

Mr. Barrette would be an extreme embarrassment to our state if confirmed.

I urge rejection.

Thank you for consideration these views.

Jim Kowalsky

Fairbanks

Trever M. Fulton

From: Karen Walker <travelingkaren@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 5:46 PM
To: Senate Resources
Cc: Karen Walker
Subject: Re: Governor's Appointees for the Board of Game

Mr. Fulton:

You are correct. The name I listed was in error. I meant to list Al Barrette instead of Jerry Burnett. Thank you so much for catching my error. Please enter the following message into the record in regard to the Board of Game appointees.

Karen

April 11, 2019

To: Senate Resources Committee:

I am very concerned about the Governor's recommended appointees for the Board of Game. The BOG should represent all Alaskans' interests in wildlife. His appointees are pro hunting and trapping. The BOG should also represent non-consumptive "users" of wildlife like biologists, wildlife photographers, or tour guides. I have been a tour guide in Alaska for over 30 years, and I do not believe the BOG represents my interests in wildlife. A more balanced BOG is necessary to properly manage our wildlife for all Alaskans.

I am especially concerned with the appointment of Al Barrette. He has shown his favoritism toward trappers, owns a tannery and has gunned down wolves in the past. He is also against the Denali Buffer Zone which I feel is very important for protecting Denali's wolf population. These wolves are the one place in Alaska where Alaskans and visitors have the highest potential to see wolves in the wild. Killing these wolves takes away a dream for thousands of people each year.

Please select members of the BOG that represent all Alaskans, not just hunters and trappers.

Sincerely,

Karen Walker
1640 Eastridge Drive
Anchorage, AK 99501

From: Senate Resources <SenateResources@akleg.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 4:18 PM
To: Karen Walker
Subject: RE: Governor's Appointees for the Board of Game

Ms. Walker,

I received your email and would like to enter it into the record for the proper Board of Game appointee. You named Jerry Burnett (of Juneau), but I believe your comments appear to speak to Al Barrette (of Fairbanks). Please let me know if I am in error.

Thanks and regards,

Trevor Fulton

Senate Resources Committee Aide
Office of Senator Chris Birch
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From: Karen Walker <travelingkaren@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1:41 PM
To: Senate Resources <SenateResources@akleg.gov>
Cc: Karen Walker <travelingkaren@hotmail.com>
Subject: Governor's Appointees for the Board of Game

To: Senate Resources Committee:

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Sincerely,

Karen Walker
1640 Eastridge Drive
Anchorage, AK 99501

Trever M. Fulton

From: Kathy Sarns <kathysarns@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 8:02 PM
To: House Resources
Cc: Senate Resources
Subject: Testifying about the Governor's Appointees for the Board of Game

To whom it may concern:

Please do not appoint Mr. Al Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game.

Here's just a few of Mr.Barrette's past controversial actions that illustrate to me that he is NOT a good choice for the BOG:

- Favoring non-resident hunter rights over resident and subsistence hunter rights
- Extreme radical and sometimes downright cruel proposals (such as snowmachining down wolves)
- Outwardly supports trapping and bear baiting in areas that causes danger to nearby residents & pets.
- Does not support fair chase hunting standards
- Has a record of voting on issues that benefit his own business interests rather than recuse himself from those votes.
- Has admitted and proven he does not take into account public testimony and does not consider other perspectives other than his own.

Please do not appoint Mr. Barrette. There are many other knowledgeable *and less controversial* choices for the Alaska Board of Game.

Please appoint someone with integrity that will help the BOG make balanced, educated, economically sound, and sustainable (21st century) decisions for Alaska.

Thank you for your time,
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907 435 7375

Trever M. Fulton

From: LSRoss <leeross@gci.net>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 12:49 PM
To: House Resources; Senate Resources
Subject: Testimony concerning the Governor's Appointees for the Board of Game.

I am concerned with the choice Gov. Dunleavy has made in appointing Mr. Al Barrette to continue serving on the Alaska Board of Game.

This appointment was and is a conflict of interest that directly influences Mr. Barrette's livelihood and does not consider the long-range damage that can be done by overkill of the wolf population in Alaska.

I am opposed to the appointment of Mr. Barrette for many other reasons that were brought to the forefront in 2010.

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Lee Ross
Anchorage, Ak

Trever M. Fulton

From: michael banks <westendantiques@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 8:10 AM
To: Senate Resources; info@akwildlife.org
Subject: BOG

As a concerned citizen we need to have an Alaskan who represents a non-lethal use of planes to kill wolves on the BOG. Or, all the members that I represent will postpone our trips to Alaska until that is rectified.

Best,
Michael Banks, Defenders of Wildlife, WWF, etc.

Trever M. Fulton

From: Nicole Schmitt <nicole.schmitt1@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 9:06 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Governor's Appointees for the Board of Game

Dear Members of the Alaska State Senate Resources Committee,

Please consider this statement for the April 12, 2019 committee hearing concerning nominees to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG). I respectfully urge the rejection of nominee Mr. Al Barrette.

My first concern with Mr. Barrette regards his ethics. Mr. Barrette did not recuse himself from voting on the Denali buffer zone issue even though his personal business could profit from the removal of the zone since it would lead to increased wolf trapping opportunities. This is a clear ethics violation. Additionally, Mr. Barrette does not seem to listen to local communities. During the March 2010 BOG meeting, he voted against restricting trapping in residential areas in Healy, despite strong local support from Healy residents and community concerns about pets being inadvertently trapped and killed near homes.

I also have concerns over Mr. Barrette's ability to adhere to scientific, rather than religious, evidence for wildlife management. During an interview with Backpacker Magazine, [Mr. Barrette was videoed skinning a wolf and saying "It specifically puts out in the first book of the Bible, in Genesis, that we should subdue nature and control it. We should be the managers of the animals and through the sin of Adam and Eve is what brought it on and in fact the first clothes that were made for Adam and Eve were skins of animals by God"](#). I strongly believe in religious freedoms and Mr. Barrette's rights to live by these tenants as a private citizen, but in the public domain I have concerns that he will defer to religious-based decisions instead of science.

Further, Mr. Barrette's views on predator control are extreme for the Board of Game. After voting to repeal the Denali Buffer Zone, Mr. Barrette suggested the BOG authorize using a snow machine to harvest wolves in the "old" buffer zone. No other members supported the ideas and even the 2010 BOG Chairman, Cliff Judkins, was quoted as saying "I just cringe at the thought of a snow machine running down the park boundary chasing wolves – it's almost beyond me."

Mr. Barrette is also reckless in his lack of due diligence. When questioned about why he advocated for commercial guides (and potentially non-residents) to be allowed 10 bait stations (when Alaskan residents are only allocated 2 stations), and if prior to voting there was discussion about that violating the Alaska constitution's equal access clause, Mr. Barrette said he thought the majority of the board was in favor of allowing guides to have more bear baits because it would be safer and more efficient in the field, and that while he did vote in favor of more bear baits, he did not know if it violated Alaska's constitution as he did not seek professional review. This lack of regard for constitutional authority, mixed with Mr. Barrette's repeated advocacy for out of state interests, is concerning for a position with this much power and oversight.

Finally, Mr. Barrette's voting record reflects that he regularly favors non-resident hunters' rights over resident and subsistence hunters' rights.

Thank you for your consideration of this statement.

Sincerely,

Nicole Schmitt
Anchorage Resident

Trever M. Fulton

From: Nina Faust <fausbail@horizonsatellite.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:31 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: BOG Nominees

P.O. Box 2994
Homer, AK 99603

April 11, 2019

Dear Members of the Senate and House Resources committees:

I am adamantly opposed to the appointment of Al Barrette to the Board of Game. I opposed him the last time he was nominated, and I was glad that he was not confirmed. His ideas about game management in Alaska are so out of step with current thinking particularly about intensive management and predator control that his appointment would be a giant step backward for Alaska. His controversial and uninformed stances on so many game management issues should make him a non-starter in any appointment discussion.

If we are to save money in this state, we need to move away from the very expensive, divisive, and ineffective intensive game management idea that predator control is the best means of management. It is extremely expensive, and the return that we get is extremely expensive moose to harvest at taxpayers expense. We can use our money in so much better ways.

I would like to see candidates for the Board of Game representing many interest groups with an emphasis on people who have scientific training. We also need several representatives from tourism, like photographers, birders, other wildlife viewers, and wildlife tour leaders. Broadening the non-consumptive representation on the BOG to more than just one token member would balance out the preponderance of hunters and trappers currently sitting on the BOG.

Wildlife belong to all Alaskans, and they are a very valuable resource for tourism. The majority of visitors to Alaska come to see the animals, all sorts of animals. Hunting is just a fraction of the use by comparison. As we seek new ways to bring money to the state, let's start putting new faces on the BOG to figure out how to manage our wildlife for diversity and abundance by relying on the best science and wildlife management practices available.

Mr. Barrette is not a good candidate to carry out this objective. His past performance was incredibly uninformed. We can do so much better. Please do not approve him to the Board of Game.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Nina Faust

Trever M. Fulton

From: Sylvia Maiellaro <sylvia.maiellaro@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 11:40 AM
To: House Resources; Senate Resources
Subject: Gov. Dunleavy's potential appointee, Mr. Barrette to the AK BOG

I am strongly opposed to Mr. Barrette appointment.
He would definitely Not be impartial.

In his 2010 appointment, and before his removal, to the BOG he was quoted as saying “ I will definitely be a representative for the Trappers”

During the questioning period of Mr. Barrette in 2010 it was indicated he was For Increasing Intensive Management Predator Control Programs, Removing Wildlife Buffer Zone around Denali Nat'l Park and was For Bear Baiting and not 'normal hunting capabilities to mention a few.

I do not think that shows any room for him considering both sides of issues of the BOG.
Also it would certainly prove to foster his personal business' of his Tannery and manufacturing Wolf Traps venues.

Please consider objectively before casting your approval..... thank you !

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From: Terry Cummings <cummingst44@yahoo.com>
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To: Senate Resources
Subject: Confirmation of Al Barrette to Board of Game

Please do not confirm this man to the Board of Game.

He is a staunch supporter of increasing the extermination of wolves and bears and there would be a huge conflict of interest in his decisions as he owns a tannery, makes and sells wolf traps, and is a hired gunner in aerial killing of wolves (which isn't even necessary). He also traps and would make decisions for his own benefit.

The BOG is already extremely out of balance and wildlife viewers are left out in their decisions. The majority of Alaskans have no voice in our wildlife decisions. We need a balanced board with equal representation and we do not currently have that.

Mr. Barrette would also like to see snow machines legally used to run down wolves.

Please do not confirm this man.

Thank you.

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