

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:  
Big Game Commercial Services, Private Landowner

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:  
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:  
Alaska Fish and Game Board

First Name Nicholas	Middle Name	Last Name Jackson
Mailing Address	City	State & Zip

Military Service  
Army

Conflict of Interest

Full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010 is required for certain boards and commissions. Are you willing to provide this information if required for the board or commission which you are applying?  
Yes

Service in a public office is a public trust. The Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110) prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Is it possible that you or any member of your family will benefit financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying? If you answer 'yes' to this question you MUST explain the potential financial benefit.  
No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.  
See Attached Resume.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:  
See Attached Resume.

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:  
See Attached Resume.

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.  
See Attached Resume.

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?  
No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Type "I certify"  
"I certify"

Resume Addendum:

**Press Release Wording**

Nicholas Jackson, 79 of Gulkana, is retired and serves as Chairman of Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors.

Submitted: 1/6/2016 5:21:56 AM

**Nicholas Jackson**



**Qualifications/Summary:**

Mr. Jackson has over forty years of experience in construction and management. After fifteen years as President of Ahtna Construction & Primary Products, Corp., he retired in 2001. He is highly experienced in all facets of business management and administration. His ten years with the State Department of Fish & Game, and his two terms on the Alaska Board of Game, are a reflection of his understanding of fish and wildlife conservation, management and administration issues.

**Education:**

1961 Glennallen High School, GED, Glennallen, Alaska  
1972 Wildlife Conservation Course

**Work Experience:**

2001-Present Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board  
2000-2001 Ahtna, Inc. – COO  
1984-2001 Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Corp. – General Manager and then President  
1980-1984 Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Corp. – Foreman/Teamster/Laborers/Operators  
1979-1980 Meridian Construction – Asst. Project Manager  
1976-1978 Alaska USA Credit Union, Copper Center – Manager  
1974-1979 Ahtna, Inc. – Finance Manager  
1973-1974 Copper River Native Association – Senior Citizen Coordinator  
1964-1973 State of Alaska, Department of Fish & Game, Technician (Cordova, Glennallen and Valdez)  
1958-1964 United States Army

**Organizations:**

2010-Present President of Ahtna, Inc. Board  
1989-1992 Vice President of Ahtna, Inc. Board  
1985-1990 Appointed to Fish & Game Board for State of Alaska  
1980-1983 President of Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors

1978-1979	Board Member of Copper River Advisory Board for Fish & Game
1971-1980	Treasurer for Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors
1967-1970	Regional President for Rural cap
1969	Treasurer for Copper River Native Association Board of Directors

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Re: Application for Big Game Commercial Services Board

Dear Governor Walker,

I am writing to apply for a seat on the Big Game Commercial Services Board as a representative of a private landowner, Ahtna, Incorporated. I have attached my resume and biography for your consideration.

A lifelong Alaskan, I was born in Copper Center. I am an Ahtna Alaska Native and am enrolled as a shareholder and tribal member in the Native Village of Gulkana where I currently reside. I am 79 years old and have lived in this part of rural Alaska all of my life except for my time in the armed services.

I am a member of the Gulkana Traditional Council and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Ahtna Incorporated, the Regional Native Corporation for the eight Ahtna Villages in our region. In my position as Chairman I am heavily involved in the oversight of the financial management and budgeting process of our parent company & 17 subsidiary companies. I am well-versed in budget management and have a clear understanding of the requirements necessary to manage a state sanctioned board budget, such as the Big Game Commercial Services Board. I am familiar and understand industry fee requirements, the checks and balances necessary to manage those expenses that are under the control and authority of the board as associated with this industry.

I serve as a member of Ahtna Tene Nene', an organization composed of representatives from the eight Ahtna villages created to protect the Ahtna people's hunting and fishing way of life. One of the responsibilities of the Ahtna committee is to oversee land use, hunting and fishing permitting approvals to non-shareholders. Ahtna has in the past and continues to allow guides to operate on our lands. We have found that it is possible to do so without negatively impacting our subsistence harvest or needs and have built a lasting and mutually respectful relationship with those guides authorized to use Ahtna lands.

I am a member of the local Advisory Committee formed by the State of Alaska to advise the Boards of Fisheries and Game. I worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for 10 year reaching the level of Technician 5. To the best of my knowledge, I was the only person to reach this level with ADF&G

during this period of time. I was required to take several wildlife management classes at the University of Alaska to obtain this level. I also served two terms on the Alaska Board of Game from 1985 through 1990. I am confident that my past experience and understanding of Alaska statute, regulations and rules associated with the hunting and guiding industry will serve the Big Game Commercial Services Board well.

I was raised living the subsistence way of life handed down from many previous generations of Ahtna people. My mother was from Dry Creek near Gulkana and my father was from the Copper Center area. My father and mother trapped, hunted, fished and gathered berries and plants during most of their lives and provided for us in this customary and tradition manner. We children participated in these activities and learned how to gather, prepare and store these wild food resources. We also learned the traditional ways, and community, tribal and family customs and responsibilities that are a central part of the Ahtna way of life.

My wife Lorraine and I raised our children in Gulkana. We raised our children much as our parent raised us. Our family fished, hunted and gathered berries and other wild plants, and we passed on the cultural values and teachings that are central to our way of life. We continue to gather and rely on these traditional subsistence foods for our nutritional wellbeing and to maintain our culture and way of life.

I understand that there are long-time family owned guiding operations that hold the same family values for the management of wildlife and sustainability as do subsistence users. As a member of this board I will focus on finding the common grounds of each user group to the benefit of all users.

Due to our easily accessible geographic location and substantial land ownership, Ahtna's 1.7 million acres of conveyed lands are often at the center of many wildlife management and allocation debates. I am familiar with and knowledgeable in these issues and have years of experience working to resolve them for the benefit of shareholders and other user groups. A collaborative effort among all users is critical for a successful outcome and use of all wildlife within the state/federal and private landholder rules and regulations and permitting mandates.

As a recent example of collaborative efforts, Ahtna Villages, Ahtna Inc., and the Chitina Native Corporation have formed a commission to enhance moose habitat and improve productivity of moose populations in our area. Many of these lands and waters are within the road-connected part of Alaska and are easily accessible by the residents of Alaska's urban centers, Anchorage, Fairbanks, the Mat-Su and the Kenai.

I understand the issues that are involved with these situations and have many years of experience working to successfully resolve them. Under our current system of dual wildlife management, subsistence rights on federal public lands, and trespass protection on Ahtna lands near the Ahtna villages are critical. I am very experienced and knowledgeable about the federal subsistence management program. I am very familiar with trespass issues, and what it takes to fund and implement a well-functioning land management department. Recently I accepted a position on the Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission's board. I represent Ahtna, Incorporated; the largest private landowner in the Resource Commission's service area.

I am also familiar with the research aspect of the federal subsistence management program. Ahtna has long worked with the BLM and National Park Service on projects, and has worked with the Office of

Subsistence Management on the development of customary and traditional use determinations and many other regulatory issues. As an Ahtna elder and leader, I have been involved in Secretarial review of the federal program.

Though my personal use of our state fish and wildlife resources centers on subsistence hunting and fishing, I recognize there are other user groups that harvest as well. We must all find common ground to continue to do so in a mutually respectful manner and I'm willing to do my part to engage with the industry in further bolstering this relationship. I understand the business needs of the hunting guide industry and the role they perform in Alaska and will be committed to working with the public and other leaders in making important decisions and developing public policy for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Thank you for your consideration of my application. As your selection process moves forward, I look forward to further discussing with you my desire to serve on the Big Game Commercial Services Board and my relevant experience.

Sincerely,

  
Nicholas Jackson  
Chairman

**BIOGRAPHY**  
**NICHOLAS JACKSON**  
**JANUARY 2016**

**PERSONAL:**

I was born and raised in Copper Center, Alaska. I served on active duty in the army from 1958 to 1959. I was on reserve duty from 1959 to 1962 followed by two more years of standby until I was honorably discharged in 1964. I earned my GED in 1961. After the Army I returned home in Copper Center and married my wife of 48 years, Lorraine. We've raised our four wonderful children, Harvey, Angela, Frances and Elton in Gulkana, Alaska.

**WORK:**

I've been fortunate to be able to work and support my family within the Copper River Basin for over forty years until my retirement in 2001. In my early years I worked in accounting at Copper River Native Association and later concentrated on construction and management until my retirement.

**EXPERIENCE:**

I have 10 years previous experience as a Fish & game Technician working out of Valdez, Cordova and Glennallen. I started out in the commercial fish division and then worked with the division of game and ultimately was moved to the sport fish division of the department. I believe my years in this line of work will serve me well on the State Big Game Commercial Services Board.

I also have 5 years previous experience as a member on the State of Alaska Board of Game. I am familiar with the amount of hard work it takes to be a dedicated and effective member of this board.

I have been a subsistence hunter and fisherman for my family and tribe since I was very young. I continue to be a one of the primary harvesters in our community, and to practice the customary and traditional way of life of the Ahtna. I know and understand both the federal and state hunting and fishing regulations. I am also member of Ducks Unlimited and support their mission.