

**General Information**

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:  
Game, Member

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:

- Preference Order Board
- 2) Game

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:  
East Prince of Wales Game Advisory Board Chairperson

First Name James	Middle Name F	Last Name Baichtal
[Redacted]	City Thorne Bay	State & Zip AK 99919
Home/Message Phone [Redacted]	Business Phone [Redacted]	Cell Phone [Redacted]
Email Address [Redacted]		[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

**Conflict of Interest**

Full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010 is required for certain boards and commissions. Are you willing to provide this information if required for the board or commission which you are applying?  
Yes

Service in a public office is a public trust. The Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110) prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Is it possible that you or any member of your family will benefit financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying? If you answer 'yes' to this question you MUST explain the potential financial benefit.  
No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

**Employment History**

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.

- Mule Deer Foundation, Alaska Regional Coordinator, 10/2022 to Present
- Blackpowder Consulting, Geologic Consulting, 2/2022 to Present
- Forest Geologist, Tongass National Forest, 2/1998-1/2022(Retired from Federal Service 1/28/2022)
- Ketchikan Area Geologist, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan, AK, 7/1990-2/1998
- Resource Geologist, Umpqua National Forest, Roseburg OR, 3/1988-7/1990
- Engineering Geology Consulting, Roseburg OR, 3/1988-7/1990
- Engineering Geologist, Ochoco National Forest, Prineville, OR, 10/1984-3/1988
- Engineering Geologist, Wallow Whitman National Forest, Baker City, OR, 8/1987-9/1987
- Engineering Geologist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, White Sands Missile Range, NM 6/86-7/86
- Engineering Geologist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth, Texas, 3/1983-10/1984
- Physical Science Aid, Engineering Geology, Wenatchee National Forest, South Tech Center, Naches WA, 7/1979-9/1979
- Physical Science Aid, Engineering Geology, Wenatchee National Forest, South Tech Center, Naches WA, 6/1978-9/1978

**Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications**

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:  
Honorary Doctorate of Science, 2013, University of Alaska Southeast  
M.S. Geology 1982, Washington State University, Pullman, WA  
B.S. Geology 1980, Washington State University, Pullman, WA  
A.S. 1977, Lower Columbia Community College, Longview, WA

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:  
Registered Geologist, Oregon State, No. G1039  
Registered Geologist and Hydrogeologist, Washington State, No. 1407

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.  
Chair of Planning and Zoning, Thorne Bay Alaska

**Conviction Record**

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?  
No

Conviction Circumstances

**Certification of Accuracy & Completeness**

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Type "I certify"  
"I certify"

Resume Addendum:  
See attached

**Press Release Wording**

# James (Jim) F. Baichtal, Sc.D. (Hon.)

[REDACTED]  
Thorne Bay, Alaska 99919  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

## EDUCATION

Honorary Doctorate of Science, 2013, University of Alaska Southeast  
M.S. Geology 1982, Washington State University, Pullman, WA  
B.S. Geology 1980, Washington State University, Pullman, WA  
A.S. 1977, Lower Columbia Community College, Longview, WA  
1975, Mount St. Helens High School, Winlock, WA

## PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS

Registered Geologist, Oregon State, No. G1039  
Registered Geologist and Hydrogeologist, Washington State, No. 1407

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Mule Deer Foundation, Alaska Regional Coordinator, 10/2022 to Present
- Blackpowder Consulting, Geologic Consulting, 2/2022 to Present
- Forest Geologist, Tongass National Forest, 2/1998-1/2022(Retired from Federal Service 1/28/2022)
- Ketchikan Area Geologist, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan, AK, 7/1990-2/1998
- Resource Geologist, Umpqua National Forest, Roseburg OR, 3/1988-7/1990
- Engineering Geology Consulting, Roseburg OR, 3/1988-7/1990
- Engineering Geologist, Ochoco National Forest, Prineville, OR, 10/1984-3/1988
- Engineering Geologist, Wallow Whitman National Forest, Baker City, OR, 8/1987-9/1987
- Engineering Geologist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, White Sands Missile Range, NM 6/86-7/86
- Engineering Geologist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth, Texas, 3/1983-10/1984
- Physical Science Aid, Engineering Geology, Wenatchee National Forest, South Tech Center, Naches WA, 7/1979-9/1979
- Physical Science Aid, Engineering Geology, Wenatchee National Forest, South Tech Center, Naches WA, 6/1978-9/1978

## MORE ABOUT MY BACKGROUND

I was raised in Mount Saint Helens country in Washington state. I was born in Longview, Washington and lived most of my early years in Winlock, Washington. I earned an Associate Science degree from Lower Columbia Community College in Longview Washington in 1977, a BS in 1980 and a MS in 1982, both in Geology from Washington State University, Pullman Washington. In 1990 I moved from Roseberg Oregon to Ketchikan Alaska and began my 32-year career on the Tongass National Forest. My career focused on the Karst and Cave Resources, Geology, Landslides and Slope Stability, Glacial History, Paleontology, Paleo-environments, Prehistory and paleo-shorelines of Southeastern Alaska. I received

an Honorary Doctorate of Science from the University of Alaska Southeast in 2013. In January 2022 I retired from a 39-year career with the US Forest Service as a Geologist.

Prior to moving to southeastern Alaska, I had hunted Columbia black-tailed deer in southwest Washington and later in south western Oregon. Upon moving to Southeast Alaska, I became fascinated with Sitka black-tailed deer. It was obvious that not much was written or known about these deer and their habits. I relied on the experiences of long-time locals and my own to begin to figure them out. Deer were abundant in the early 1990's. In 1994 I moved to Prince of Wales Island; this is when my schooling truly began.

Believing strongly we need to give back to those animals we hunt I began to look for ways I could contribute to research on those species.

I volunteered to help ADF&G researchers beginning in 2000 with a deer home range and habitat study. I free-range darted approximately 125 deer, placed radio collars on deer and assisted with the monitoring of those collars over a three-year study. During that effort, we also collared fawns over 2 seasons discovering the black bear take roughly 50% of fawns within the first 2 weeks of their lives. I supported Dr. Todd Brinkman's (Assistant Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Institute of Arctic Biology & Dept. of Biology and Wildlife University of Alaska Fairbanks) research in 2006-2008, developing a population estimate from DNA from fecal pellets. I supported Dr. Sophie Gilberts (Lead Scientist for Biodiversity, Vibrant Planet) research from 2010-2012 helping to monitor deer mortalities during those winters beginning with 20 doe and 50 fawns each fall. In 2017 I assisted with studies of young-growth treatments to create forage. I am now volunteering to help ADF&G with their wolf population studies.

From 2000-2004 I was chairperson for the Eastern Prince of Wales Fish and Game Advisory Committee (EPOW AC)

I was involved with the Unit 2 Deer Planning Subcommittee in 2005

Assisted Boyd Porter, (then) Area biologist with black bear trapping and processing on Prince of Wales Island in 2011.

Beginning in the late 1990's I was a Bear and fur sealer for ADF&G for Thorne Bay on Prince of Wales Island.

Realizing a need for accurate information on Sitka black-tailed deer, Sophie Gilbert, Todd Brinkman, and myself created the Sitka Black-Tailed Deer Coalition and host the website <https://sitkablacktail.org/>

In 2008, I attended my first Western Hunting and Conservation Expo in Salt Lake informing others about Sitka black-tailed deer on the Tongass National Forest and their habitat challenges. He attended many more Expos, representing the Tongass and Sitka deer.

I am currently the Alaska Regional Coordinator for the Mule Deer foundation, since October of 2022. My duties will be to represent MDF for conservation work (habitat work & partnerships) and grassroots efforts (chapter events) within Alaska. I work with federal, state and tribal agencies as well as the general public for the purpose of enhancement of Sitka black-tailed deer habitat, raising funds for conservation work and developing chapters and membership in Alaska. I am continuing the vision of my friend and mentor Dennis Neil, a conservation path started in 2008.

<https://muledeer.org/news/mdf-joins-partners-at-sitka-blacktail-summit-on-alaskas-prince-of-wales-island/>

<https://muledeer.org/news/leupold-mule-deer-foundation-host-black-tailed-deer-summit/>

Randy Newberg, Fresh Tracks and Sitka Gear did a feature film called "Rain Deer"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE53BE4sEjg>

I am a member of SCI and the Alaska Chapter of SCI.

I am a member of the Alaska Outdoor Council

I am a Boone and Crockett Official Measurer and can measure for Pope and Young and Longhunter Society.

I am a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and a Life Member of the Mule Deer Foundation

I am an avid hunter, having taken most of the species available in Alaska, most with my traditional .58 caliber Hawken rifle. My passion is hunting and helping others learn to hunt Sitka black-tailed deer.

I am a strong believer in the North American Model of wildlife Conservation, specifically that wildlife resources are a public trust and that wildlife management should be based on the best science available.

I live in Thorne Bay, on Prince of Wales Island with my lovely, supportive wife Karen Petersen. Coffee is always on and the view from the deck is not bad.