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The Honorable Cathy Giessel, President of the Senate
The Honorable Bryce Edgmon, Speaker of the House
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senate President Giessel and House Speaker Edgmon,

SCI Alaska Chapter is in strong support of Governor Dunleavy's appointments to the Board of Game (BOG) and Board of Fish (BOF). We believe that the appointees represent the average Alaskan's point of view related to the harvest of fish and wildlife.

SCI Alaska Chapter is a leading advocacy group for the outdoor community in Alaska and has spent many years defending the rights of Alaskans to access and utilize wild renewable resources. On several occasions in the past we have defended the State's right to manage its fish and game in alignment with our constitution. We have also been instrumental in supporting passage of important legislation for conservation and were the leading supporter of the wood bison restoration project.

Numerous surveys and research clearly show that the individual harvest of fish and wildlife for food is supported by an overwhelming majority here in Alaska and around the country. Governor Dunleavy's appointment of Al Barrette, Jerry Burnett and Orville Huntington to the BOG, and Karl Johnstone, Marit Carlson-Van Dort, Gerard Godfrey and Israel Payton to the BOF demonstrates his commitment to food security for individual Alaskans interested in filling their freezers through the time honored traditions of angling and hunting.

We encourage you and your fellow legislators to vote to confirm these well qualified Alaskans to the Board of Game and the Board of Fish.

Sincerely,

Jeff Garness
President