

**Debra Higgins**

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**From:** Vic Walker [vicwdvm@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 11:21 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Al Barrette confirmation hearing

Representative Johnson,

I strongly oppose the nomination of Al Barrette to the Board of Game. He has an economic conflict of interest in matters relating to predator control. Specifically, he owns a commercial tannery and a company that manufactures wolf traps.

Mr. Barrette's bias was very evident at the recent Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks, where, among other things, he voted to allow unprecedented baiting of brown bears and voted to revoke the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone. Many Alaskans, myself included, want more balanced representation on the Board of Game.

Respectfully,

Vic Walker, Juneau 4/5/10

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**From:** adventure@alaska.com on behalf of Wade Willis [adventure@alaska.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 11:05 AM  
**To:** 'Wade Willis'  
**Cc:** Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Chris Tuck  
**Subject:** Comemnts on Al Barrette / House Resources  
**Attachments:** Al Barrette Overview.pdf

Hello House Resources Committee,

I strongly OPPOSE confirming Al Barrette to the Board of Game for the following reasons:

1. If appointed – there will be no representative on the board of game for the largest population region in Alaska – Southcentral.
2. He is not a moderate – his actions at the board of game meeting in Fairbanks in March were extreme.
3. He owns a business that profits from the harvest of wild game. While the BOG has no regulation against this it is not good policy for the legislature to support such an obvious conflict of interest.
4. Mr. Barrette voted on the Fairbanks AC prior to voting on the BOG – It appears he did not indicate all the votes he participate in on the AC which is a violation of the rules.
5. The BOG needs more diversity – desperately. I want to see a representative from the Tourism industry that is also a hunter.

Please see attached overview of Mr. Barrette's vote record at the March BOG meeting in Nome. He clearly is a radical individual. The BOG voted 1 – 6 against him 4 times – BEFORE he was even confirmed, a time when you would expect him to cautious. You can only imagine what lays ahead if confirmed.

Please be sure the BOG represents ALL Alaskan's as the legislature intended.

Committee members, can you please confirm receipt of this email?

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns,

Wade Willis  
[adventure@alaska.com](mailto:adventure@alaska.com)

### Overview:

1. Significant questions regarding his owning a tannery and his subsequent conflict of interest regarding liberalizing harvest regulations for furbearers and big game;
  - a. He declared a conflict and did not vote due to having voted as a Fairbanks AC member on one proposal yet it appears he did not preclude himself on all the proposals the Fairbanks AC voted on;
  - b. He also declared a conflict of interest regarding a trapping proposal stating he stood to profit from the regulation but did not declare the same conflict regarding the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone and other proposals liberalizing trapping and harvest regulations;
2. Clearly opposed rural subsistence priority for fish and game as a member of the BOG;
3. A very “liberal” Board of Game voted 1 – 6 against Mr. Barrette *four* times in his first sitting on the board;
4. Founding Principle appears to be: “Nature Cannot Run Wild”

**“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”**

**– Al Barrette / January 2009 Interview / Backpacker Magazine**

### Record Opposing Rural and Native Subsistence:

1. **Aggressively lobbied to revoke the Kanuti Control Use Area designation near Bettles:** March 6 - Afternoon Session.
  - a. There was no formal public announcement or public testimony regarding revoking the CUA;
  - b. The Kanuti CUA was created to protect local subsistence moose harvest and is strongly supported by the local residents;;
  - c. Division of Subsistence warned Barrette that prior to such an action the Board must address meeting subsistence needs in the region;
  - d. No other member of the Board of Game supports Mr. Barrette’s attempts;
2. **Voted to increase the harvest in the Central Alaska Caribou herd along the Haul road from 2 to 5 caribou;**
  - a. While simultaneously supporting the opening the haul road controlled use area to snow machine access:

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- b. The village of Anaktuvuk Pass lies within the migration route of the Central Arctic Caribou herd;

*“All those villages that are in that area are only on the outside migration of the Central Arctic Caribou herd. Not really one village relies on the Central Arctic Caribou herd – it only supplements their take ... and here’s an opportunity to allow more Alaskan’s and non residents to have greater access or opportunity to harvest more caribou and maybe help relieve some of our problems in the Nelchina, Mulchatna, and the Fortymile Caribou. To take an additional few more caribou to make the cost justifications here” – Al Barrette*

- 3. Voted against an Amount Needed for Subsistence of only 2 - 4 sheep for interior Native villages in Game Management Unit 19: March 2 – Proposal 82;
  - a. The Board found a positive Customary and Traditional Use of sheep in this region but would not designate an Amount Necessary for Subsistence;
  - b. The ADF&G supported an ANS of up to 10 sheep;

*“Their subsistence needs are being met by other things but they want to add sheep to it?” – Al Barrette*

- 4. Opposed a Customary and Traditional use finding for Native subsistence harvest of the Chisana Caribou herd, in particular the community of Northway: March 4 – Proposal 18;
  - a. The ADF&G Division of Subsistence provided strong evidence of traditional Native harvest. The Chisana herd will have no preference for subsistence harvest on State lands:

*“Of the eight criteria we get to pick from it defers to reliance and I could not find a definition in the codified for reliance so I have to depend on my own until I get a dictionary and I did not think it fit on relying on that resource.” – Al Barrette*

- 5. Voted against finding a positive Customary and Traditional use of black bears for rural subsistence hunters in two Game Management Units (GMU 20 & 12) despite the documented harvest of 78 black bears by rural village communities. These are the same GMU’s where he supported allowing guides to have up to 10 bait station!: March 1 – Proposal 8;

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6. **Voted to repeal important Native moose harvest traditions:** March 3 – Proposal 89
  - a. In the Koyokuk Controlled Use Area the local Native community considers it disrespectful to waste the head of a moose. When the Koyokuk CUA was established the regional advisory councils formed a working group and developed a moose management plan that requested the head of a moose be harvested in their area. AHTNA Native Corporation also requires the harvest of a moose head on their lands in the region.
  - b. ***Al Barrette opposed not only this salvage requirement but voted to repeal ALL discretionary salvage requirements in the Koyokuk CUA;***
7. **Opposed setting a limit on beaver harvest in the Yukon Flats region.** March 2 – Proposal 95
  - a. The Yukon Flats Citizen Advisory council requested a limit be set on beaver harvest. Local communities felt it was disrespectful to have an unlimited harvest opportunity for beaver. Mr. Barrette opposed them;

### Record of Conflict of Interest / Disenfranchising Citizens:

1. **Conflict of Interest Declarations by Mr. Barrette Personally:**
  - a. Proposal 2: Modify Trapping Season: He wrote the proposal;
  - b. Proposal 3: 72 hour trap check requirement – Conflict due to potential profit: March 1;
  - c. Proposal 14: Modify the Fortymile Caribou Hunt – ***states he voted on the proposal as a Fairbanks AC member.*** The Fairbanks AC Notes (AC 5) state that all the voting took place at one meeting. The Fairbanks AC submitted 11 pages of comments to the Board of Game: March 4
  - d. Proposal 70: Authorize off road vehicle access to the Wood River Controlled Use area. Both the Board of Game and the Fairbanks AC (of which he was a member) opposed Proposal 70 that Mr. Barrette personally drafted and submitted to the Interior Board of Game meeting: March 5;
2. **Key vote to oppose and revoke the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone.** March 5 – Proposal 63;
  - a. Mr. Barret stands to profit from the decision of liberalizing trapping harvest by owning the local tannery;
  - b. Mr. Barrette likely voted on the proposal as a Fairbanks AC member which excludes him from voting on the proposal as a board member;

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- c. Mr. Barrette previously declared a conflict of interest regarding proposal 3 stating he stood to profit from a 72 hour trap check requirement. Why did he not use the same logic on this vote;
- 3. **Opposed restricting trapping in residential areas in the Healy area**
  - a. Even though there was extensive public comment regarding pets being caught and killed in traps and even people being caught in traps;
- 4. **Supported a six year moratorium on accepting or discussing Denali Wolf Buffer proposals;**
  - a. The Board is mandated by the legislature to address public concerns and this moratorium not only rebukes the legislatures intent upon establishing the board it also is quite likely illegal;
- 5. **Actively involved in lobbying for sponsorship and passage of HB 267 prior to being appointed to the Board of Game where he voted to approve of the bill.**
  - a. This bill would allow snow machine use in the Dalton Highway Controlled Use Area – the same region Mr. Barrette voted to increase.
  - a. Voted in favor of the BOG supporting HB 267. Al Barrette was tasked with drafting the letter of support. There was no public announcement regarding discussion of this bill, no public testimony, and the public never saw a copy of the letter nor has letter ever been posted to the BOG website;

*“I think more access in the area would certainly be advantageous to people that like to hunt caribou, bears and moose etc. I just hate to see another Denali Highway where it’s just like a bunch of locust inundating the whole country up there. That is how we move forward on this earth.”* – Cliff Judkins / Testimony in support of the HB 267 / March 6

**Record regarding Wolf and Bear Management:**

1. After voting in favor of revoking the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone Mr. Barrette petitioned the board to authorize using a snow machine to harvest wolves in the “old” buffer zone region (GMU 20C) along the border of the park;
  - a. Not one member of the board would support Mr. Barrette’s proposal;  
  

*“I just cringe at the thought of a snow machine running down the park boundary chasing wolves – it’s almost beyond me. It might be something to do but I don’t know if I could it.” - Cliff Judkin’s  
Chairman of the BOG responding to Al Barrette*
2. Voted to revoke the ADF&G’s statewide bear management policy that guides the department’s scientific management of Alaska’s Bears March 6 – Afternoon Session
  - a. This policy prohibits the snaring of bears unless conducted under the authorization of predator control program. The Board did not agree with him.
3. Voted in favor of removing brown bear tag fees in all interior GMU’s. Tag fees are an important source of revenue for the ADF&G; March 1;
4. Voted to authorize the baiting of Brown Bears. Every other member of the Board strongly opposed it: March 3 – Proposal 129;
5. *Liberalize the baiting of black bears during the entire month of July.* Amended a proposal to allow baiting in interior Alaska when residents / tourists and families are actively fishing, hiking and camping. Every BOG member opposed Mr. Barrett’s radical amendment: March 1;
6. Voted in favor of allowing commercial guides to register up to 10 bait stations. The first time this has ever been authorized outside the boundaries of a predator control area. A significantly more liberal allowance than resident Alaskan’s are given. Promoting preferential status for the guiding industry. This may be illegal under the State Constitution’s equal access clause and what about his conflict of interest regarding profiting from tanning bear hides: March 1;
7. Voted in favor of eliminating Black Bear sealing requirements in interior Alaska: March 1 – Proposal 11;

8. Opposed a National Park Service request to make it illegal for Non Native urban hunters to kill black bears, including sows and cubs, in their dens using high intensity lights in Denali National Preserve.
9. Approved of citizens using helicopters to support the killing of wolves in the Upper Yukon Tanana Predator Control Program March 4 – UYTPCA  
Department Overview Testimony

### **Biblical References Regarding His Game Management Philosophy:**

1. Regarding cow caribou hunting in the Fortymile Caribou herd in the Upper Yukon Tanana Predator Control area: March 4 – Fortymile Working Group  
Overview

*“Speaking of teaching and training the next generation of hunters that are coming up, you know, to bring the younger generation out to the field to make them shoot a bull, and to teach them to shoot a bull even though there is ample opportunity to harvest a cow... I think it relates right back to our moose cow harvest where we are having to teach, like my generation, and maybe the one prior to mine, that it is acceptable to harvest cows and female deer of the cloved and hooved species...” - Al Barrette*

2. In an interview for Backpacker Magazine in January 2009 Mr. Barrette quotes from Genesis:

[http://www.backpacker.com/dogs\\_of\\_war\\_part\\_3\\_witness\\_a\\_wolf\\_skinning/videoes/59](http://www.backpacker.com/dogs_of_war_part_3_witness_a_wolf_skinning/videoes/59)

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– Al Barrette



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**From:** Barbara Hanson [barbhansonak@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 10:35 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Chris Tuck; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Tom Wagoner  
**Subject:** Vote "NO" on confirmation of Al Barrette to AK Board of Game

Dear Members of the House and Senate Resources Committees,

I am writing to urge you strongly to oppose the confirmation of Mr. Al Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game. My reasons are as follows:

Mr. Barrette has consistently supported policies that are pro-harvest - regardless of scientific data, regardless of strong public sentiment, and often in opposition to Alaska Native subsistence traditions. As a biologist by training, I believe that Mr. Barrette's views are incompatible with the goal of maintaining a balanced harvest management program which is geared to the benefit of all users, as well as allowing for the most balanced ecological outcome.

Mr. Barrette's support of the revocation of the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone is especially disturbing, and potentially very damaging to the State of Alaska. The wolf packs in the Denali area are pivotal to the tourist industry, and treasured by Alaskans alike. Opening a hunt in this previously protected area poses a danger of permanently decimating the population of wolves in the park. It is also a public relations disaster that the State of Alaska can ill-afford. I believe that managing our wildlife resources for the benefit of all - hunters, as well as tourists and state residents who appreciate nature is a far better investment in our resources than management that favors harvest users at any cost.

Mr. Barrette's apparent disregard for Native subsistence issues and traditions, as well as his liberal use of biblical references in defense of his positions, is insulting to so many residents of this state, and are unbecoming of a person of this very public position.

One of the most disturbing issues surrounding the appointment of Mr. Barrette is the clear and irrefutable conflict of interest that he has with regard to his ownership of a trapping and tanning business. I am a state employee who is beholden to abide by all the provisions of the Ethics Act. And I cannot imagine that anyone with this type of obvious conflict of interest would even aspire to serve on the Board of Game. Turning a blind eye to this type of bias in State appointments is exactly the type of misguided policy that has so angered the citizens of Alaska in recent years. I hope that you will do the right thing for your constituents and for the sake of the public resources of this state and vote "NO" on Mr. Barrette's appointment.

Thank you-  
Barbara Hanson  
Palmer  
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**From:** April Warwick [awarwick@ak.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 10:34 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Vote AGAINST the confirmation of Al Barrette

Dear Rep Johnson:

I urge you to please vote AGAINST the confirmation of Al Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game!

My reasons are:

Mr. Barrette owns Fairbanks Fur Tannery and manufacturers wolf traps. I do not trust that his decisions will be based on scientific management of AK's wildlife but expect his decisions to benefit his business and profits. This is fundamentally wrong, unprofessional and unethical.

He is an aerial gunner; he has no understanding or respect for hunting with fair chase.

In the 4-3 vote to entirely eliminate the Denali wolf buffer zone, Mr. Barrette voted to eliminate it when he should have recused himself for obvious conflict of interest – this being his direct financial interest in continued trapping of Denali Park wolves!

Mr. Barrette was rude and biased towards the public during oral testimony at the Board of Game meeting.

He displayed a lack of knowledge of basic wildlife management in his overall comments and questions.

Mr. Barrette lacks ethical integrity, and the knowledge and ability to uphold the Board of Game's regulatory authority.

Please do what you can to stop Mr. Barrette's confirmation, and urge the Governor to instead appoint a non-consumptive user to the Board. This will ensure that ALL Alaskans have a voice in the management of our wildlife. Also ask the Governor to override the Board of Game's vote because of conflict of interest, and allow establishment of the expanded Denali wolf buffer zone which the public wants.

Sincerely,

April Warwick  
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Anchorage, AK 99504

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**From:** rcircle@gci.net on behalf of ralph calkins [rcircle@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 10:32 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Confirmation hearings

Please do not confirm Al Barrett to the Board of Fish and Game. He is too controversial for this state with his multiple conflicts of interest. His biblical take on how game and wildlife should be managed is very disturbing. The Board of fish and Game should be representing a broader public opinion.

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**From:** David Bachrach [dbachrach@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 10:11 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Chris Tuck  
**Cc:** sean.parnell@alaska.gov  
**Subject:** Poor Judgment and Conflict of Interest in Appointment of Al Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game

Dear Members of the House Resources Committee:

Alaska Board of Game candidate Mr. Al Barrette should NOT be confirmed.

I have just watched a video interview (link below) in which Mr. Barrette expressed his philosophy on wildlife management by quoting from the Book of Genesis, and with all due respect to religion and the Bible, Alaska's wildlife needs to be managed based upon sound science, not according to the Book of Genesis. I have no confidence and neither should you that Mr. Barrette has the ability to exercise good judgment when making decisions about the management of Alaska's wildlife.

I also consider Mr. Barrett's appointment to the Board of Game a conflict of interest, since Mr. Barrette's business (Fairbanks Fur Tannery) could benefit through more liberalized trapping regulations.

Mr. Barrett's voting record (partial) at this last BOG meeting shows his disregard for science and his bias for profiting by being on the Board of Game.

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After voting in favor of revoking the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone, Mr. Barrette petitioned the board to authorize using a snow machine to harvest wolves in the "old" buffer zone region (GMU 20C) along the border of the park. Not one member of the board would support Mr. Barrette's proposal.

I am disappointed by Governor Parnell's decision to appoint Mr. Barrette. Mr. Barrette's appointment represents more of the same extremist trapping and hunting value systems on a board that is supposed to represent ALL Alaskans. There are currently no non-consumptive users on the BOG, despite the fact that most people in Alaska don't hunt. We need to have a Board of Game that more accurately reflects the wildlife values and positions of the majority of Alaskans.

Again, I ask you to OPPOSE the confirmation of Mr. Barrette to the Board of Game.

Thank you all for hard work in the Legislature and your consideration of the above.

Dave Bachrach  
Homer

Link to Interview Video:

[http://www.backpacker.com/dogs\\_of\\_war\\_part\\_3\\_witness\\_a\\_wolf\\_skinning/videos/59](http://www.backpacker.com/dogs_of_war_part_3_witness_a_wolf_skinning/videos/59)



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resource

Committees on Confirmation Hearings dated April 5 2010

My Name Is Lee Dobbins and I Reside at 1500 Aurora Drive #2, Fairbanks, Alaska, tele: 907-456-7099. Senate District 'E'; House District '9'. I'm expressing MY Concern about the nomination of Al Barrette to the BOARD of GAME. In THIS, I'm Supporting 'DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE's Petition to BLOCK the Endorsement of This Man for the Reasons Outlined Below. I Find MOST Appalling, The BLATANT Disregard Of the 'Conflict Of Interest' Represented Here. It IS a Clear Case Of Putting the FOX, (Or In This Case Perhaps, The WEASEL.), In Charge of Adminlstering the HEN HOUSE.

If Mr. Barrette Is Endorsed, My Next Letter Will Be to David Letterman. HE Might Be Able to Make Some Sense of It.

- Al Barrette doesn't have the background necessary to make objective wildlife management decisions in our state.
- Mr. Barrette recently voted to eliminate the buffer zone around Denali National Park, which has protected Denali's wolf packs from hunting and trapping since 2002. This reckless decision was opposed by the National Park Service and many concerned citizens, and makes no sense for Alaska's economy or wildlife.
- Mr. Barrette owns a fur tannery and a company that makes wolf traps. His livelihood presents a direct conflict of interest when it comes to making decisions about how to manage wolves and other wildlife.
- If Al Barrette is confirmed to the Board, the unjustified and unscientific management of Alaska's wolves and other wildlife will continue.

Sincerely,

Lee Dobbins

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**From:** tmeacham@gci.net on behalf of Thomas E. Meacham [tmeacham@gci.net]  
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**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Chris Tuck  
**Subject:** Please Do NOT Confirm Al Barrette to Board of Game

Dear Legislators,

I strongly oppose the confirmation of Al Barrette of Fairbanks to the Board of Game (BOG). He has proved by his actions at the last BOG meeting that he does not recognize conflict of interest when it stares him in the face; that he has "biblical" views of wildlife management that are extreme (by even current BOG standards), and that he has no empathy for the subsistence needs of rural residents, particularly in the face of heavy urban hunting pressures.

This was not a wise appointment, and his nomination should be rejected. Please do the right thing.

Thank you.

Tom Meacham  
Anchorage  
(former Board of Game member, 1975-76)

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**From:** Toni Dixon [tnvdxn@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 9:41 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Conflict of Interest?

Representative Johnson,

I've been hearing a bit about the man proposed for the Board of Game. It sounds like there might be some conflicts of interest with this man - I guess he owns a tannery? Please make sure that we aren't violating any ethical standards with this appointment. Maybe you can get them to put off the vote until more investigation is done? Something isn't right with this...

Thank you.

Toni Dixon  
4321 Edinburgh Drive



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**From:** Ray, Bert [Bert.Ray@kyl.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 9:34 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Chris Tuck  
**Subject:** Al Barrette Board of Game nomination

Dear Representatives:

I am writing to ask you to vote "no" at the confirmation hearing regarding Al Barrette's appointment to the Alaska Board of Game. Mr. Barrette's public statements indicate he is not qualified to sit on the Board, and that his views on hunting and trapping are not consistent with those of most Alaskans. His support of bear baiting for brown bears, and his opposition to any form of buffer protections for national park system wolves, together with other statements, show he would not represent the interests of non-consumptive users of wildlife - which is what a substantial majority of Alaskans are. Please vote against Mr. Barrette's confirmation.

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**From:** Vint Varner [vvarner@varnerandson.com]  
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**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** game board

Please support the conformation on al barrette's election on the game board. Thank you very much

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**From:** Richard Steiner [richard.g.steiner@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 8:31 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Chris Tuck  
**Subject:** please do not confirm Al Barrette for Board of Game

Dear Representatives:

I ask that you vote **to not confirm** the appointment of Mr. Al Barrette for the Alaska Board of Game (BOG). The BOG already well-represents Mr. Barrette's trapping constituency without his participation, while with it's current make-up the BOG does not represent non-consumptive constituencies at all.

Alaska is indeed a fishing and hunting state, and those constituencies are well-represented on the respective boards. Alaska is also a wildlife tourism and viewing state, interests not represented at all on the current BOG. That is a true travesty. Alaska's wildlife resources are owned by all Alaskans, not just those 15% of our citizenry with hunting / trapping licenses. The other 85% deserve representation on the BOG, and this is your chance to stand up for that basic fundament of representative governance.

The seat to which Governor Parnell appointed Mr. Barrette should go to a non-consumptive representative, not another constituency already well-represented (over-represented) by the current BOG.

Further, Mr. Barrette was quoted in a magazine article as having a religious zeal for "subduing" nature and animals, directed by his religion. There can simply be no place for this sort of religious zeal in the science-based management of our collective wildlife resources.

Thus, I respectfully ask that you not confirm Mr. Barrette.

Rick Steiner, Professor (University of Alaska ret.)  
Anchorage, AK

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**From:** Rep. Mike Kelly  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 8:04 AM  
**To:** William Bennett; Sen. Con Bunde; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Albert Kookesh; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Linda Menard; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Senator\_Donny\_Olson@legis.state.us; Senator\_Joe\_Paskvan@legis.state.us; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Joe Thomas; Sen. Tom Wagoner; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bob Buch; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Harry Crawford; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Mike Doogan; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Berta Gardner; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. John Harris; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Kyle Johansen; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Reggie Joule; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Pete Petersen; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep\_Woody\_Salmon@legis.state.ak.us; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Tammie Wilson  
**Cc:** Derek Miller  
**Subject:** RE:

Thanks for your thoughtful input, William. I know Al to be an all-around good guy; recommended him to the Governor; will vote to confirm. Mike

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**From:** William Bennett [mailto:deer\_tw\_db@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 05, 2010 6:43 AM  
**To:** Sen. Con Bunde; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Albert Kookesh; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Linda Menard; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Senator\_Donny\_Olson@legis.state.us; Senator\_Joe\_Paskvan@legis.state.us; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Joe Thomas; Sen. Tom Wagoner; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bob Buch; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Harry Crawford; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Mike Doogan; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Berta Gardner; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. John Harris; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Kyle Johansen; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Reggie Joule; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Mike Kelly; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Pete Petersen; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep\_Woody\_Salmon@legis.state.ak.us; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Tammie Wilson  
**Subject:**

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I can't say enough how important it will be to have a person on the Board of Game who has been involved in the trapping industry as an individual and not a bureaucrat.

## Debra Higgins

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**From:** Mark Richards [kandik@starband.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 02, 2010 3:17 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Al Barrette - Board of Game confirmation comments

To all,

This is Mark Richards writing. Regarding thoughts below on Al Barrette's Board of Game confirmation, I am writing only speaking for myself here, and **not** as co-chair of Alaska Backcountry Hunters & Anglers.

I **oppose** Mr. Barrette's confirmation. I hope you will take the time to read the rationale for my opposition.

I attended the recent Board of Game (BOG) meeting in Fairbanks, which was Mr. Barrette's first appearance as a BOG member. And when I testified, I welcomed Al to the Board and said he had my support. And I meant what I said then, that as a fellow trapper myself going on thirty years now (and I'm still an active trapper), it was nice to have a fellow trapper on the Board to represent our knowledge and views.

But subsequently, as the meeting went on, I was continually disappointed in how Al conducted himself, and the types of comments he made publicly about everything from supporting bear trapping/snaring, to comments on the Denali wolf buffer zone issue. He was loud and abrasive overall, and disrespectful to those who did not share his own views. That kind of conduct and verbiage paints all trappers as neanderthal extremists who don't care about anyone else's views, and it is my opinion that he will do more harm to trapping, and trappers like myself, than good, when it comes to public perception and opinion, if he is confirmed to sit on the Board of Game.

Beyond that, I have strong concerns that Al's business (he runs a fur/hide tannery and makes and markets wolf traps) is such a large conflict of interest that it will cause him to recuse himself on too many proposals related to trapping or the selling of hides/furs. In reviewing the number of times he had to recuse himself from voting on issues related to trapping or the sale/tanning of hides and furs, I don't recall every seeing such a thing happen before with any BOG member being conflicted out so much on voting. And since Al will continue to run his business...well it just seems like too much of a conflict for any BOG member who, after all, was in part chosen for the Board to represent knowledge of trapping and the trapping industry. Al can't do that because he is going to have to continually recuse himself from voting on anything related to his business of selling/tanning furs and hides and marketing wolf traps.

And while I don't believe the legal challenge will hold up, from those disgruntled with the BOG decision to do away with the Denali Park wolf buffer zone, saying that the 4-3 vote isn't valid because Mr Barrette should have recused himself from voting...it just reinforces concerns about this continual conflict of interest that will come up because of Mr Barrette's business.

Thank you for your time, and your service.

Sincerely,

Mark Richards

Kandik River

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Allen Barrette Confirmation to the Alaska's Board of game...Oppose

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Dear Alaska Legislative Senate and House Resource committee members,

I have been involved in Fish and wildlife advisory committee and Regional Advisory Council's work for over 20 years. I am currently the Co-chair of the Koyukuk Advisory Committee, and chair of the Western Interior RAC.

I will be commenting from my personal perspective regarding Allen Barrette's appointment to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG). I will state first off he is a nice enough guy and is industrious. That is not the question before the Legislative Resource Committees though, but whether he will uphold the legal mandates, and has the conservation ethic to perform the role as protector of sustained yield of our game, for Alaskans.

Mr. Barrette acted as a voting Board of Game member after March 1, 2010, in Fairbanks's Interior meeting. I attended the public comment portion of the meeting and commented on many proposals for both Advisory bodies. The members of our advisory bodies are leaders in their communities, many of them chiefs. We spent several days deliberating the proposals and making recommendations to the BOG. Mr. Barrette discounted local recommendations and at times ridiculed, on the record, concerns expressed. I listened on the Internet, so am aware of his actions during deliberating the BOG proposals. I had to return home to tend my wolf traps.

Mr. Barrette several times motioned to reduce the Amounts Necessary for Subsistence, or voted to suppress the ANS amounts. These amounts are used to give Alaskan's their priority uses, which are their constitutional right. If these amounts are reduced down ward the resource is then reallocated to non-residents. Mr. Barrette and other BOG members continually suppressing ANS because they think it is the hated subsistence priority. The reality is the Alaskans are being disenfranchised of their game resource.

Mr. Barrette voted to allocate to non-resident use or suppress resident use seasons on several occasions. This occurred for caribou season use for Chisana, 40 mile and Central Arctic herds, and Dall sheep seasons for resident hunters. Obviously Mr. Barrette does not think Alaskan's deserve the use of their game.

Mr. Barrette demonstrated a complete lack of conservation ethic by not questioning the ADF&G alternate proposal # 104A in GMIU 26B on the North Slope, allowing 5 caribou including cows with 3-week old neonate calves after July 1. He did not



question the fact that the public did not see the alternate proposal, regarding harvesting lactating cows. He voted to allow non-residents to kill five cow caribou that are skinny and nursing, leaving the calf to die.

This proposal was put forward as a caribou control strategy, yet the ADF&G's own data states the herd is very healthy. The Department has not done a range assessment and high productivity is a primary indicator of ungulate population health. If there would be a need to reduce the herd, there are thousands of Alaskans that would like to harvest caribou. If it were necessary, and it is not, to reduce the herd, killing cows in October after the calf is weaned and the cow is in good harvest condition would be the wisest use of OUR resource. If the public was not informed or allowed to comment on this new proposal, otherwise we would have been pointed out this was a bad idea, but we were not!

The Legislative Senate and House Resource Committees should **not** confirm Mr. Barrette. He has already done tremendous damage to the Alaskan's priority, sustained yield, and the valid perception, that the public's wishes are not being listened to. The current majority of the BOG has violated the public's confidence, acts with impunity while violating sustained yield biologic parameters, and the resident subsistence preference. Mr. Barrette did not recuse him self from voting on issues benefiting him self monetarily. Mr. Barrette **is** a compounding factor of a building problem with the BOG process. The cumulative affect to the resources and Alaskans is damage and loss. There are many qualified Alaskans that would do a much better job working to manage our wildlife for sustained yield, with preference among beneficial uses, and listen to make informed decisions.

Be it clear I have not applied for a BOG seat, or any one I know, my **ONLY** interest is heath of the resource and use by Alaskans.

Do **not** Confirm Allen Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game.

## Debra Higgins

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**From:** garyatsls@cs.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 02, 2010 9:00 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Board of Game

Dear Representative Johnson,

Just a short note requesting your support of Al Barrette for the Board of Game. I believe that Mr. Barrette will be an asset for our wildlife resources. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Gary Stevens  
Skyline Sales & Service  
907-229-4710

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**From:** Diane Sanderlin [dougdiene70@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 01, 2010 2:49 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Support for Al Barrette

I am in support for Al Barrette's confirmation (Board of Game).

Doug Sanderlin  
1532 N Pittman Rd  
Wasilla, Ak 99654  
9073730250

## Debra Higgins

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**From:** dobieman@gci.net on behalf of Art Greenwalt [dobieman@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 6:29 PM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Concerning Confirmation of Al Barrette for Board of Game

Dear Representative Johnson:

I am very concerned about the appointment of Al Barrette to the Board of Game.  
Aspects which I consider problematic with his presence on the Board include:

- ~ He brings absolutely no diversity to the Board;
- ~ He has already indicated by his vote to remove all buffer zones from the NE corner of Denali Nat. Park he is willing to ignore a majority of Alaskan residents of the area (500+ signed a petition to have the zones expanded) in favor of 4 recreational trappers who wanted them removed;
- ~ He has a very obvious conflict of interest (perhaps illustrated by his vote in the above matter) whereby he manufactures a wolf trap and owns a fur tannery, both of which revenue sources are directly influenced by his votes on the Board;
- ~ He does not consider the science involved in wildlife management but rather takes a dogmatic view of the issues in keeping with his personal biases.

His appointment has disturbed many Alaskans as indicated by various letters-to-editors appearing in Alaskan newspapers and also by online comments at those newspapers' web sites.

I would urge you to please deny his confirmation. There are many Alaskans far better qualified than he to take a position on what has become an extremely biased board representing only a narrow segment of Alaskans rather than all Alaskans as the state constitution mandates.

Thank you,  
Art Greenwalt  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
374-3043

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**From:** Dan & Ellie Tempel [dtempel@alaska.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 10:34 AM  
**To:** Sen. Con Bunde; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Fred Dyson; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Albert Kookesh; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Linda Menard; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Senator\_Donny\_Olson@legis.state.us; Senator\_Joe\_Paskvan@legis.state.us; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Joe Thomas; Sen. Tom Wagoner; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bob Buch; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Harry Crawford; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Mike Doogan; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Berta Gardner; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. John Harris; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Kyle Johansen; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Reggie Joule; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Mike Kelly; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Pete Petersen; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep\_Woody\_Salmon@legis.state.ak.us; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Tammie Wilson  
**Subject:** Support Al Barrette for Board of Game

- Al is an active outdoorsman who is involved in all three aspects of the Conservation Triad. He hunts, traps and fishes. He also enjoys just being outdoors (even if it is only to take nothing but pictures). To me this demonstrates the well balanced character necessary to fill this position. One only has to look around to see what contributions the Triad has made to this natural resource.
- Al has 22 years of participation in the regulatory process; F&G Advisory committee, submitting BOG proposals, getting legislation introduced.
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- Al is not anti-Alaskan Native, he deals with Alaskan Natives in the fur business and his record on the Fairbanks AC and his votes on the BOG confirm that observation.

Please ensure wildlife's future for all Alaskan's to enjoy by endorsing Al Barrette!

Sincerely,

Dan Tempel

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**From:** Rick C. Ellis [rgellis@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 4:52 PM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Confirmation of Al Barrette for BOG

Dear Representative Johnson,

I fully support Al Barrette for the Board of Game and would ask you to vote favorably in support of him when his appointment comes up for confirmation. I and all other Alaskan consumptive users would appreciate your support. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Rick C. Ellis  
341 S. Gastman Ct.  
Wasilla, AK 99654

907-376-6703

## **Debra Higgins**

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**From:** Jtebow [jtebow@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 7:56 AM  
**Subject:** Al Barrette for confirmation to BOG

As a resident and voter of the State of Alaska for 37 years I strongly recommend Al Barrette for Board of Game confirmation. We need an outdoorsman of his caliber with a common sense approach to game management for which he is highly qualified for this job.

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Sutton, AK 99674  
907-745-6777  
907- 746-6777 fax  
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**From:** cdgoods777@cs.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2010 10:20 PM  
**To:** Senator\_Con.Bunde@legis.state.ak.us; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Fred Dyson; Senator\_Dennis.Egan@legis.state.ak.us; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Senator\_Albert.Kookesh@legis.state.ak.us; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Linda Menard; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Senator\_Donny\_Olson@legis.state.us; Senator\_Joe\_Paskvan@legis.state.us; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Joe Thomas; Sen. Tom Wagoner; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bob Buch; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Harry Crawford; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Mike Doogan; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Berta Gardner; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. John Harris; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Kyle Johansen; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Reggie Joule; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Mike Kelly; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Pete Petersen; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep\_Woody\_Salmon@legis.state.ak.us; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Tammie Wilson  
**Subject:** Al Barrette Board of Game

I ask that you support and keep Al Barrette as a Board of Game member, he is a asset to the State of Alaska, Thank you.

Clinton Goods  
Takotna,AK



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**From:** Sen. Albert Kookesh  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2010 1:46 PM  
**To:** aaron bloomquist; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Cc:** Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Buch; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Berta Gardner; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Reggie Joule; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Woodie Salmon; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Kyle Johansen; Rep. Pete Petersen; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Mike Kelly; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Mike Doogan; Rep. Bill Thomas; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. John Harris; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Harry Crawford; Rep. Bob Buch; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Charisse Millett; Sen. Tom Wagoner; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Bettye Davis; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Albert Kookesh; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Con Bunde; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Dennis Egan; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Joe Thomas; Sen. Linda Menard; Sen. Johnny Ellis; Sen. Joe Paskvan; Sen. Fred Dyson; Moller, John (GOV); Adam Berg; Astrid Lievano; Rep. Peggy Wilson's office; Christine Hess; Cliff Stone; Denise Liccioli; Dorothy Shockley; Irene Lampe; Kaci Schroeder; Kimberly Clark; Larry Labolle; Maridon Boario; Rob Earl; Sandy Burd; Timothy Clark  
**Subject:** RE: Boards of Game and Fisheries Confirmations

Janet Woods has resigned. I do not support Al Barrette to the Board of Game.

**From:** aaron bloomquist [mailto:bloomya@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2010 10:42 AM  
**To:** Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Craig Johnson  
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**From:** scotty lane [574lane@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2010 12:45 PM  
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**Subject:** Confirm Al Barrette's appointment to the Alaska BOG

Hello My Legislators and Fellow Alaskans,

I'm writing to express my support for Al Barrette in his recent appointment to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG). I would like to request that you confirm this/his appointment. Thanks.

David Akin  
7184 Westerlund St.  
Salcha, AK 99714

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**From:** Dane Crowley [dcrowley@npialaska.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2010 8:24 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Al Barrett  
**Attachments:** To House Resources Committee.pdf

Rep, Johnson,

Please confirm Al Barrett to the Board of Game, I have attached a letter as well.

Thank you,

Dane Crowley  
SFW Alaska

**Debra Higgins**

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**From:** Craig Compeau [craig@compeaus.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2010 6:40 AM  
**To:** Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Reggie Joule  
**Subject:** I support Al Barrett and HB 267

As a 50 yr resident of Alaska, I strongly support Al Barrett on the BOG, and HB 267

## Debra Higgins

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**From:** Paula & Robert Caywood [cmmgen@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2010 8:12 PM  
**Subject:** Al Barrette - BOG confirmation

To Whom It May Concern:

Please confirm Al Barrette for the Board of Game.

- Al is an active outdoorsman who hunts, traps, fishes, and enjoys just being outdoors (even if it is only to take nothing but pictures).
- Al has 22 years of participation in the regulatory process; F&G Advisory committee, submitting BOG proposals, getting legislation introduced.
- Al has been the Chair of the Fairbanks AC Subcommittee on trapping right up to his appointment to the BOG.
- Al prepares trapping Educational Materials and teaches young and old the art of trapping and conservation.
- Al is not a retiree of any state or federal bureaucracy that is responsible for management of wildlife or habitat essential for sustained-yield management. (Which means Al will consider the perspective of users not just duplicate the mandate of managers, which is represented by agencies tasked with the duty of providing science based information to the board)
- Al is not anti-Alaskan Native, he deals with Alaskan Natives in the fur business and his record on the Fairbanks AC and his votes on the BOG confirm that observation.

Please show us that our opinion matters.

Sincerely,

Paula & Robert Caywood

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**From:** Shannon DiRuzzo [sdiruzzo@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2010 12:10 PM  
**To:** sdiruzzo@hotmail.com; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Kyle Johansen; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. John Harris; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Bob Buch  
**Subject:** [SPAM] Al Barrette and Denali Buffer Zones

Dear Representatives,

I would like to express my concern over the most recent appointment to the Board of Game, Al Barrette and the newest ruling of the Board of Game to eliminate the buffer zones for wolf trapping around Denali National Park. I do not believe that this ruling is in the best interest of the state in regards to tourism and the health of the wolf packs. I believe that the most recent rulings are due to the Board of Game being heavily weighted towards hunters and trappers while ignoring scientific data. Please take a stand on this matter and help ones that cannot speak for themselves. Feel free to contact me via e-mail and I look forward to your reply.

Thank you for your time.

Shannon DiRuzzo

Alaska voter

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**From:** Skip [firecap@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2010 9:13 AM  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** Board of Game

Representative Johnson:

As a long time Alaskan I am urging you to not confirm Al Barette as chair of the Alaska Board of Game. I've lived in Alaska more than 45 years, hunting, trapping and even homesteading. Our family has enjoyed much of what our Great State has to offer.

Mr. Barette obviously has a conflict of interest, owning tanning businesses, thus possibly giving him access to more raw hides. But I believe more importantly was his treatment of at least one person who testified for the expansion of the wolf buffer zone for the Denali National Park. Though I have only seen a video of the Fairbanks meeting of the Board of Game, his attitude toward those who don't share his beliefs on game use are not those of a leader.

Please consider another member for the position of chairman of the Alaska Board of Game.

Thank you.

Skip Dunn

Eagle River, Alaska