

Senate Resources

Board of Game – Gov Appointees

Letters of Support- Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher

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From: Rod Arno <rodarno@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Senate Resources
Cc: Sen. Joshua Revak
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,

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Sent from Rod Arno's iPad.

Betty Tangeman

From: Jormah Pope <cornmnky@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 5:42 PM
To: Senate Resources
Subject: Lynn Keogh

Please confirm Lynn Keogh for the Board Of Game for these reasons, Life long Alaskan(2nd generation)

Has a family business

2020 trapper of the year

subsistence trapper and hunter

Helped on the "share the trails" pamphlet

Promotes responsible hunting and trapping

Is well prepared/educated for every BOG meeting

Was AC member

Makes decision on proposal based on sustained yield

Listens to public input

Understands the best data available and uses it in decision making

Represents all Alaskans first

Board member of the South Central ATA

I support Lynn Keogh for the Board Of Game.

Regards,

Jormah Pope

Betty Tangeman

From: Randy Zarnke <itrap2@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Gary Stevens; senator.scott.kawaski@akleg.gov
Cc: 'Thor Stacey'
Subject: Appt of Lynn Keogh to Game Board

On behalf of the more than 1000 members of the Alaska Trappers Association, I wish to express our support for the appointment of Mr. Lynn Keogh to seat on the Board of Game. Lynn has been a leader in our organization for decades. He has a full and complete understanding of the regulations which control trapping activities. He foresees problems within our realm and is often the first person to suggest ways to resolve these issues. Lynn has also worked as a hunting and fishing guide, so his experience and knowledge have prepared him for this new role on the Game Board. We ask you to support his appointment.

Betty Tangeman

From: Scarola <scarola@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 6:43 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Letter of SUPPORT for Lyn Keogh

Hello Senator Revak and Whom Else It May Concern;

This letter is in ardent, heartfelt support for the consideration of one Lyn Keogh to the State Board of Game.

I have known Lyn at least 20 years now through mutual involvement with outdoor activities, most specifically furbearer trapping. He is a friend of my father, being of roughly the same age. He and my dad routinely sit on the phone (yes, like old women) and talk about how their harvests are going in the winter, new methods of catch, and swap observations on new or shifting signs, such as analyzing why Beaver populations have vanished. Knowing how intimately my dad interacts with wildlife, and has professionally for decades, and knowing Lyn is his preferred person for intellectual and honest talk on the subject, there would be no finer person to serve on the Board of Game.

Every aspect of Lyn revolves around something with fur, feathers, or scales. He is the first person we, as a family residing in the bush and living a subsistence lifestyle, think of if we have a question, or, more importantly, want to tell someone about something we have noticed in a given population, such as when we first started noticing salmon with mushy meat of a different color. He has always taken our concerns and directed them to the appropriate channels. He always acts with integrity, and above all, I can sense his deep love and admiration for the wildlife of Alaska. He has a sense of respect and stewardship for wildlife I've noticed in few other individuals, particularly the head members of RHAK, of which I know a couple personally. I wish they not know I harbor distrust of them, but feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Lyn Keogh has my highest support. Thank you for your time.

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Sent from my iPhone

Betty Tangeman

From: Liz Benedict <nelchinaak139@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 4:09 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Support of Lynn Keogh

I am writing to you in support of Lynn Keogh to for appointment to the AK Board of Game.

I have known Lynn for over 30 years. His family traditions of hunting, fishing and trapping are in line with my families and what I believe represent Alaskan values. We have in our state only what most dream about. We need to keep Alaska traditions alive by ensuring our resources are manage properly.

Lynn is more knowledgeable about Alaskan wildlife than anyone I know because this is what he lives for. He is knowledgeable about the animal species in Alaska and what it takes to keep the natural balance. Lynn supports healthy game/wildlife management as well as the right of all Alaskans to participate or exercise their legal right to hunt, fish or trap.

Lynn sets a great example to our younger generation and tries to get them involved in these activities rather than find trouble elsewhere. His adult children are proof of his success along with my own adult children who he has greatly influenced.

Please do the right things for Alaskans and appoint him to the Alaska Board of Game.

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