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Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 4:05 PM
To: Debra Higgins; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Sen. Albert Kookesh; Rep. Woodie Salmon
Subject: Allen Barrette Opposition

Dear House Resource Co-Chairman Johnson,

I am Jack Reakoff, and was not able to be heard on the conference call hearing regarding Allen Barrette today. I had additional comments on his qualifications to be a BOG member, that came up during his testimony to you.

He miss-lead your committee as to the BOG's intent to use HB267 snow machine use in the Dalton Highway corridor. He him self brought this issue before the BOG in November in Nome. He was pushing this a a tool to allow vast expansion of hunting opportunity to harvest by the new user group, winter snow machine hunting. He was asked on the record today if the BOG would change the regulations to allow hunting with snow machine use, he him- hawed that he was not sure. With his history on this issue he responded by trying to deceive your members.... see attachment.

The question was asked if the caribou proposal for the North Slope was ethical. He lied again to the House Resource committee and said it was presented to the BOG by ADF&G and it was supported by the Advisory committees.... The alternate proposal was submitted during the meeting, after public testimony was over. The Koyukuk River AC apposed the original proposal.... and would have vehemently apposed adding two months into the summer, allowing non-residents to kill cows with new calves, near the Dalton highway.....in view of tourists. He is proving to have little ethic in the Public process, and before his confirmation hearing. As a BOG member it is necessary to have personal ethics, and public trust.

Mr Barrette during your House Resource Committee meeting has again proven that he is un-ethical by miss leading the Resource Committee, and his conduct during the last meeting of the Board of Game. He allocates to non-residents, at the same time reduces resident allocations, and does not listen to the State Advisory committees who do not agree with uses, that are not conservation minded for the health of the resources. Ben Grusendorf is the only member that currently seated that is listening to the public and has conservation ethic. The majority of the BOG is not doing the best job for our resources health, and Allen Barrette should not continue to be a wolf in the sheep pen.

Do Not Confirm Allen Barrette to the Board of Game.

Jack Reakoff
Wiseman, Alaska

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Subject: RE: GARE: BOARD CONFIRMATION (AL BARRETTE)

FROM: 26 year bush resident and 31 year AK resident
TO: elected officials making Game Board confirmations

I, Ingrid Peterson living in bush Alaska, direct you to cancel (don't confirm) Al Barrette's appointment to AK Game Board. This is because as owner of a WOLF TRAP COMPANY Barrette will serve his own (vested) interest on the Game Board and not the interests of Alaska residents or ecosystems.

Only in Alaska government, where industry's corruption of the public process abounds, would elected officials have the arrogance to suggest profiteers (like Barrette) to over-see public resources. Alaskans are tired and disgusted about sold-out politicians serving themselves and industry at the public's expense.

Your prompt attention to this matter and response to this e-mail is requested.

THANKS

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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; Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Tom Wagoner; Frank Rue; Kate Herring; Michelle Sydeman
Subject: Al Barrette Audio Testimony - Proposal 62 March 5, 2010
Attachments: Al Barrette Testimony - Proposal 62 - March 5, 2010.WMA
Importance: High

Wade Willis
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Hello House and Senate Resource Committee's;

- In testimony to the House Resources committee today Al Barrette denied having petitioned the Board of Game to allow the use of snow machines to harvest wolves in the revoked Denali wolf buffer zone. This is not true and I have attached the audio for you to listen to confirm this fact. His unwillingness to admit this request is troubling. Not one member of the BOG supported his request.
- Mr. Barrette only admitted to owning a tanning and trap making business after questioning by the committee members. Why would he be trying to hide this fact?
- Mr. Barrette also informed the committee that he is already under investigation for ethics violations.
- Mr. Barrette also seemed unwilling or unable to confirm that the National Park Service, for the first time, had submitted its own proposal to not only retain the existing wolf buffer zone but to expand it slightly due to radio collar and harvest data collected over the last six years.
- When questioned by House Resource committee members Mr. Barrette could not identify any situation or method that was not appropriate for predator control.
- Mr. Barrette confirmed that his fundamental game management philosophy is to “subdue nature and control it” and that his job is to “educate” others about how he does things. The BOG is responsible for game management on federal lands such as NPS Preserves and National Monuments where the management mandate is to promote natural diversity and abundance. Mr. Barrette seems unwilling to consider the broader scope of being a responsible member of the Board of Game and appears to lack the basic memorandum of understanding between the federal government and the state of Alaska to cooperate regarding different management mandates.

PROPOSAL 62

TOPIC: Wolf Control Plan for GMU 20C: (Contains the Former Denali Wolf Buffer Zone Region)

Debated on March 5th in the afternoon session:

Audio Attached.

You can confirm this testimony and receive an independent audio copy of the testimony of Mr. Barrette regarding proposal 62 by calling or emailing Board Support in ADF&G to request the audio.

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Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson;
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Cc: Myron P. Naneng
Subject: Al Barrette, BoG nominee

Senator Hoffman and the House Resources Committee:

AVCP opposes the appointment and confirmation of Allan Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game due to his aggressive stance against Alaska Native reliance on subsistence resources and his position on the allocation of game to non-residents and the urban hunters. His appointment to the Alaska Board of Game would further divide the state to urban vs. rural in game management issues which would only increase the urban/rural gap. His votes and comments on the record during the two Alaska Board of Game meetings clearly reflects his intentions like the Anaktuvik Pass caribou, Chisana Caribou, the Nikolai C& T on dall sheep and his attempts to override one of the most important precautionary measures the Board of Game must take in their deliberation processes, comments by the Department of Law. We believe his confirmation would be detrimental to all Alaskan, therefore, we appose his confirmation.

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From: Kim Stephanie Fitzgerald [kimf@mtaonline.net]
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To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: al barette nomination

Dog Sled rides, tours, lectures and home of the Hedlund Gray Husky.

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From: Jeanne Devon [museumsourc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 1:07 PM
To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Al Barrette

Dear Representative Johnson, (apologies if you received this message twice)

I am writing to you as the owner of a small business that has been operating in Anchorage for almost twenty years, and has employed hundreds of workers in that time. My business relies on tourism, and caters to those who are coming to Alaska for its natural beauty and an opportunity to enjoy its wildness.

Seeing the wolves of Denali is the highlight of the trip for any who are fortunate enough to have had that experience. The current boycott of Alaska called for by Friends of Animals because of the eradication of the Denali Park buffer zone is extremely concerning to me from an economic standpoint. Tourism traffic is way down anyway, and the appointment of people such as Al Barrette who recently vote for the eradication of the buffer zone is doing nothing but harming Alaska's image.

We don't like to think our decisions are based on what those "outside" think, but they drive a good portion of our economy, and business owners like myself rely on their perception of how we treat ALL of our resources, including wildlife.

In addition, his ownership of a commercial tannery, and a wolf trap company should disqualify him immediately from the board, as his own financial interest is affected by the way he votes on the board.

I urge you to reject Mr. Barrette's appointment for the reasons above.

Thank you for your service to the state.

Sincerely,
Jeanne Devon

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From: Jeanne Devon [museumsource@yahoo.com]
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Subject: Al Barrette

Dear Representative Neuman,

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From: Kelly Walters [kwalters@alaska.com]
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Subject: My Public Comments regarding Al Barrette's Confirmation to the Alaska Board of Game
Importance: High

House Resource Committee Members:

I am writing to ask that you both REJECT Al Barrette from being confirmed to Bob Bell's seat on the Alaska Board of Game.

His deciding vote on eliminating the wolf buffer zone near Denali National Park was the last straw. I am a hunter as well as an avid outdoorsman. However, the wolf population within Denali National Park is at a 23-year low. The Alaska Board of Game is denying science and are hell-bent on creating artificially high numbers of huntable animals by eliminating all of the predators.

However, in addition to this disturbing vote, Mr. Barrette has a HUGE CONFLICT OF INTEREST! He owns the Fairbanks Fur Tannery AND The Alaska No. 9 Trap Company. Both companies profit as a result of his vote. In other words, Mr. Barrette was able to improve his personal bottom line with his public Board of Game vote at the expense of the wolves of Denali as well as tourism-based businesses that will potentially face a large boycott on top of a bad economy.

Barrette should have recused himself from this important and critical vote.

Here are some great posts from The Mudflats and Shannyn Moore. Please watch the video on the second link. It is disturbing fundamentalist comments from Al Barrette.

Shannyn Moore hosted a program on Predator Control on her television program Moore Up North over the weekend. You may view the program here: <http://shannynmoore.wordpress.com/2010/04/03/moore-up-north-aerial-wolf-hunting/>

I found it extremely telling that former Board of Game nominee, Bob Bell, said that he would NOT have voted to eliminate those buffer zones around Denali Park. Bob Bell was a strong predator control advocate and HE thinks Al Barrette ought to be REJECTED!

IN addition, if Al Barrette is confirmed, there will not be anyone from the largest populated city in Alaska, Anchorage, on the board of game.

Thank you for your consideration and for your REJECTION of AL BARRETTE to the Alaska Board of Game.

Sincerely,

Kelly

PS Please CONFIRM BEN GRUESSENDORF to his seat as he is currently THE ONLY Voice of REASON on the game board!

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LINKS:

<http://www.themudflats.net/2010/03/09/parnell-administration-targets-wolves-and-alaskas-economy-time-to-howl/?cp=1>

<http://shannynmoore.wordpress.com/2010/03/10/skinned/#comments>

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From: richard or mary bishop [rmbishop@ptialaska.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'; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Chris Tuck
Subject: Mr. Al Barrette Board of Game confirmation

To:
Representatives Johnson and Neuman, Co-chairs
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Co-Chairs Johnson and Neuman, and Committee Members:

Please support confirmation of Mr. Al Barrette's appointment to the Alaska Board of Game.

Mr. Barrette is dedicated to sound conservation of Alaska's wildlife. He is a constructive, critical thinker who has the public interest in place, right after sound, scientific wildlife management. He has a wealth of experience as hunter, trapper, and naturalist.

The accusation from some of his critics that he will unfairly profit by his confirmation is false. He would not do that, most importantly because he is a man of integrity, and also because the Board of Game is bound to follow the Alaska Constitution and statutes in its decisions.

Thank you.

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From: Sherry Simpson [sherrysimpson@mac.com]
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To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Al Barrette's confirmation hearing

Dear Rep. Johnson,

I oppose the appointment of Al Barrette to the Board of Game. I am a lifelong Alaskan who comes from a hunting family, and I follow Board of Game meetings closely. It was clear from the March meeting that Mr. Barrette never met a proposal to kill a wolf or a bear that he didn't like, and that's saying something on a board that is overwhelmingly weighted toward consumptive users.

Mr. Barrette supported proposals to allow brown bear baiting outside of predator control areas, to expand black bear baiting, to allow denning bears, and to allow bear trapping outside of predator control areas. He was often the only vote supporting such measures. Mr. Barrette's overwhelming approval for more aggressive predator control measures was never based on any scientific or management information supplied by department biologists, but on his own interests as the owner of a trapping business and as someone who fervently believes that the best use of wildlife in Alaska should be determined by consumptive users only. Yet only 15 percent of Alaskans hold hunting licenses.

I am not an antihunter by any definition, and I fully recognize the importance of managing game for genuine subsistence uses. I even think that in some areas, at some times, local communities should be allowed to undertake predator control measures when necessary. This board, however, is so bent on pleasing urban hunters who belong to such organizations as the Alaska Outdoor Council and Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife that it is willing to damage not only Alaska's reputation but its visitor industry. The board's decision to reject popular proposals to expand no-trapping zones around Denali National Park and to remove existing buffers is an insult to tourism-based businesses owned by Alaskans. Mr. Barrette attempted to extend this decision's damaging effects further by supporting the use of snowmachines to kill wolves in this area.

From meeting to meeting, this board has approved ever-more extreme predator control measures, few of which are based on scientific data or actual censuses of moose, caribou, bears, and wolves. (I've read the management reports and scientific studies.) Regulations or "experimental programs" now allow gassing wolf pups; killing unlimited numbers of black bears in Unit 16, including sows and cubs; snaring bears; shooting brown bears over bait near McGrath; allowing private organizations such as SFW to use helicopters to transport hunters; sales of black bear hides and skulls; permits for multiple bait stations run by guides; and more. These measures are routinely approved without waiting for any monitoring research or scientific evaluation to determine their effects. Yet at the March meeting, Deputy Commissioner Patrick Valkenburg announced department plans to reclassify grizzlies as furbearers so they, too, can be trapped or snared outside of predator control areas.

Mr. Barrette's positions, however, carry the board's current management philosophies to extremes that I don't think the state can tolerate. The legitimate hunting community, ADF&G, and the tourism industry cannot withstand the backlash against legitimate hunting and Alaskan businesses that will ensue if photographs of a bear cub being shot over bait or of bears being foot-snared are made public.

In FY 2009, Alaska spent \$3.7 million on intensive management to the exclusion of watchable wildlife programs, habitat protection, and wildlife education beyond predator control propaganda. I sincerely doubt that anyone can demonstrate any significant, lasting improvement in ungulate populations despite millions spent in the last few years. A responsible Legislature would ask for an accounting.

Beyond question, hunters help pay for wildlife conservation through licenses, tags, and federal excise taxes. I own guns, so I do, too. Many Alaskans would happily contribute to genuine wildlife conservation (not game farming) by paying a viewing or recreational fee, yet a bill making this possible has failed. It is widely recognized that groups such as the AOC and SFW simply do not want nonconsumptive or multi-users to have a voice in this state's wildlife management. Mr. Barrette's appointment will only further this divisiveness.

Please support reasonable wildlife management in Alaska by not approving Mr. Barrette's nomination to the board. We can do better.

Regards,

Sherry Simpson

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From: patriciaobrien@gci.net on behalf of Patricia O'Brien [patriciaobrien@gci.net]
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Subject: Hearing to confirm Al Barette to the Interior Board of Game

I just learned of the hearing this afternoon and hope this is not too late to be considered. Having read up on Al Barrette's background, his voting where he clearly has a conflict of interest, and his vote on removing the Denali buffer zone, I am convinced he represents an extreme view and should not be confirmed to the Board of Game.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Patricia O'Brien

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Cc: Sen. Lesil McGuire; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. Charlie Huggins; Sen. Hollis French; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Tom Wagoner
Subject: Al Barrette opposition

Dear members of both the House of Resources Committee and the Senate Resources Committee:

We are writing as concerned Alaskans to express our opposition to Allen Barrette's confirmation on the state's Board of Game. We believe his positions are far too extreme, controversial and full of conflicts of self-interest to sit on such an important board. As avid outdoor enthusiasts we oppose Mr. Barrette's nomination on numerous counts.

1. Significant questions regarding conflicts of his tannery business. Mr. Barrette stands to profit from BOG decisions of liberalizing trapping harvests.
2. His key vote to oppose and revoke the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone has disenfranchised citizens. He has also supported a six year moratorium on accepting or discussing Denali Wolf Buffer proposals. Isn't the Board mandated by the legislature to address public concerns? This moratorium not only rebukes the legislature's intent upon establishing the board but isn't it also quite likely illegal? We must also point out that Mr. Barrette likely voted on the proposal as a Fairbanks AC member which would exclude him from voting on the proposal as a board member, would it not?
3. Was he not also 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? Is this not also a conflict?
4. His record Opposing Rural and Native Subsistence is long and extensive.
5. His overall voting record so far has been full of extremely controversial views. After voting in favor of revoking the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone didn't Mr. Barrette petition 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? And not one member of the board would support Mr. Barrette's proposal, for good reason. He also voted to revoke the ADF&G's statewide bear management policy that guides the department's scientific management of Alaska's Bears. He also approved of citizens using helicopters to support the killing of wolves in the Upper Yukon Tanana Predator Control Program. These views are not only extreme in nature, but must be questioned as to the best ways to manage wildlife for the benefit of all.

The list goes on, and the details are numerous in regards to his extreme views. As Alaskans concerned for the fair and balanced management of our wildlife resources, we believe this position would be far better served by people who represent all outdoor enthusiasts who hunt, fish, and enjoy the abundance of wildlife this magnificent state offers, rather than the extreme and controversial positions Mr. Barrette is presenting. Please do not confirm his appointment to the board.

Respectfully,

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Two Rivers, Alaska

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Subject: Oppose Al Barrette for Board of Game confirmation

Greetings,

I just wanted to express my opposition to the confirmation of Al Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game. Responsible, scientific wildlife management in Alaska has taken a real beating in recent years and has resulted in embarrassment and bad publicity for the State. It is clear that confirmation of Al Barrette to the Board of Game will only further exaggerate the problem. He is clearly not qualified, has no scientific credentials, represents a conflict of interest, further unbalances the representation of all Alaskans on the Board of Game, and apparently bases his "management" decision-making on the Old Testament. He is, in short a recipe, for more disaster. To think he is the best Alaska can do is a real indictment of our wildlife management ability.

I hope you will oppose his confirmation.

Thank you.

Wayne Hall
Anchorage

Debra Higgins

From: maryla@alaska.com on behalf of Mary La Fever [maryla@alaska.com]
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To: Mary La Fever
Subject: About Mr. Barrette

Greetings from longtime Anchorage:

I am FOR rural subsistence priority for fish and game.

To hide behind a Bible verse and translate it without regard to the changes over time, the culture of THAT time, and actually thinking through humane management.....seems like there is a lack of reasoning and indepth study.

I am OPPOSED to hunting wolves with snowmachines, and to elimination of the 'buffer zone' And very much FOR The Yukon Flats Citizen Advisory council requested limit to be set on beaver harvest. Local communities should be listened to, and they "felt it was disrespectful to have an unlimited harvest opportunity for beaver." Mr. Barrette opposed them;

In a nutshell, from my study on these issues, I am opposed to pretty much all that I have read of Barrette's style of management..... It is no longer an option to continue killing for sport, and because it has always been done that way. We needn't continue the mistakes of the past. And the 6 year moratorium on accepting/discussing the Denali Wolf Buffer Zone? I would like this to be looked into regarding its legality.

Respectfully,
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PS. I need no paper or phone response, just that my voice be heard.

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From: ViedeF97@aol.com
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To: Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Cc: Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Chris Tuck
Subject: confirmation of Mr Barrette

Dear Bryce--

I am taking time out of our already hectic schedule of preparing for the upcoming fishing season to write you concerning Mr Barrette's confirmation to the Board of Game.

I am strongly opposed to his confirmation to the board. Although I am sure he is a responsible business owner and good citizen to his city I am VERY concerned that he is not open to all points of view when it comes to game management.

One of the strong components of our Alaska system of fish and game management is its boards. Although we routinely have people with stronger areas of experience and interest I do believe that they also try to stay open to opposites point of view.

I am not seeing this in the testimony, voting and comments Mr Barrette has exhibited from his interviews, and short time on the boards.

Although Alaskans many times feel that we can thumb our noses at outside forces and do not have to be concerned with others opinions this is not the case with our game and fish. "Outsiders" are our meat and potatoes in more ways than one in these 'industries'.

We can claim 'they don't understand' or they are 'greenies' and are opposed to all hunting but I do not believe that is the case in most instances.

I have seen a HUGE sense of understanding and openness on things like predator control after the terrible wolf killing in the Chigniks. However I do not see this same understanding to the Denali buffer zone opening or snaring of bears!

Mr Barrette has shown himself to be of one mind when it comes to predator control.... anything goes, despite the possible outcome except for hunters/trappers.

This coupled with some to the recent personnel changes to the Fish and Game Department truly leave me to wonder if our state is trying its darnest to become #1 on another list of negatives, mismanagement of its game.

Please decline to confirm Mr. Barrette. I have to believe Gov. Parnell can find someone who is more open to good management of our resources for ALL visitors and residents of Alaska.

Sincerely,
Victoria Briggs
Ugashik

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From: kate swift [swiftkinak@yahoo.com]
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To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Please do NOT support AL BARRETTE on Board of Game

Representative Johnson,

Please do not confirm Al Barrette's seat on Alaska's Board Of Game.

His radical viewpoints have been well documented. I'm especially incensed that he didn't excuse himself as a conflict of interest regarding the Denali Wolf Buffer zone. We need to have people on the BOG that address Alaska's non-consumptive user's and support our fellow citizen's subsistence rights.

After just returning from Anaktuvuk Pass working for the U.S. Census, I overheard comments suggesting that caribou are not migrating through their areas in the numbers they used to. Although general comments, let's not take away Anaktuvuk Pass villager's caribou hunting by putting more pressure on the Central Arctic Herd, as proposed and supported by AL BARRETTE to increase caribou limit from 2-5 AND allow snowmachine use on the haul road corridor.

There are many other conflicts I see for putting this man on the board that have been documented by others.

VOTE NO!

Sincerely,
Katharine Swift
20 year Alaska resident

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From: Carol Ford [whoville@pobox.alaska.net]
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To: Rep. Craig Johnson
Subject: Barrette - Board of Game

Dear Representative Johnson:

In the next days you will be considering the confirmation of Al Barrette to the Alaska Board of Game. Please consider Mr. Barrette's consistent and deep-seated anti-nature stances at all levels, and vote against confirming one whose vision of the relationship between man and nature so adamantly works against Alaska's most profound qualities.

Mr. Barrette's unfortunate interpretation of scripture, as he explained it in an interview last year with Backpacker Magazine, has not only given him permission to destroy nature, but has given him a mandate to do so. While he has a right to his own interpretation, I believe it is imperative that this interpretation have no more than a single citizen's voice in weighing and deciding the compelling issues of Alaska's future as one of the few places still in touch with its natural systems and processes. From subsistence issues, to wildlife protection concerns, to tourism, to Alaska's place in the American and world psyche, Mr. Barrette represents the antithesis of what Alaska has the potential to offer. A vote to confirm a person so violently and consistently opposed to a balanced view would be a tragedy, in my opinion.

Thank you for your time.
Carol Ford
Kenai, AK