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April 10, 2023

Senator Cathy Giessel &
Senator Click Bishop
Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 205
Juneau AK, 99801

RE: Board of Game Appointments

Good afternoon, Co-Chairs Giessel and Bishop,

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA) supports the reappointments of Mr. Stanley Hoffman and Mr. Jake Fletcher to the Alaska Board of Game.

Both Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Fletcher live full time in rural Alaska. They understand the unique challenges of living and working remotely. They know firsthand the importance of our wildlife resources to Alaska's rural communities.

The APHA believes these 2 men bring unique viewpoints and experiences from across the state to the board process. Both men have shown themselves to be accessible to the public, willing to listen to all sides of an issue, and committed to making the best decisions on wildlife issues that they possibly can.

The APHA respectfully asks that you support the appointments of Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Fletcher to the Board of Game.

Thank you for your consideration.


Sam Rohrer
President, APHA

Dedicated to the conservation of our wildlife resources.

From: [Frank Danford](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Jake fletcher
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 7:20:41 AM

Sir

We need to keep Jake Fletcher in office to reparent the guiding industry here in Alaska
So we have a true voice to represent us

Thank you
Frank Danford # 959

Anchorage Alaska.
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Sent from my iPad

Honorable Senator Bishop,

I support Jake Fletcher's reappointment to the Alaska Board of Game. Mr. Fletcher has a level head and a great understanding of the complexities that make up Game management for all Alaskans. As a nearly life long Alaskan I feel this is extremely important.

Sincerely,

Jeff Pralle

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From: [Kevin Burgess](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#); [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#)
Subject: Jake Fletcher - BOG Confirmation
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 2:29:39 PM

Hello Senators Click and Cathy,

I am writing to highly recommend Jake Fletcher for appointment to the Alaska Board of Game. Jake is an exceptional candidate who possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience in big game hunting, conservation, and wildlife management.

Throughout my interactions with Jake, I have been impressed by his dedication and passion for wildlife conservation. He is a true ambassador for big game hunting, and his deep understanding of the importance of responsible hunting practices in maintaining healthy ecosystems is truly admirable.

Jake is a considerate individual who always takes the time to listen to different perspectives and consider multiple viewpoints. His ability to work collaboratively with others and his commitment to finding solutions that benefit both wildlife and local communities make him an excellent choice for continued service on the Alaska Board of Game.

I wholeheartedly endorse Jake Fletcher for this appointment and am confident that he will serve with distinction.

Sincerely,

Kevin Burgess

From: [Dave Dye](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Board of Game re-appointment
Date: Monday, April 10, 2023 2:57:48 PM

Dear Senator Bishop,

I write to ask your support of the candidacy of incumbent member Jake Fletcher for another term on the Board of Game.

You may hear some opposition regarding his appointment. This is regrettable. As both a resident hunter and an assistant guide, I fail to understand why RHAK or similar minded people cannot work in harmony regarding the bounty that is Alaska.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best Regards,

Dave Dye
Wasilla, AK

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Anne Rittgers](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: FW: Jake Fletcher Re-Appointment
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:27:58 AM

From: Joe Brown <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:07 AM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>
Subject: Jake Fletcher Re-Appointment

Good morning Honorable Senator Bishop,

I am writing this email to support the re-appointment of Jake Fletcher to the Board of Game. Jake has done a excellent job ensuring our States hunting rights and I look forward to seeing what else he can do. Thanks.

Best regards,
Joe Brown

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Assistant Hunting Guide - High Country Alaska/H&H Outfitters/Big Timber Outfitters

Owner: Knik Outfitters - Alaskan hunting/fishing gear rental

Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [Anne Rittgers](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: FW: Jake Fletcher Re-Appointment
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:29:05 AM

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From: Jay H. Stanford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 4:41 PM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>
Subject: Jake Fletcher Re-Appointment

Senator Bishop,

I am writing you today in support of Jake Fletchers re-appointment to the Board of Game. Alaska has some of the best wildlife in the world and we have some of the best management practices around. I feel that it is important to have a Board of Game composed of people from different regions and backgrounds to help in the processes and give everyone a voice. I think it's extremely important to have a registered guide on the board and I find that Jake Fletcher is a very fair and qualified person. I have been able to meet Jake at the Board of Game meetings and I was very impressed with him. I hope that you will support his re-appointment.

Thank you for taking the time last month to meet with myself and other Alaska Professional Hunters Association board members and all that you do for the State.

Sincerely,

Jay Stanford
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From: [Anne Rittgers](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: FW: Reappointment of Jake Fletcher to Board of Game
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 11:31:14 AM

From: Cabot Pitts <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 8:06 PM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>
Subject: Reappointment of Jake Fletcher to Board of Game

Dear Senator Bishop,

I am writing in support of reappointing Mr. Jake Fletcher to the Board of Game. I have known Mr. Fletcher for many years, and his background knowledge and experience in the world of big game hunting and wildlife management is top notch. He is a true conservationist when it comes to understanding all wildlife issues big and small in the state of Alaska. Mr. Fletcher is a great example for others to follow and leads by example with his exceptional reputation in the professional guiding world. Being the only active contracting licensed registered guide on the board, I find it very important for the big game guiding industry to have a voice at the table. An industry that has been around since Statehood, it brings a lot of jobs and income to all parts of the state, especially in rural areas where those jobs and additional income is truly needed. Mr. Fletcher has the ability to make a sound decision after listening to all the facts presented. This pragmatic approach to problem solving is important and vital to protect our very delicate wildlife resource in Alaska. I have listened in and attended almost all of the Board of Game meetings since I moved to Alaska over 15 years ago. At these meetings the last few years, Mr. Fletcher has always listened and commented on almost every proposal that has come across the Board's table, even if it is not a highlight topic in the state.

In our current complex environment, with attacks coming in from all different user groups, it is not always easy to make the right decisions. I know Mr. Fletcher has and will continue to make the right decisions to protect all of our game and provide opportunity when available to all of us here inside and outside of Alaska. I strongly urge you to help reappoint Mr. Fletcher, thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Cabot Pitts

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Cabot Pitts
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Jake Fletcher is one of the finest human beings you will ever meet.
His handshake and word are gold.
He is an amazing father, husband, neighbor, friend and hunting guide.
He broke trail for the Iditarod for over a decade, he worked for one of the hunting industry's stalwarts, Dennis Harms, for about 20 yrs throughout Alaska before Dennis sold the business to him.
Jake guided for me on Prince of Wales Island for several hunts over the course of three years.
He also guided griz, brown bear, moose, sheep and goats for Lance Kronberger for many years.

Jake is one of the best guides I've ever been around.

Jake is devout, respectful, honest, positive, humorous, extremely knowledgeable, hard working, mentally/physically tough and very well respected in our industry.

He is a guides guide, a man's man and makes up his mind for himself.

It is a pure blessing to have him on the board of game.

If anyone says otherwise, they either don't know him or they have an agenda.

I sincerely hope you work to keep Jake on the BoG because he is good for our resources and good for Alaska.

Thank you,

Kurt Whitehead
Treasure Hunter Lodge LLC-Alaska

From: [Anne Rittgers](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: FW: Recommendation for Board of Game member Jake Fletcher
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 10:28:05 AM

From: Spencer Pape <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:18 AM
To: Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>
Subject: Recommendation for Board of Game member Jake Fletcher

Dear Senator Bishop,

I am writing to you on behalf of Alaska Board of Game member Jake Fletcher. Jake and I meet in 2010, when we were both volunteers for the Iditarod Trail sled dog race. Since then Jake and I have worked along side each other as Iditarod Trail Breakers, construction laborers, big game guides, and a host of many other small jobs. No matter the task, Jake always shows up on time with a positive attitude. His comedic sense of humor makes him popular across a wide array of personalities and he always knows the right time and place to bring his audience to laughter. Over the years, our young families have grown up together and have shared many Alaskan experiences. We always look forward to spending time with the Fletchers.

Jake has been a great addition to the Board of Game. He was first appointed during the onset of Covid and was able to assimilate quickly and thoroughly into the board. His competence, organization and participation throughout his last tenure has made him a great asset to the board. His enthusiasm to learn about the many facets of Alaska's wild game populations and then make educated decisions on their behalf is encouraging. Jake brings a creative balance to the board as he is a farmer, river boat captain, and big game guide.

Jake is the embodiment of what it is to be a good steward of Alaska and I strongly encourage you to re-appoint him to the Board of Game.

Thank you for your time and dedication to our state.

Respectfully,
Spencer Pape

From: [Hotmail 2](#)
To: [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Support for Jake Fletcher
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:19:08 PM

Dear Senator,

I am writing to support Jake Fletcher to remain on the Board of Game. While guiding, flying, and working as a Trailbreaker for Iditarod, I have been fortunate enough to work with Mr Fletcher my times. He is an exemplary example of outfitters and outdoorsmen in this state. His voice is one we do not want to loose. His calm and jovial demeanor coupled with his vast experience makes him an invaluable member to this board.

Thank you for time,
Taylor Rowland

From: [Anne Rittgers](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: FW: Jake Fletcher, Board of Game
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 2:14:55 PM

From: Derrick Campbell <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 2:08 PM
To: Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>
Subject: Jake Fletcher, Board of Game

Good day Senators,

I'm emailing in support of Jake Fletcher being reinstated in the Board of game. I can tell Jake cares deeply about Alaska's resources and all of those that take a part in engaging with that resource. Any hunter whether resident, guide or non-resident can approach/contact him and expect to be treated equally and have concerns heard/received. Furthermore Jake's many years hunting in Alaska make his knowledge very valuable for the Board of Game.

Thank you for your time,

Registered Guide (#125587) and Resident hunter

Thomas Derrick Campbell

From: [Mike Zweng](#)
To: [Sen. Cathy Giessel](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: Support for Jake Fletcher Board of Game
Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 3:53:32 AM

Dear Senators,

I am writing this letter in support of Jake Fletcher continuing his role on the board of game. Jake has knowledge that very few people do and it is a privilege to have him on the board to make educated decisions. He is a man of integrity and I am hopeful that he can continue this role to serve the state.

Mike Zweng