

JAKE GARNER

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- * Vice President of Ouzinkie Native Corporation
- * Shareholder – Afognak Native Corporation Ouzinkie Native Corporation
- * Local Small Business Owner Kenai Airport Hotel
- * SCI Member – AK Chapter
- * WSF Member – AK Chapter
- * 100 Ton Masters License Marine Captain
- * Former Fishing Charter Owner Reel Screaming Charters
- * PADI Certified Diver

Hello, my name is Jake Garner I am a born and bred Alaska Native from the rural village of Ouzinkie, Alaska. Ouzinkie is a small village on Spruce Island, located just north of Kodiak Island and just south of Afognak Island. Being born in 1974, I don't feel that old, but I did grow up in a small cabin without electricity or running water. Growing up where I did and how I did, I did not even know what subsistence or sport hunting was. We did not have a grocery store and so hunting was a way of life, it was just what we had to do to feed our family. To this day, you can check my freezer, there is no store-bought beef in my freezer, only fish and game meat.

I have hunted throughout Alaska and harvested many a deer, elk, moose, bear, caribou, muskox, ducks, and seal, you name it, and it has made its way to my kitchen table. As I grew older and developed my career in the Alaska construction industry, I began to broaden my hunting experiences beyond Alaska. I have traveled throughout many of the lower 48 states, Hawaii and the world hunting wild game. No matter where my bullet or arrow flies, one thing always rings true on any hunting adventure, we share in the experience, share the harvest, remain thankful and always eat what we harvest.

While I grew up hunting and subsisting in rural Alaska, I now reside in Anchorage, Alaska and have chosen to continue my career here with Ouzinkie Native Corporation as their Vice President of Operations. Now living in Alaska's largest city, I have a uniquely qualified perspective to look at hunting from both worlds and the balance between the urban and rural hunter.

The goal in my pursuit of a position with the Board of Game is to protect Alaska's treasured wildlife for current and future generations of Alaskans. Because, when we have a well-managed wildlife population with high numbers the allocation process of these resources becomes much easier, and all Alaskans can have full freezers.

I am running for a seat on the State of Alaska's Board of Game and would appreciate your support.

Thank you for your time.