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Rep. Josiah Patkotak, Chair, House Resources Committee
32nd Alaska Legislature

Re: SCI-AK Support for James Cooney appointment to the Board of Game

Chair Patkotak and Honorable Members of the House Resources Committee,

The Safari Club International Alaska Chapter (SCI-AK) fully supports the appointment of James Cooney to the Board of Game.

James is a former member of the Safari Club Alaska Chapter (SCI-AK) board of directors. He is also a lifelong hunter and has pursued game in Alaska and the lower '48. James has shown himself to be a hard worker and always conducts himself in the highest ethical manner. He will be an excellent advocate for the average Alaskan sportsman. Being active in several outdoor organizations has given him a broad insight into the many and complex issues facing game management in Alaska. We believe James would be an outstanding addition to the Alaska Board of Game and SCI-AK fully supports his nomination.

Founded in 1971, Safari Club International is the country's leading hunter rights advocate and additionally promotes worldwide wildlife conservation. SCI-AK, founded in 1977, is nationally and internationally recognized for its contributions in support of SCI's four major mission areas: Advocacy, Conservation, Education, and Humanitarian Services. SCI's motto is "First for Hunters".

James did an exemplary job serving our core mission while he was on the SCI-AK board. We are confident he will serve the best interests of the Board of Game should his appointment be accepted.

Thank you for your consideration.

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