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Representatives Josiah Patkotak
House Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 124
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Board of Game Appointments

Good Afternoon, Chairman Patkotak and House Resources Committee Members,

My name is Sam Rohrer, and I am the President of The Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA).

I am writing this letter on behalf of the APHA to express our support for the appointment of Mr. James Cooney to the Alaska Board of Game.

Last week we witnessed Mr. Cooney's participation in the statewide Game meeting in Fairbanks. During this meeting we watched him and the rest of the board work through challenging, complicated, and sometimes contentious issues.

We were impressed that Mr. Cooney seemed to approach each issue with an open mind. During breaks he let himself be accessible to the public and he was willing to listen to all sides of an issue. Mr. Cooney appeared to be committed to making the best decisions on wildlife issues that he possibly could.

The APHA appreciates Mr. Cooney's willingness to serve, and we respectfully asks that you support is appointment to the Alaska Board of Game.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sam Rohrer
President, APHA