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April 9, 2024

To: Senate Resources Committee

Re: Jim Baichtal - Board of Game appointment

Dear Co-chairs Giessel and Bishop, and members of the Resources Committee,

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) **supports** the appointment of Jim Baichtal to the Alaska Board of Game.

We want to thank Mr. Baichtal for being willing to serve on the Board of Game, and for meeting with us to discuss his background and issues that come before the board.

Mr. Baichtal has long been involved in Southeast Alaska wildlife management issues on both the state and federal side. He has seen first-hand how weather, hunting, and logging impacts our game populations, and is active in habitat restoration efforts for southeast deer populations. His scientific background and mindset will be invaluable as a Board of Game member when discussing and deliberating on issues before the board. Mr. Baichtal understands the Board of Game and Advisory Committee process, federal and state management issues, and we believe he is an excellent choice to serve on the Board of Game.

We thank him for his commitment to serve on the Board of Game and for his long involvement in wildlife management and conservation issues; we believe he will be an asset on the board.

Sincerely,

Mark Richards  
Executive Director