

Senate Resources Committee 4.14.21

Board of Game-Nominees for Appointment

Letters of Support for Lynn Keogh Jr.
(Batch printed off on April 14, 2021)

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From: Sen. Joshua Revak
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:32 PM
To: Betty Tangeman
Subject: FW: Alaska Outdoor Council support for Board of Game appointees.

From: Rod Arno <rodarno@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Senate Resources <SenateResources@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>
Subject: Alaska Outdoor Council support for Board of Game appointees.

Chairman Josh Revak and (S)RES Committee members,

The Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) supports Governor Dunleavy's appointments to the AK Board of Game.

Lynn Keogh - is a life time Alaskan resident hunter with years of experience as an actual trapper, one of a very few left these days. He and his dad were awarded the **Trapper of the Year** by the Alaska Trappers Association in 2020.

During fishing season Lynn and his family have run a successful sportfish guide/operator business in Cook Inlet waters for decades.

As a registered big game guide Lynn has had the opportunity to travel throughout much of Interior and Central Alaska wildlife habitat areas. I personally have worked in the field with Lynn and he shares the hunter ethics consistent with AOC membership. Lynn has volunteered to participated on Fish & Game Advisory Committee (AC) and was elected by the public to the Anchorage AC for two terms, he has authored proposals for the BOG to deliberate on, he has attended many BOG meetings in SC and Interior regions where he has a considerable amount of time on the ground throughout his lifetime out of doors.

AOC supported Lynn's confirmation to the BOG previously but that confirmation was blocked by the anti-hunting community as well as a disgruntled state senator from the Kenai Peninsula who had no use for a sportfish industry that competed with the commercial fishery in Cook Inlet waters.

Today Lynn is again being targeted as not worthy of volunteering to serve as a BOG member by the anti-hunting community as well as by a fringe group of anti-nonresident hunters opposed to the Big Game Guide/Operator industry in Alaska. Their complaints are unfounded based on Lynn's record of voting on the BOG. Lynn is on record as a wildlife conservationist first, and an Alaskan resident hunter second when deliberating on proposals before the BOG.

Stosh Hoffman - Stosh is and has been a strong advocate for conservation and use of game by rural residents as a food source, and then all other hunters when harvestable surplus is available. AOC supports Stosh for his willingness to participate in the state regulatory process of allocating harvest of game when many rural residents have abandon the state process in favor of the federal system that provides them with a priority.

Jerry Burnett - Past President of AOC and active leader of the Territorial Sportsman Inc. in many positions. Jerry has years of experience in both the BOG as well as BOF process. He knows well what authority the AK Legislature has delegated to the board.

Jake Fletcher - Basically he is the Alaska Professional Hunter Association choice of the Governor to represent the professional big game guide industry. It makes NO sense to not have an Alaska big game guiding industry representative on the BOG. That would be like having the Alaska Board of Fisheries not have a commercial fishery member on the board. Big Game guiding is a sustainable, renewable, resource industry with a history in Alaska that predates commercial fishing. The Alaska legislature recognizes that big game guiding is an asset to the state and licenses the business professionally, AS 08.54.591-680. It would not make sense for the legislator to exclude a professional big game guide member on the BOG.

Thank you for your consideration of these worthy volunteers,

Rod Arno
Palmer, Alaska
Public Policy Director, Alaska Outdoor Council
(907) 841-6849

Sent from Rod Arno's iPad.

Betty Tangeman

From: Sen. Joshua Revak
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Betty Tangeman
Subject: FW: Support for Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher

From: Rebecca Schwanke <becky99588@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:19 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>
Cc: Senate Resources <SenateResources@akleg.gov>
Subject: Fw: Support for Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher

Dear Sen. Revak / all,

I would like to reiterate my full support for Lynn Keogh on his appointment to the Alaska Board of Game. I am a rural resident, I live in Tazlina (Glennallen). My family hunts, traps, and fishes to fulfill our subsistence way of life but also to recreate. We (my husband, my 12yr old son and I) are leaving for a 4 day shrimping / camping trip to Prince William Sound tomorrow in our 18ft Lund as a matter of fact.

I have known Lynn for over 20 years. He is one of the most honest easy going outdoorsmen I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Lynn is incredibly bright, he likes to be informed before he speaks and he is about as mellow of a person you will every meet.

I am also a wildlife biologist by training and I spent 12 years with ADF&G with my most recent position as Area Wildlife Manager with ADF&G here in Glennallen. I managed Units 11 and 13, and from rural/urban issues, predator management/subsistence issues, I can assure you I have seen everything. I have spent hundreds of hours in front of the Alaska Board of Game. There are effective Board of Game members, and there are complete duds who will not do their research and they fail to engage.

Lynn would make a phenomenal Board of Game member. He has a wealth of knowledge about hunting, trapping and fishing in our state and has experienced so much outdoors first hand, I can assure you he would be a great addition to the Board. He truly believes in educating the next generation about our natural resources, volunteering hundreds of hours to ensuring Alaska's outdoor heritage is passed down.

Lynn is not a controversial person, not at all. He firmly believes in sustainable wildlife management and he speaks very intelligently on the subject. He listens to anyone anytime on the issues, but he's not afraid to stand up for our consumptive use way of life.

Lynn knows how important non-consumptive uses are to our State and will not hesitate to engage on this subject in an effective and meaningful way that will be good for all stakeholders.

Please give Lynn a shot at this position. He has the time, temperament, experience and willingness to do an amazing job.

You will not be sorry if you put him on the Board.

Regards,
Becky Schwanke
Tazlina, AK
907-259-3421

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From: House Resources <house.resources@akleg.gov>
To: Rebecca Schwanke <becky99588@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 04:38:25 PM AKDT
Subject: RE: Support for Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher

Thank you so much for your testimony. We will be sure to distribute it to committee members and post it to the Legislature's public site.

Grace (Abbott) Ervine

House Resources Committee Aide

Office of Rep. Josiah Patkotak

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Cell: 907-748-0454

From: Rebecca Schwanke <becky99588@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:31 PM
To: House Resources <House.Resources@akleg.gov>
Subject: Support for Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher

To Whom it May Concern,

I see you get to meet today on Board of Game appointees. I would like to voice my support specifically for Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher as they are both well rounded outdoorsmen that are mellow, easy going, open and intelligent Alaskans ready and willing to serve. Both these men are very easy to talk to, have tremendous history and respect for all outdoor users and stakeholders in our state. They will both serve Alaskans well going forward.

Thank you for your time,

Becky Schwanke - lifelong hunter and trapper, former ADF&G wildlife biologist, Federally qualified subsistence user and an Assistant Big Game Guide

Tazlina, AK

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Betty Tangeman

From: Sen. Joshua Revak
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Betty Tangeman
Subject: FW: Board of Game appointment

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From: Steve McClure <mccluresguides@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>
Subject: Board of Game appointment

Senator Josh Revak,

I would like to add my voice of support for the reappointment of Lynn Keough to the Alaska Board of Game. There are few (if any) peers that can equal Lynn's experience or knowledge of the Alaska outdoors whether it is hunting, trapping, fishing, or game management 101.

Il believe Mr. Keough is a resource first minded individual and is exactly the type of person needed on the Alaska Board of Game.

Thanks you for you time and consideration.

Steve McClure
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(907)262-2977

Betty Tangeman

From: Sen. Joshua Revak
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Betty Tangeman
Subject: FW: Lynn Keogh

From: JIMMY <jimmy_b_14@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>
Subject: Lynn Keogh

Mr. Revak,

I am writing to support Lynn Keogh's appointment to the Alaska Board of Game. I have hunted, fished, and trapped with Lynn since I was a young kid. I attribute much of my hunting, trapping, and fishing knowledge to Lynn and think he would be an excellent member of the Board.

Betty Tangeman

From: Sen. Joshua Revak
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Betty Tangeman
Subject: FW: Supporting Lynn Keogh Confirmation

From: Hunter Keogh <hunterkeyo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:26 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>
Subject: Supporting Lynn Keogh Confirmation

Hello,

My name is Hunter Keogh, and yes I am Lynn Keogh's son. I'm 25 years old and a licensed captain, an assistant guide and an avid outdoorsman.

Ever since I was a young man and my father started taking me into the outdoors, he has taught me respect for the outdoors and the animals who live in it. He is one of the very few that I have never seen disrespect the outdoors. I've never seen him take more than what we needed for the family or take an animal for no reason! He is the best person for this job and he needs to be appointed! Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions!

Thank you
Hunter Keogh
907-398-8857

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Betty Tangeman

From: Sen. Joshua Revak
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:33 PM
To: Betty Tangeman
Subject: FW: Lynn Keogh BOG

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From: John Johnson <akjohnjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>
Subject: Lynn Keogh BOG

Senator,

I have been fortunate enough to become close to Mr. Lynn Keogh through the last decade. His knowledge of fish and game practices throughout the state of Alaska never ceases to amaze me. From fishing the Kenai River, to trapping Alaska's interior, his expertise on any matter is bountiful. Lynn has spent his life in conjunction with practicing Trapping, Fishing, and Hunting privately and commercially and has never hesitated to promote the industry and all of its strengths. Lynns knowledge will only lead to a well sided voice in the heavy balances of Fish and Wildlife management. Please consider Lynn for the position and communicate his strengths to those who may question them.

Thank you,
John Johnson
5787 Grand Teton Lp
Anchorage, AK
907-242-6754

Betty Tangeman

From: Sen. Joshua Revak
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Betty Tangeman
Subject: FW: Alaska Board of Game

From: Lance Sweet <sweetlance11@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>
Subject: Alaska Board of Game

Senator Revak,

i am writing this email in support of the appointment of Mr. Lynn B. Keogh to the Alaska Board of Game.

I have been lucky enough to know Mr. Keogh and the entire Keogh family for 45 years. Our families met in 1976 with Lynn, his brothers and i involved in sports leading to our families hunting and fishing this beautiful state for almost 40 years together. You will not find a more knowledgeable person when it comes to hunting, fishing, and trapping in the state of Alaska and understands thoroughly the need for management and conservation.

Having been in the field for years with all of the Keogh's and knowing the methods and beliefs instilled in us by our fathers there is no one I would trust more being a member of the Alaska Board of Game.

So I would like to strongly urge the powers that be to appoint Lynn B. Keogh to the Alaska Board of Game.

Thank you,

Lance

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From: Russell Knight <rnk58@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak <Sen.Joshua.Revak@akleg.gov>
Subject: Lynn Keogh

Hi Senator Revak,
I'm writing to you in Support of Lynn Keogh for the Board of Game.
As a life long Alaskan he is an expert in the outdoors of Alaska .
I've know him over 40 years
He will make a fantastic choice to have on the Board of Game .
I urge you to use any influence you have to see Lynn Keogh is seated on the Alaska Board of Game Thanks!
Best Wishes
Russell Knight
Knights Taxidermy Inc

Sent from my iPhone

Betty Tangeman

From: Paula & Robert Caywood <cmmgen@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:36 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Lynn Keogh

Dear Committee,

This letter is to recommend that Lynn Keogh be confirmed to the Board of Game. I am a long time Alaskan resident, avid hunter and served on the Anchorage AC for many years, I think I started early 2000's and resigned April 7, 2015 because of the unconstitutional actions of the Board of Game. This was a mass resignation due to the Board actions, ignoring the statutes and state constitution. More information is available in the meeting minutes from April 7, 2015.

I was also on board for Foundation for North America Wild Sheep (FNAWS), now Wild Sheep Foundation, and I am on the board for Alaska Outdoor Access Alliance (AOAA), that promotes and protects state wide access. In 2012, during a sportsman show, AOAA and FNAWS plus other outdoor groups collected thousands signatures in support for Lynn, but with the pandemic, it was not possible to do this year.

I read the article in the Anchorage Daily News, and believe it to be filled with half-truths, lies, and the opinion of one person.

I think that Lynn would be a great asset to the Board and would put Alaskans first in his actions and follow our state constitution and statutes.

Respectfully,

Robert Caywood
CMM General Contractors, LLC
907-317-0231

Betty Tangeman

From: LIO Fairbanks
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Written Testimony

Good morning,

Please redact and enter into the record the email below to the written public testimony on the Board of Game appointee, Lynn Keogh Jr.

Thank you,
Jennie Hafele
Fairbanks Legislative Information Office

From: Jeanie Cole <j05cole@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:40 AM
To: LIO Fairbanks <Lio.Fairbanks@akleg.gov>
Cc: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>
Subject: Confirmation hearing Senate Resources Committee

To: Senate Resources Committee
Re: Conformation Hearing For Nominees to AK Board of Game

Hello,

I am writing to request that the Senate Resources Committee not support the nomination of Mr. Keogh to the Board of Game. Nothing against him personally, but AS 16.05.221(b) requires a Board of Game that provides a diversity of point of view. The current and recent boards have not met this diversity requirement. The Board is heavy on commercial guides, trappers, and hunters. Something like 80% of Alaska residents do not posses hunting licenses. There should be some non consumptive users on the Board. Also in my opinion, it should be renamed the Board of Wildlife, not the Board of Game. Or else we need a Board of Non-Game wildlife to address the vast majority of wildlife species in Alaska that are not game species. I am sorry I do not have any alternate names to put forward, but surely within the 80% of non-hunting residents in the State, there are many individuals who would be qualified to represent us on the Board.

Thank you for your time.

Jeanie Cole
3190 Gabes Way
Fairbanks, AK 99712

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Senate Resources Committee
4/14/21 3:30pm

ANCHORAGE LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

Email: Anchorage.lio@akleg.gov 907-269-0111/ phone, 907-269-0229/fax

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Allen Dubord PO Box 672589
Chugiak, AK 99567

REPRESENTING: Self

BILL#/ SUBJECT: Board of Game - Confirmation
COMMITTEE & of Lynn Keogh

HEARING DATE: 4/14/21

To All Legislators

Lynn is a life long Alaskan with integrity
and a vast knowledge of the resource and
issues.

Lynn understands the issues from all the
different perspectives.

I am sure he will make good decisions
based on sound biological evidence.

I'm asking you to vote to confirm
Lynn Keogh to the Board of Game.

Senate Resources Committee
4/14/21 3:30pm

ANCHORAGE LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE

Email: Anchorage.lio@akleg.gov 907-269-0111/ phone, 907-269-0229/fax

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: PATRICK WRIGHT P.O. BOX 90386
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REPRESENTING: SELF

BILL#/ SUBJECT: LYNN KEOGH CONFIRMATION TO
COMMITTEE & ALASKA BOARD OF GAME,
TO ALL LEGISLATORS

HEARING DATE: 4/14/21

REQUESTING YOUR AFFIRMATIVE CONFIRMATION OF
LYNN KEOGH TO ALASKA BOARD OF GAME.
HE IS WELL QUALIFIED, HIS OUTDOOR ENDEAVORS
IN ALASKA'S RESOURCES ARE UNPRECEDENTED.
HIS PUBLIC SERVICE ON THE ANCHORAGE FISH AND
GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR MANY YEARS
IS EVIDENCE OF COMMITMENT TO LISTENING TO
PUBLIC AND TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTIONS.