

Senate Resources

Board of Game – Gov Appointees

Letters of Opposition- Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher

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Betty Tangeman

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Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 5:17 PM
To: Sen. Tom Begich; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Mia Costello; Sen. Elvi Gray-Jackson; Sen. Lyman Hoffman; Sen. Roger Holland; Sen. Shelley Hughes; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Robert Myers; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. Lora Reinbold; Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Bert Stedman; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof; Sen. Bill Wielechowski; Sen. David Wilson; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Matt Claman; Rep. Mike Cronk; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Zack Fields; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Ronald Gillham; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Grier Hopkins; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. James Kaufman; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Ken McCarty; Rep. Thomas McKay; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. David Nelson; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Josiah Patkotak; Rep. Mike Prax; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Calvin Schrage; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Liz Snyder; Rep. Ivy Spohnholz; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Tiffany Zulkosky
Subject: Lynn Keogh is unfit for Board of Game membership

February 24, 2021

Dear Legislators:

The State Board of Game and the higher positions in the ADFG are currently composed of hunters, trappers, taxidermists, big game guides, representatives of organizations like the Alaska Outdoor Council, Outdoor Heritage Foundation, Safari Club International and the Resource Development Council. None are non-consumptive users. None shoot with a camera.

The Alaska Constitution, Article 8, section 3 states that: "Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved *to the people for common use.*"

Yet there are only 3500 trappers in Alaska (there are 731,000 residents). Adding another trapper to the Board guarantees continued imbalance, poor representation and poor wildlife management.

The best way to continue this embarrassment and inequity is to appoint prolific trapper and long-time violator of wildlife regulations **Lynn Keogh** to the Board.

Don't do it.

He was rejected in 2016 for good reasons. Do it again.

Sincerely,

Mark Luttrell
Seward

Betty Tangeman

From: Joel Bennett <joelbennett222@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:19 AM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Peter Micciche; senator.natasha.vonimof@akleg.gov;
senator.scott.kawaski@akleg.gov
Subject: Confirmation of Lynn Keogh

Dear Senate Resources Committee Member,

This is to urge you to vote no on Lynn Keogh's confirmation to the Board of Game. The credibility of this Board depends on the diversity of its members.

Presently the make-up of the Board of Game is such that it is unable to represent the resource interests of the broad general public, as required by Article VIII of the state Constitution.

Mr. Keogh's views and past actions indicate that he is unable to meet this standard. He has consistently argued for management strategies that fail to accommodate resource uses that differ from his own.

Put simply, Alaska deserves better.

Yours sincerely,

Joel Bennett
Former 13 year member, Alaska Board of Game

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Betty Tangeman

From: Gary Guy <gguy3313@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 6:40 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Board of Game

As a 50 year resident of Alaska and an avid hunter I *strongly oppose the appointment of two more guides (Lynn Keogh & Jake Fletcher) to the Board of Game. This would totally unbalance the board towards commercial interests. We have had enough guides on the board already.*

*Sincerely,
Gerald Guy*

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Betty Tangeman

From: Kodiak Adventures Lodge <kodiakadventureslodge@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: appointments

Hello,

I am emailing to voice my concern over having more guides or former guides appointed to the board of game. This really is not a good idea at all. They tend to be skewed and biased toward giving more hunting opportunities to other guides and outfitters (I am currently a registered transporter) (I also was an assistant guide for many years). I think there is a huge need for regular hunters and outdoorsmen on the board looking out for the average alaskan. Not what I know are special interest board members.

The argument that we need people with some special or great knowledge is not true. While there may be a large learning curve, it is a job any normal person can do if they have interest in learning and that can and does happen at all these meetings that are held.

Please consider filling these openings with average outdoorsmen.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Larry Carroll

Betty Tangeman

From: Gary Weaver <weaverg12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:50 AM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: BOG Appointees

Dear Chair Revak and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska strongly opposes the appointment of two more guides (Lynn Keogh & Jake Fletcher) to the Board of Game. We supported Al Barrette, a guide from Fairbanks, during the last appointment cycle, and we feel Mr. Barrette is an asset to the Board of Game. We have always supported Stosh Hoffman, now a retired guide, and we support his reappointment this cycle.

However, we cannot support the addition of two more guides to the Board of Game, as it would completely unbalance the board in favor of commercial interests. It is a setback as well to resident hunters, especially when the Governor chose not to reappoint Tom Lamal, the only member who supported a resident hunting priority per our state constitution.

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Thank you for your continued support!

The RHAK Team

Betty Tangeman

From: lwmosley@gci.net
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Senate Resources; Sen. Joshua Revak; Rep. Laddie Shaw
Subject: Support Mr. Lynn Keogh's nomination for position on the Alaska Board of Fish and Game

To Resources Committee Members,

I respectfully request your support for confirming Mr. Lynn B Keogh to the Alaska Board of Game. I have known Lynn for over 25 years and know he will bring a great deal of knowledge and understanding of our State's Fish and Game resources to the table if given a chance to join this very important group. He has an EXCEPTIONAL amount of knowledge and understanding in this field and works very hard at making sure all user groups, both present and future - as well as all citizens of the state have a say in the management and use of this great resource. I give Lynn my highest recommendation for this position and appreciate your support in this important matter.

Respectfully, Lou Mosley 6530 Michigan Blvd Anchorage, Ak 99516



unapologetically **FOR ALASKAN RESIDENTS**

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April 12, 2021

To: Senate Resources Committee

Re: Board of Game Appointments

Dear Chairman Revak and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) strongly **opposes** the appointment of two more guides – **Lynn Keogh & Jake Fletcher** – to the Board of Game. We supported Al Barrette, a guide from Fairbanks, during the last appointment cycle, and we feel Mr. Barrette is an asset to the Board of Game. We have always supported Stosh Hoffman, who was also a guide but recently dropped his guide license, and we support his reappointment this cycle.

RHAK formed in 2016 in large part because of bias on the Board of Game in favor of commercial hunting interests over those of resident hunters. Two examples of this bias are:

- The board allowing nonresident guided hunters to take 60-80 percent of our Dall sheep harvest in some areas, which led to restrictive drawing hunts for everyone in the Chugach, and the same ongoing situation in another area being allowed to continue even though sheep populations have dramatically declined. In fact, in that area (Unit 19C), this spring ADF&G closed the subsistence sheep hunt by emergency order because of that population decline, and told the board if things get worse they may have to shut the regular sheep hunting season down as well if conditions persist, yet the board still allows unlimited nonresident guided sheep hunting that is responsible for the vast bulk of the harvest annually.
- The board-passed regulation that allocates 40 percent of the coveted Kodiak brown bear permits to nonresident guided hunters and setting up that permit system so that those nonresident guided hunters don't even have to go through the permit system as residents do. A nonresident with \$20K plus can just call the guide to whom the permits are actually allocated and show up in Kodiak and get a permit over the counter. Residents have a 1-3 percent chance of drawing a Kodiak brown bear permit whereas all nonresident guided hunters have a 100 percent opportunity of drawing a permit. We are currently participating in a lawsuit against the state and the Board of Game, regarding that Kodiak permit system and allocation to nonresidents not being constitutional according to Article 8 of our state constitution.

These two new guide appointments, and what they suggest to the public, are frankly just bewildering. There are on average 100,000 Alaskans who purchase a

hunting license and contribute more than a billion dollars to the Alaska economy annually.¹ There are 1,230 licensed guides, *of which over a quarter are nonresidents*.² Put in context, Alaska resident guides make up less than 1% of our resident hunting population yet effectively control the votes on the Board of Game.

We want to make it abundantly clear that we are not opposing the appointments of Mr. Keogh and Mr. Fletcher to the board based on anything other than they both hold guide licenses. Mr. Fletcher also is a guide on Kodiak Island and participates in the draw hunt there we are challenging in court.³ Certainly they are both qualified to serve on the board, as are dozens of other guides, but that doesn't mean they should be confirmed. Confirming two more guides to the 7-member board would make for 3 guides and one retired guide on the board and is akin to telling Alaska resident hunters that their views and interests are subservient to those of commercial interests.

Please don't vote to skew the balance of the Board of Game during a joint session and confirm two more guides. Thousands of Alaskans who don't hold a guide license or aren't retired guides are qualified to serve. We have always made recommendations to the Governor and Boards and Commissions and we are happy to pass on those recommendations to committee members. There are alternatives and there are more qualified resident Alaskans who aren't guides out there who would be willing to serve if asked.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mark Richards
Executive Director Resident Hunters of Alaska

¹ [Resident Hunter Economic Impacts](#)

² [Big Game Commercial Services Board, Active Guide Licensees \(download Excel file\)](#)

³ <https://www.fletcheraskodiakbearhunts.com/>

Betty Tangeman

From: Robert Churchill <rock4@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Lynn Keogh Board Appointment

Senator Revak:

My name is Bob Churchill and I've known Lynn Keogh for over 20 years. My experience includes approximately 7 years on the Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee (including 3 years as Chair), one term on the Board of Game, and approximately 6 years on the South-central Subsistence Committee (Federal). In that time I've had extensive experience with Mr. Keogh and I find that description of his behavior as appeared in the Anchorage Daily News today to be totally inconsistent with my experience. Mr. Keogh was always respectful and professional when individuals were testifying regardless of his agreement or disagreement with the positions they were taking. When issues of ethics were being discussed, he strongly advocated for ethical conduct, particularly as it related to trapping. He had a concern about the safety of individual trappers given at times certain groups had expressed hostility towards anyone who traps. In fact at one BOG meeting in Fairbanks, we, the board, had received numerous death threats regarding any support for trapping. I have always found Mr. Keogh to be knowledgeable, have high integrity for factual information, and respect for the resource. He is one of the few candidates who can speak with authority on hunting, fishing and trapping issues. As an Alaska, I feel he would add value to the Board and encourage you, as well as the Resource Committee, to support his nomination. If I can provide any additional information, please feel free to have your staff contact me at (907) 529-0935.

Bob Churchill

Betty Tangeman

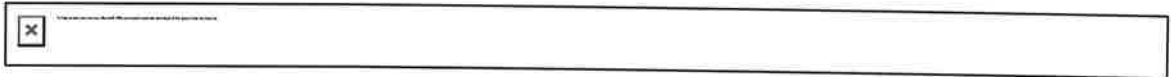
From: Jodee Dixon <jodee.dixon@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 1:10 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: I Oppose two more guides on Board of Game!

Hello Chairman Revak.

I oppose more guides on the Board of Game and agree with reasons provided to you by the Resident Hunters of Alaska Organization. The letter I'm referencing is below.

I am a resident hunter of Alaska, and have been hunting the last 8 years.

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RHAK Letter of Opposition to Lynn Keogh & Jake Fletcher

February 2, 2021

To: Senate Resources Committee

Re: Board of Game Appointments – Stosh Hoffman, Lynn Keogh, Jake Fletcher

Dear Chair Revak and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska strongly opposes the appointment of two more guides (Lynn Keogh & Jake Fletcher) to the Board of Game. We supported Al Barrette, a guide from Fairbanks, during the last appointment cycle, and we feel Mr. Barrette is an asset to the Board of Game. We have always supported Stosh Hoffman, now a retired guide, and we support his reappointment this cycle.

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The RHAK Team

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Betty Tangeman

From: Tom Lohman <tomlohman2@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Do NOT put Lynn Keogh, Jr. on the Board of Game

Please read this piece, review the nominee's long record of disrespectful behavior, be mindful of the mandate of state law to achieve balance on this important panel, and please REJECT the nomination of Lynn Keogh, Jr. to the Alaska Board of Game.

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/2021/04/12/one-small-step-toward-fixing-alaskas-rigged-system-of-wildlife-management/>

Tom Lohman

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Betty Tangeman

From: Greg Borton <aktroutbumgreg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:28 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Regarding newly appointed BOG members

Hello, I am writing this letter to voice my opposition in regards to the two new governor Dunlevy's BOG member appointees. Adding two more guides, Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher, to the board of game will completely unbalance the board in favor of commercial interests. To have three of the seven member board supporting commercial guiding interest is not only unfair but unethical, and borders on unconstitutional, as I do not believe these members will support a resident hunting priority as per our states constitution. On behalf of all resident hunters in our great state of Alaska, I implore you to reconsider these two newly appointed members.

Thank you for your time,

Greg Borton
Chugiak, AK

Betty Tangeman

From: Katy Bear Nalven <kbearnalven@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Oppose Keogh to BoG

I am writing to urge you to oppose Lynn Keogh to the Board of Game. Mr. Keogh has previously been denied due to numerous fish and wildlife violations dating all the way back to 1995. Mr. Keogh puts more faith in anecdotal comments than scientific and biological evidence- as a biologist, I cannot stand for this. Mr. Keogh does not bring a diversity in views or points of interest. Mr. Keogh has direct ties to the Alaska Trappers Association, so if confirmed 2/7 BoG members will be part of the Alaska Trappers Association, which is 30% of the Board. Additionally, Mr. Keogh has been denied to the BoG over bipartisan concern over his character. Again, I urge you to oppose Keogh.

Thank you for representing my community.

Sincerely,
Katy Nalven

Sent from my iPhone

Betty Tangeman

From: Shawn Kittle <snowman_ak2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 9:35 AM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Board Of Game appointments

Senator Joshua Revak,

It has come to my attention that the governor has nominated two more guides to the board of game. We do not need a board stacked with the guiding industry. While guiding is important to our state the traditional harvesting and hunting of game by Alaska residents and there families must remain the priority focus of this board! Please insure that this board remains balanced with its focus on keeping our resources for all Alaskans by opposing further appointments of guides to this board.

Sincerely,

Shawn Kittle
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Betty Tangeman

From: Michael Bryan <fbksfishng58@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 6:21 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Cc: Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof
Subject: Board of Game appointments.

As a Resident Hunter of Alaska I strongly opposes the appointment of two more guides (Lynn Keogh & Jake Fletcher) to the Board of Game. I supported Al Barrette, a guide from Fairbanks, during the last appointment cycle, and I feel that Mr. Barrette is an asset to the Board of Game. I have always supported Stosh Hoffman, now a retired guide, and I support his reappointment this cycle.

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Please do not confirm these two candidates and require the Governor to put forth candidates who are not professional guides or who have an interest in promoting strictly guide related decisions.

With respect,

Michael Bryan
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Fairbanks, AK 99701
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Betty Tangeman

From: Barb Pine <barbpine422@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:55 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof
Subject: Board of Game Appointees

April 14, 2021

Dear Senate Resource Committee:

I am a thirty year resident of Alaska, an avid hunter and member of the Upper Tanana 40-Mile Fish and Game Advisory committee . I am opposed to the two appointees, Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher, due to their commercial interests. It would create a conflict of interest and deny resident Alaskans a voice on the board to defend their subsistence lifestyle. I am in support of hunting and fishing for Alaskans.

I support the views of Stosh Hoffman and would welcome his continuance on the board. I feel Mr. Stosh Hoffman represents the general hunter. I give as an example fishing in Valdez where fishing is limited to one halibut. The board of fisheries is stacked with commercial fishing interests and as a direct result local Alaskans are limited to one halibut on charters. This has created a hardship for local charter companies since it's hardly worth the expense to only be able to bring back a single halibut.

The board must be fair and balanced by including all hunters' views. The sportsmen and subsistence hunters of Alaska deserve a voice. It is a conflict of interest if the majority of the board is made up of guides and the general Alaskan hunter is not represented.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara J Pine

Tok Resident

barbpine422@gmail.com

Betty Tangeman

From: Pixie Siebe <pixie@alaska.net>
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: BOG appointments

Dear Senator Revak,

I am writing to ask you to vote against Lynn Keogh being appointed to the BOG board. He will not be a good addition to the consumptive users who are already on the board. We need someone who can at least speak to non-consumptive use of our state game.

I have attended the BOG a few times, and been very uncomfortable with the dominance of the hunters, trappers, and predator controllers. It is obvious that they do not really like wasting their time listening to people who would like other interests considered such as wildlife watching, photography, etc. Please do what you can to promote a more balanced board.

Thank you,

Martha Siebe

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Betty Tangeman

From: Kneeland Taylor <kneelandtaylor@ak.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Cc: kneelandtaylor@ak.net
Subject: NOMINATION OF LYNN KEOGH TO THE BOARD OF GAME

Senator Revak,

I write in order to urge you to vote no on the appointment of Lynn Keogh to the Board of Game. I have spent more than twenty years trying to convince members of the Board of Game to enact reasonable restrictions limiting the placing of large dog-killing traps next to or in popular trails used by hikers and skiers. Twenty years ago I was on a sub committee of the Board of Game appointed to address the problem of dog killing traps set near trails used by numerous recreational hikers and skiers. The purpose of the subcommittee was to seek consensus between trappers and recreational users. The geographic area addressed was basically Anchorage, Palmer, Wasilla, and the northern part of the Kenai Peninsula. Mr. Keogh was also on that subcommittee. We met six times over a period of more than a year. There were three trappers and three non-trappers on the subcommittee. The chair person was a member of the Board of Game. Two of the trappers, one of whom was Mr. Keogh, started each meeting with objections to the entire process, and then would make negative personal comments about the non-trapper members. The other trapper, incidentally, was polite and tried hard to reach consensus.

Substantively, Mr. Keogh he agreed to absolutely nothing to address the problem of dogs being caught in traps on popular trails. Not even a buffer for large Connibear 330 traps. And so there was no consensus, and no action taken by the Board of Game. At the Senate Resources Committee hearing held recently, I provided testimony similar to this email. When Mr. Keogh was given an opportunity to respond, he said there was consensus. I expect he refers to consensus that it would be a good idea for land managers to post signs at trail heads warning of traps. But that's it. Mr. Keogh's firm position was that there should be no regulations regarding where trappers might place their traps. He would not even agree to a regulation restricting the setting of dog killing 330 Connibears near formal trail head parking lots.

I recognize that you, Senator Revak, are on the board of the local Safari Club, and probably see a "slippery slope" if buffers from trail heads, campgrounds and trails are enacted by the Board of Game. But I am confident that a large majority of your constituents want some thing done about dog killing traps set at trail heads, etc.

As you know, in May, 2019, the Anchorage Assembly voted 9-2 for an ordinance providing for no-trapping buffers of 50 yards from designated trails, and no trapping buffers of a quarter mile

from trail heads, designated campgrounds and permanent dwellings. The 9-2 vote reflects popular sentiment in Anchorage, and in your district.

Mr. Keogh was nominated in June or July but has not been confirmed. He is the only member of the Board of Game from Anchorage; and if confirmed will continue to be the only member from Anchorage. The people of Anchorage deserve representation on the Board of Game by someone who shares the values of the people of Anchorage; at least in regard to trapping of dogs on trails.

Mr. Keogh is a determined opponent of any restrictions on trapping anywhere in this state. He has proven that for many years. He has been on the Board of the Alaska Trappers Association, and his Facebook page shows him posing in from of dozens of wolf pelts. His continued membership on the Board of Game is a slap in the face to responsible recreational users in Anchorage who work within the system.

Please include these written comments in the record so that they might be shared with other members of the Legislature.

Thank you, Kneeland Taylor

Kneeland Taylor
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Betty Tangeman

From: Rick Rodgers <rick@tme-ak.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Board of Game Appointments

Senator Ravak,

As an Alaskan Resident and avid outdoorsman, I would like to voice my opposition to the Governor's appointments to the Board of Game and support the attached letter from Resident Hunters of Alaska.

Dear Chair Revak and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska strongly opposes the appointment of two more guides (Lynn Keogh & Jake Fletcher) to the Board of Game. We supported Al Barrette, a guide from Fairbanks, during the last appointment cycle, and we feel Mr. Barrette is an asset to the Board of Game. We have always supported Stosh Hoffman, now a retired guide, and we support his reappointment this cycle.

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Thank you in advance for your consideration and support on this matter,

Rick Rodgers
(907)242-9931

Betty Tangeman

From: Jason Cameron <jasoncameron28@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 4:43 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof
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From: Cory Nydam <cnydam83@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 11:18 AM
Subject: Opposition to the appointments of Lynn Keogh and Jake Fletcher

To whom it concerns,

I support RHAK and their letter:

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Cory Nydam
AK Resident and lifelong hunter.
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Betty Tangeman

From: Connor Owen <connorryanowen@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Senate Resources; Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof
Subject: Board of Game Appointments – Stosh Hoffman, Lynn Keogh, Jake Fletcher

Dear Chair Revak and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska strongly opposes the appointment of two more guides (Lynn Keogh & Jake Fletcher) to the Board of Game. We supported Al Barrette, a guide from Fairbanks, during the last appointment cycle, and we feel Mr. Barrette is an asset to the Board of Game. We have always supported Stosh Hoffman, now a retired guide, and we support his reappointment this cycle.

However, we cannot support the addition of two more guides to the Board of Game, as it would completely unbalance the board in favor of commercial interests. It is a setback as well to resident hunters, especially when the Governor chose not to reappoint Tom Lamal, the only member who supported a resident hunting priority per our state constitution.

We are not opposing these two nominees based on their qualifications. They are both qualified, but that alone does not constitute a reason to support these appointments. This is about having a balance of interests on the board. If these two appointees are confirmed, that would make for 3 guides and one retired guide on the seven-member Board of Game, cementing commercial hunting interests over the interests of resident Alaskans.

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Betty Tangeman

From: Leslie <lbagley@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:57 PM
To: Senate Resources; Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof
Cc: Leslie
Subject: RE: board of game letter

Dear Senate Resources Committee:

I ask that you not appoint the Governor's choices for the Alaska Board of Game.

The current Board of Game already has two guides or former guides on its board. The purpose of having the Board of Game is to get individuals with different perspectives, interests, backgrounds and expertise to advocate for Alaska's wildlife resources. I feel that adding two more guides would place an unequal balance of power leaning towards the guides perspective; one of the few perspectives that stands to profit financially from the Board's decisions. Having balance within the board is imperative to support not only current wildlife, but the resources for generations to come. Properly managing Alaska's resources is only possible when focus on financial interests are minimized and attention is directed towards sustainable resource management and fair allocation. The board should be representative of a cross-section of its constituents; guides are a very small part of the population and should not make up the majority of this group.

Please do not appoint the Governor's recommendations for Alaska Board of Game.

Sincerely,

Leslie Bagley

Betty Tangeman

From: Gary Jenkins <gjenkins@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 1:27 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF GAME

SEN. REVAK

WHILE I APPRECIATE THE GOVERNORS AUTHORITY TO APPOINT WHOM EVER HE DECIDES TO VARIOUS BOARDS, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT HIS PROPOSED APPOINTMENTS TO THE GAME BOARD. I'M SURE THAT LYNN KEOGH & JAKE FLETCHER ARE QUALIFIED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD, HOWEVER, I AM CONCERNED THAT THEIR APPOINTMENT WOULD SKEW THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD IN FAVOR OF THE GUIDES IN ALASKA. CLEARLY THE GUIDES SHOULD BE REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD, AS THEY ALREADY ARE. I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE WOULD NOT BE LOOKING OUT FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE AVERAGE HUNTER IN ALASKA, OF WHICH I AM ONE. WHILE I APPRECIATE THAT YOUR COMMITTEE HAS MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO IT THAN I HAVE, IF THE PERCEIVED IMBALANCE COULD BE PREVENTED, I FOR ONE AMONG MANY OTHER ALASKA HUNTERS WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL.

GARY L. JENKINS
JUNEAU

Betty Tangeman

From: Thomas E. Meacham <tmeacham@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 9:02 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak
Subject: Please REJECT Lynn Keogh for the Board of Game

Sen. Revak:

I am urging you to REJECT the nomination of Lynn Keogh to the Alaska Board of Game. I am a 54-year resident of Alaska, and I served as an appointed and confirmed member of the Board of Game in 1975-76.

Mr. Keogh has a record of violations of the fish and game laws of the State of Alaska, which reflects a deplorable attitude toward our wildlife resources that does not -- and should not be -- represented in a seat on the Board of Game. He was nominated to the Board earlier, in 2012, but he was not confirmed, due at least in part to his record of violations.

However, while Mr. Keogh sat and voted at Board meetings before the Legislature refused to confirm him, he demonstrated a disregard of sound advice from Fish & Game scientists and officials regarding sustainable harvest number for wolves on the Kenai, the causes of low moose calf survival there, and an unsustainable harvest level for wolverines in the Chugach, particularly in Chugach State Park. He demonstrated a disturbing reliance on anecdotal "facts" rather than sound, qualified scientific recommendations.

Finally, the appointment of Lynn Keogh would simply perpetuate the "hunter-trapper-guide" captivity that has long been imposed on the Alaska Board of Game. The Board has been captive to these entrenched, self-serving consumptive interests (and in many cases such as professional guides and trappers, reflecting a clear conflict of economic interest) for far too long.

The Board's membership has comprised an overwhelming majority of hunters, trapper and guides (*i. e.*, consumptive wildlife users) that has extended from shortly after the Board's creation in 1975, to the present day. The statute that establishes the Board (AS 16.05.211) states that board members shall be chosen for, among other attributes, to "provid[e] diversity of interest and points of view in the membership..."

Simply appointing another trapper and guide such as Lynn Keogh to the Board will not achieve any diversity of interests and points of view, but will simply continue in the opposite direction, which the Legislature has permitted the Board to do for more than 40 years.

I urge that you vote to REJECT the nomination of Lynn Keogh to the Alaska Board of Game.

Thank you.

Tom Meacham

Anchorage, Alaska

Betty Tangeman

From: Wattenbarger Jay <jkellyw@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof
Subject: Board of Game appointments

Good afternoon,

I am opposed to the appointment of 2 more guides to the Board of Game for the reasons stated in RHAK's letter sent to your committee on February 2.

Respectfully,

Jay Wattenbarger
Two Rivers, Alaska

Betty Tangeman

From: Darcy Etcheverry <darcyetcheverry@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2021 6:08 PM
To: Senate Resources; Sen. Joshua Revak; Sen. Peter Micciche
Cc: Sen. Click Bishop; Sen. Gary Stevens; Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Sen. Natasha Von Imhof
Subject: Board of Game Appointments – Stosh Hoffman, Lynn Keogh, Jake Fletcher

February 18, 2021

Dear Chair Revak and members of the Senate Resources Committee,

I am writing to oppose the appointment of Lynn Keogh & Jake Fletcher (two hunting guides) to the Board of Game. I do support the reappointment of Stosh Hoffman, now a retired guide.

The addition of more guides to the board of Game will continue to shift the balance toward those engaged in commercial activities. Tom Lamal was an excellent appointment to the Board, and I was disappointed to learn that the governor did not reappoint him this cycle and instead selected hunting guides.

If these two appointees are confirmed, that would make for 3 guides and one retired guide on the seven-member Board of Game. As a lifelong Alaskan, I am both a hunter and a voter. I depend on hunting resources to feed my family, and it is all Alaskan residents' constitutional right to be favored above commercial interests. Please help make the preference simple by not confirming more hunting guides to the Board of Game.

Thank you,
Darcy Etcheverry

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