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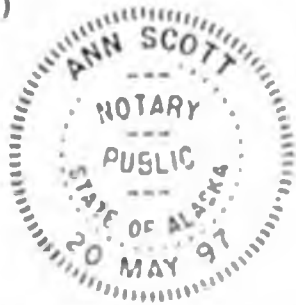
I, Victor Van Ballenberghe, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Board of Game to the best of my ability.

Victor Van Ballenberghe
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of March, 1996

Ann Scott
Notary Public, State of Alaska
My commission expires: May 20, 1997

(SEAL)



NOTE: Pursuant to AS 09.63.010, this oath may be administered by a justice, judge, or magistrate of a court; a clerk or deputy clerk of a court; a notary public; a U.S. postmaster; or a commissioned officer under AS 09.63.050.

15 April 1996

TO: Members of the Alaska State Legislature

FROM: V. Van Ballenberghe

SUBJECT: Confirmation to the Board of Game

On 23 February Governor Knowles appointed me to the Alaska Board of Game. You will soon vote on my confirmation. I believe that I am well qualified and experienced to serve on this board and I hope you can support me in the confirmation process.

Attached are several brief items that relate to my appointment including a short educational and work experience summary. Also included is a letter to Representative Jeannette James whose House State Affairs committee held confirmation hearings on game board appointments in March. Finally, there is a letter from the Division of Wildlife Conservation, Department of Fish and Game outlining results of the recent board of game meeting, my first opportunity to participate after my appointment.

These materials should give you some idea of my qualifications to serve on the board as well as describe my views on important wildlife management issues. I believe the results of the recent board meeting will demonstrate my interest in particular, and the board's interest in general, in providing opportunity for hunters, clearly the most important interest group in wildlife matters in Alaska.

Finally, the issue of my employment has been raised in relation to my appointment. I am a wildlife researcher with the U.S. Forest Service. As the letter to Representative James states, several steps have been taken to insure that no conflict of interest will occur as a result. You should also know that as a 22-year resident of Alaska, I strongly believe that the State is the best management authority for our resident wildlife and my position on the board will consistently reflect this belief.

Thank you for your interest in board of game concerns. I will look forward to your confirmation vote.

FAX 465-

20 March 1996

Representative Jeannette James
House State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative James:

As indicated in the Committee hearing on 19 March, I wish to summarize my remarks in writing and provide you with additional information on my background, training, and views on wildlife issues so that my record is clear during the confirmation process.

I have a strong personal interest in hunting having grown up on a farm and experienced guns, traps, and fishing rods early in life. During the past forty years I have not missed a single year where I did not hunt something somewhere. I have hunted outside Alaska in places like Idaho and South Dakota in addition to Alaska. I hold a current 1996 resident hunting license in Alaska.

I am a professional wildlife biologist with about thirty years experience. I have graduate degrees in wildlife management from the University of Minnesota. I am a certified wildlife biologist, certified to have met certain educational and work experience requirements by the professional organization of wildlife biologists, an international group.

I came to Alaska in 1974 to work as a research biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. This work involved moose and wolf research in the Glennallen area. I lived in Fairbanks from 1977 to 1987 working for ADFG as a statewide furbearer biologist where I had many contacts with trappers in rural areas throughout the state. In 1980 I joined the research branch of the Forest Service to do research on moose, wolves, and predator/prey relationships.

In 1985 Governor Bill Sheffield appointed me to the Alaska Board of Game and I served 1985-1988. The board dealt with issues like subsistence where we made some of the first efforts to deal with rural/nonrural designations and assess customary and traditional use patterns. We dealt with wolf control where I voted for and the board passed a wolf control program in Unit 20B near Fairbanks that involved aerial shooting of wolves by ADFG personnel. We dealt with the land-and-shoot wolf hunting issue; at that time land-and-shoot was fraught with illegal activity and I believe that we curtailed that. We also dealt with many other issues involving hunting and trapping where we try to balance various uses in a fair and equitable manner.

I feel that we have rich wildlife resources in Alaska adequate for all who have a stake in wildlife management--hunters, guides, interests, or people who just like to watch and experience wildlife. I look forward to working with the public and to achieve this.

Regarding specific issues, bear-baiting, land-and-shoot wolf hunting, wolf control, and intensive management are in the forefront and I am happy to share my views on these important issues with you.

During my past term on the board we dealt with the bear-baiting regulations which, at that time, were very liberal. During the past ten years there have been major efforts to regulate baiting by requiring hunters to register stations, to clean up the site after the season, etc. My view is that the current regulations represent the end product of a lot of effort to regulate this practice and had I been on the board during its most recent action on baiting I would have voted with the majority to continue the practice.

Similarly, we also dealt with land-and-shoot wolf hunting, trying to improve the illegal activity that often accompanied it. Subsequently, the board voted to eliminate the practice, then re-authorized it, then allowed it only when the hunter moved some distance from the plane before shooting. I think the present regulation represents a compromise and has reduced illegal activity while allowing hunters to take wolves and I support it.

I also want to indicate that I have played no role in the ballot initiative on serial hunting and take no position on it, preferring to remain neutral as the public votes on this issue.

Regarding wolf control, I feel it is sometimes necessary and desirable, but must be based on sound biological information, have a favorable cost benefit ratio, be broadly supported by the public, and be humanely conducted. If proposed programs meet those criteria, I will support them.

About ten years ago, a number of us involved in the wolf issue concluded that a zone approach to control was most workable. Certain areas would be zoned where human use of moose and caribou was dominant and predators would be kept at low levels. The citizens wolf planning team endorsed this concept and I was a strong supporter. To the extent that the intensive management legislation puts this concept into statute form, I support it. One area that I have a personal and professional interest in, Game Management Unit 13 (the Nelchina basin), has been identified as an intensive management area, and I will fully support measures in this area to provide hunter opportunity and large harvests.

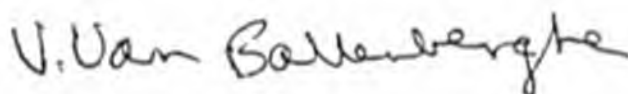
The issue of my federal employment was raised at the confirmation hearing and I want to address it. During my previous term, I had the same federal position as I have now, served out my term, and had no issues raised regarding conflict of interest. I am aware of no provisions in the state or federal ethics acts that prohibit me from serving. I will avoid the appearance of conflicts by abstaining from issues that appear to raise questions, e.g. certain regulations pertaining to the Tongass or Chugach National Forests. I will attend board meetings while on leave from my work duties. My work for the Forest Service is entirely research and has no policy or management ties. I strongly support the concept that the state should have exclusive management authority for resident wildlife. All of these facts taken together should demonstrate that I am able to serve on the board with no conflict of interest as a resident of the state, and as a private citizen well qualified to serve.

I believe that I bring important experience and background qualifications to

the board and I am willing to make whatever personal and professional commitments are necessary to serve as a productive board member. Much of the board's work has a biological basis. As a biologist of long experience, especially with moose and wolves, I will help the board evaluate the biological issues. I am especially interested in working toward broad public participation in the board process, hearing all sides of the issues, and balancing the various uses to accommodate all in a fair and equitable manner. I believe this can be done and am excited to participate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to the committee. If you require more as the confirmation process proceeds, or if you wish me to clarify my views, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "V. Van Ballenberghe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

V. Van Ballenberghe

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April 8, 1996

Mr. Vic Van Ballenberghe
Alaska Board of Game
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Dear Mr. ^{Vic} Van Ballenberghe:

The Board of Game met in Fairbanks last month to consider over 125 hunting and trapping proposals. Most dealt with Game Management Units (GMUs) in the interior, although several important actions affected southcentral or statewide regulations. This letter is intended to inform you of major actions taken by the board.

The board restricted hunting seasons or bag limits in only three areas. In GMUs 9(A) and 9(C) on the Alaska Peninsula the board reduced the bag limit for cow caribou in the declining Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd. The board also closed moose hunting on most of the North Slope in GMU 26, where the number of moose has declined by over 50 percent in the past three years. Poor reproduction in this area indicates the herd will likely drop much lower. Recognizing the potential impact to guides resulting from the loss of moose hunting, the board eliminated drawing permit requirements for nonresident grizzly bear hunters so guides could more easily book clients. The board also increased the caribou bag limit in GMU 26(B) to two bulls. These actions should help maintain viable guiding operations on the North Slope until conditions improve for the moose population.

The board also reduced the total harvest quota for the Fortymile Caribou herd from a maximum of 450 to 150. This quota was recommended by the Fortymile Planning Team last year as part of an historic compromise between conflicting interests. With this step the board signaled the implementation of other parts of the Fortymile plan, including non-lethal wolf control, scheduled to begin in the winter of 1997-98. If progress to implement wolf control falters, the reduction in harvest quota will automatically be reversed.

In contrast to these reductions, the board rejected over 20 proposals that would have reduced season lengths or bag limits for many species. The board made it clear that, unless there was a valid biological reason to reduce seasons or bag limits, they would not support such actions.

Everywhere additional opportunities for hunting or trapping could be identified, regulations were changed to allow greater use of harvestable game. The board

- increased the harvest quota for Nelchina caribou in GMU 13 by over 300percent! This fall, we will issue permits to take up to 15,000 caribou in GMU 13.
- eliminated the quota limits on Nelchina caribou in GMU 12.
- reauthorized the existing brown bear tag fee waivers in GMUs 13 and 20(D). This will allow hunters to take brown bears incidentally and keep harvests high in these areas as part of intensive management plans to raise moose numbers and harvest.
- re-opened hunting of the Delta Caribou herd, authorizing up to 100 drawing permits for this popular hunt in GMU 20(A).
- opened the first ever early winter muzzle loader hunt for moose in GMU 20(A)! This hunt, for primitive weapons hunters, will provide up to 75 drawing permits valid for the entire month of November.
- liberalized antler restrictions in southwestern GMU 20(A) to allow more bulls to be taken in this area.
- changed the Delta Junction Closed Area to a Management Area and opened moose hunting for the first time since 1975!
- liberalized caribou bag limits from two to five caribou in northern GMU 19(A) and reauthorized same-day-airborne taking of caribou in GMU 9(B).
- expanded the Northwest Alaska Brown Bear Management Area to include GMU 21(D) and all of GMU 24. This change greatly expands subsistence use of bears with a bear per year bag limit and no resident tag fee.
- liberalized beaver trapping seasons in GMUs 19, 21 and 24 where winter mortality was lower than in most of the interior this year and established a spring "shooting" season to allow taking of beaver, primarily for meat, in western units.

Other actions that benefit hunters include modifying rules for proxy hunting to prevent "cheating" in drawing permit hunts, authorizing permit hunts in three areas to prevent the federal government from closing refuge lands to non-local hunters, and reauthorizing antlerless moose hunts across the state.

The board also took several other important steps.

- Authorized taking of big game for Alaska Natives' funeral and memorial potlaches. No permit is required, but anyone who takes game must report the taking within 20 days of the ceremony.
- Required black bear hunters to salvage the meat of the frontquarters, hindquarters and backstrap from all spring bears.

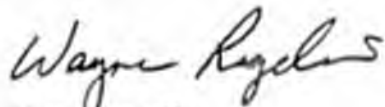
- Established a new controlled use area near Nenana and prohibited use of airboats for hunting. This action stemmed from a growing conflict between users and was the most divisive issue the board faced at this meeting.
- Changed the date when the department is authorized to initiate wolf control in GMU 19(D) from July 1, 1997 to July 1, 1996. This will allow the department to develop a program to begin reducing the wolf population in the upper Kuskokwim next winter, if necessary, to help meet subsistence needs in the area.

Overall, the board's actions significantly increase the chances Alaskan hunters have to pursue game across the state. While some have argued that the department and board are increasingly unsupportive of hunting or consumptive use of game, the evidence suggests just the opposite. We are pleased that the board's actions will benefit hunters and are looking forward to record participation in hunting and trapping in the coming year.

Managing the state's game populations to continue providing these increased levels of hunting opportunity will not be easy or inexpensive. Unfortunately for hunters the Senate is proposing a 17 percent (\$2.7 million) cut to the division's budget. The professional staff of the Division of Wildlife Conservation includes many of the best biologists in the nation, and with adequate appropriations from the fish and game fund we can continue to provide a broad spectrum of opportunities. If you enjoy hunting and trapping, contact your legislator today to let them know you support the Governor's budget for the division and continued professional management of the state's wildlife.

Wishing you good hunting!

Sincerely,



Wayne Regelin
Director

Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

Victor Van Ballenberghe
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Date of Birth: November 12, 1943

Education: B.S. 1966--State University of New York College at Oneonta
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M.S. 1970--University of Minnesota (Wildlife Management)
PhD 1972 - University of Minnesota (Wildlife Management)

Doctoral Dissertation: Ecology and Population Characteristics of Timber Wolves in
Northeastern Minnesota

Present Position: Research Wildlife Biologist, USDA Forest Service, Anchorage,
Alaska (January 1980-Present)

- Past Positions:
1. Game Biologist, Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
Fairbanks, Alaska. Statewide Furbearer Biologist
(November 1977-December 1979)
 2. Research Biologist, Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
Anchorage, Alaska (September 1974-November 1977)
 3. Assistant Professor, Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries Sciences, South Dakota State University,
Brookings, South Dakota (October 1972-September 1974).
 4. Research Assistant, Department of Entomology, Fisheries,
and Wildlife, University of Minnesota, St. Paul,
Minnesota (September 1967-September 1972).

Present University Affiliation: Affiliate Associate Professor, Institute of Arctic Biology,
University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska (1979-Present)

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Resources, University of Idaho (1984-Present)

Professional Society

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February 26, 1996

Mr. Victor Van Ballenberghe
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Anchorage, AK 99507

Dear Victor,

I am grateful you accepted appointment to the Board of Game.

I appreciate your willingness to serve Alaska in this important capacity. Your commitment can make a difference as we work together to ensure a positive and problem-solving state government. Through our mutual efforts, the vision we share for an environment of opportunity and progress for all Alaskans is possible.

Sincerely,

Sig. Tony Knowles

Tony Knowles
Governor

cc: Cindy Smith, Coordinator, Boards and Commissions

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February 26, 1996

Mr. Victor Van Ballenberghe
8941 Winchester Street
Anchorage, AK 99507

Dear Mr. Van Ballenberghe:

Congratulations on your appointment to the Board of Game, effective February 23, 1996, for a term ending January 31, 1999. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.

After signing and notarizing the enclosed Oath of Office form, please return it to my office immediately. Upon receipt of the completed form, you will be authorized to exercise the powers and perform the duties of your office pending confirmation by the Legislature.

In addition, I have enclosed an optional Equal Opportunity Survey which I would appreciate having returned with the Oath of Office should you choose to fill it out. This information is kept confidential and used for statistical analysis of boards and commissions only.

Also enclosed is an identification card to facilitate your travel as a board member. Some businesses offer State of Alaska discounts when traveling on official business.

The Alaska Public Offices Commission will send you a Conflict of Interest Statement. Please carefully review their letter to ensure that you are in compliance with the law.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Best wishes to you as a board member.

Best regards,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

Enclosures

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The Honorable Tony Knowles
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Sir:

I am a registered guide/outfitter and a full time trapper in interior Units 12 and 20.

I am and have been a heavy consumptive and non-consumptive user of our resources since 1976. My lifestyle is directly related to the quality and quantity of our fish and wildlife, thus I have a deep concern for the management of these resources.

Sir, as governor, you will soon appoint new members to the Board of Game, a game management concept I wholeheartedly support and participate in.

I respectfully request Dr. Victor Van Ballenberghe be considered as an appointee. His qualifications, experience, work and knowledge of our resources are well documented as is his integrity. I believe the country would be well served by his appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script.

John Zabielski

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March 27, 1996

Mr. John Zabielski
North Country Outfitters
P.O. Box 453
Tok, AK 99780

Dear Mr. Zabielski:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The number of candidates and the high level of qualifications were impressive.

Governor Tony Knowles has reappointed Anne Ruggles of Fairbanks, and appointed Greg Roczicka of Bethel and Victor Van Ballenberghe of Anchorage to public seats on the Board of Game.

We appreciate your assistance in helping Governor Knowles select the best candidates for boards and commissions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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Chairman of House State Affairs Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska
fax: 258-1261

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Dear Chairman,

This is a letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Vic Van Ballenberghe to the State Board of Game. Dr. Van Ballenberghe's expertise, experience, and perspective make him an excellent addition to the Board. We heartily recommend your committee endorse Vic during his confirmation.

Scientific understanding and perspective is needed on the Board of Game as it tackles difficult management choices and waning public approval. Dr. Van Ballenberghe's research and background in predator/prey relations make him particularly well-suited to the position. The Board will benefit having such a knowledgeable and credible voice.

Vic's experience in the field and with the public give him a unique and pertinent standing from which to weigh and relate management options. His work across the state of Alaska with various agencies and groups makes him a valuable entity in addressing wildlife issues central to Alaskans. His prior experience on the Game Board provides great awareness of the policy building process, helping expedite critical wildlife decisions facing the state.

Having been in the business of inviting visitors to learn about and observe Alaska's wildlife for 20 years, we feel the Board of Game has been less than sensitive, in recent years, of non-consumptive wildlife users. Only recently has this state's large and growing tourism industry been recognized by wildlife managers as a perspective valuable in helping determine wildlife management for Alaska. We support Dr. Van Ballenberghe as an individual responsive to a more diverse range of wildlife users in this state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kirk Hoessle
President

cc: Governor Tony Knowles, Representative Con Bundo, Senator Judy Salo

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Tony Knowles, Governor
State of Alaska
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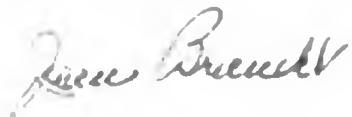
Dear Governor Knowles:

Last year I wrote a letter to you, urging you to appoint Vic Van Ballenburghe to the Alaska State Board of Game. I was very pleased to read in the Anchorage Daily News that you have made the appointment.

Dr. Van Ballenburghe has been a voice of reason in the ongoing turmoil that is called "wolf control". His article in the Daily News spoke volumes on the rational management of wildlife. He will be a great asset on the Board and as a representative of your State.

Thank you for appointing Dr. Van Bailenburghe to the Board.

Very sincerely,



Editor
WESTERN Tanager

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 24, 1996

Dear Governor Knowles:

The Board of the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association would like to express support for your recent appointments to the Alaska Board of Game. We appreciate your efforts to bring a greater balance of interests and backgrounds to the Board. You had several good candidates, and you made good choices.

In particular we think Vic VanBallenberghe is an excellent appointment. His strong scientific background, his prior experience with the Board process, and his past support for balancing non consumptive and other uses of wildlife will make him a valuable addition to the Board.

We also thank you for your serious consideration of Nicole Whittington-Evans, who we strongly supported. We hope that you will consider her for one of the next vacancies on the Board. Thanks again for working to establish greater balance in wildlife management and on the Board of Game.

Sincerely,

Steven Behnke
Executive Director

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Honorable Governor Tony Knowles
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P.O. Box 110001
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Governor Knowles.

September 17, 1995

I understand that you are currently considering potential candidates to be nominated to the Board Of Game in January. This is likely to be one of the most important decisions that will be made concerning wildlife management in Alaska this decade. I encourage you to give this matter the consideration that it deserves and to appoint people that will make decisions for the benefit of all Alaskans, not just a select few. The most common public opinion that I hear of the current Board is that they represent only the hunters and are overly influenced by the Alaska Outdoor Council.

Everyone recognizes there are politics involved, not only of making these appointments, but of getting the appointee approved by the legislature. This process has helped develop today's public mistrust in the Board and the Board process. There is a very common feeling that decisions are made only to the benefit of the hunting community and not all Alaskans. This has developed due to the continued lobbying efforts of AOC and AOC's purported representation of many Alaskans, though few of their members ever really participate in the AOC decisions. I doubt that AOC could produce a copy of resolutions from any club that actually voted to support hunting in the McNeil River Refuge. If polled, I do not think the individual members of AOC would consider the Refuge hunt a fair chase hunt. But if asked, I suggest that AOC would be able to identify their supporters in various clubs that they contacted and implied the club supported AOC's desires.

The recent appointment of Taylor and Smith to key positions in the Department of Fish and Game has caused many people to question if changes in game management will ever occur. It appears that once a person achieves a significant position in the Department, that they will always be in a position of power and decision making. The "GOOD OLD BOYS" are seen as running a program to support themselves and past practices, not to have management that looks to the future and manages for all Alaskans. If the Department is to continue these practices, it becomes even more critical that the Board of Game be made up of people that will ignore AOC's political pressure and truly represent all Alaskans in this final decision process.

The Board of Game process must be changed to a process of leadership and lead game management into the future. The current process of "DICTATING" that hunting is

highest and best use of all resources must be changed. Many Alaskans avoid the Board process because they feel they are demeaned and dehumanized by the Board whenever they give testimony that protests decisions supported by AOC, and are intended to benefit only a select few Alaskans. Evidence of this single minded representation is easily seen when the Board received over 200 letters in 1993 asking that the McNeil Refuge be closed to hunting, but the Board continued to support hunting in the area. The vocalized reaction of the Board to the recent "Flood the Hunt" campaign and their assurance that they would find a way to prevent it from happening again is further evidence of their ignoring requests demonstrated by "THOUSANDS" of Alaskans.

The current effort to place same day wolf hunting on the public ballot may be the initial step in efforts to radically change the Board process. I have been approached by numerous people seeking support to break away from the current board process. Many desire that any controversial proposal or element of management be placed on the public ballot before any animals are killed. This and other alternatives under consideration would greatly hamper wildlife management in Alaska.

It will be difficult enough for you to find qualified people willing to be on the Board, but you must make the highest qualification be that they will SERVE ALL ALASKANS, and not just the support AOC's continued view that the only good animal is one that can be hunted. Though it may be time consuming to get fully qualified people approved by the legislature, especially if AOC continues it's lobbying effort, not taking the effort to get them approved will be yielding to AOC's current ability to dictate who is appointed to the Board and will continue the deterioration of Alaska's game management practices.

One candidate we feel worth consideration is Dr. Vic Van Ballenberghe. We previously supported Vic for nomination and the attached letter of support is likely still on file with your office.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns. I would greatly appreciate hearing from you and learning what criteria you will place on selecting new members for the Board of Game.

Sincerely



LEO KEEFER

Chairman, Board of Directors.

cc: Mr. Vic Van Ballenberghe
Alaska Wildlife Alliance
Audubon Society, Alaska Chapter
Wilderness Society, Alaska Chapter

Alaska Center for the Environment
National Wildlife Federation, Alaska Chapter
Sierra Club, Alaska Chapter
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Alaskan Wilderness Images



Governor Tony Knowles
State of Alaska, Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

January 11, 1995

Dear Governor Knowles,

Reference: Mr. Victor Van Ballenberghe nomination to the Board of Game.

As Director of the Board for Friends of McNeil River, I would like to express the congratulations from the Friends of McNeil River on your election as Governor of Alaska. We were all very pleased to see you at our benefit at the Fly By Night Club and the support you demonstrated towards the efforts to protect the McNeil River bears and the highly sought after viewing experience.

During a quick, likely un-memorable, conversation I had with you at the Juneau Airport, I mentioned I might be contacting you about methods and opportunities to further assist in protecting the McNeil River bears. Upon hearing of Mr. Victor Van Ballenberghe's interest in serving another term on the Board of Game, I recognized such an opportunity. This letter is to document the support and recommendation from the Friends of McNeil River for your appointing Vic to the Board of Game at the earliest opportunity.

We feel that Vic is one of Alaska's top wildlife biologists possessing an exceptional grasp of wildlife issues throughout the State. During his previous term on the Board, he demonstrated an awareness of the managerial, political, social and economic impacts of decisions made by the Board of Game. He has worked with the Wolf Task Force, written articles in the newspapers and given personal presentations showing all sides of the current wolf control issues. These personal efforts demonstrate his continuing desire to serve all Alaskans, not just one interest group.

I have personally worked with Vic in my endeavors as a wildlife photographer and in tasks in my other profession as an employee with the U.S. Forest Service, Chugach National Forest. I have had the opportunity to witness Vic addressing sensitive issues with groups and individuals that had a single minded objective or agenda. During

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those encounters, Vic demonstrated a unique patience and desire to acknowledge the interests being expressed, while striving to inform the participants of other issues, concerns and opportunities.

I feel nominating Vic to the Board of Game would benefit all Alaskans and the wildlife that we all enjoy and benefit from.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leo Keeler

LEO KEELER
Director of the Board
Friends of McNeil River

September 26, 1995

Mr. Leo Keeler
Director of the Board
Friends of McNeil River
P.O. Box 231091
Anchorage, AK 99523-1091

Dear Mr. Keeler:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the appointment of Mr. Victor Van Balenberghe to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Best regards,

Marla Huss
Director of External Affairs

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March 5, 1996

Mr. Leo Keeler
Director of the Board
Friends of McNeil River
P.O. Box 231091
Anchorage, AK 99523-1091

Dear Mr. Keeler:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The number of candidates and the high level of qualifications were impressive.

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Sincerely,

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Coordinator
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STATE OF ALASKA
OATH OF OFFICE

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
MAR 29 1996

I, Anne K. Ruggles, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Board of Game to the best of my ability.

Anne K. Ruggles
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of March, 1996

Melita D. Rye
Notary Public, State of Alaska
My commission expires: 1/6/98

(SEAL)



NOTE: Pursuant to AS 09.63.010, this oath may be administered by a justice, judge, or magistrate of a court; a clerk or deputy clerk of a court; a notary public; a U.S. postmaster; or a commissioned officer under AS 09.63.050.

November 13, 1995

Governor Knowles
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Knowles

I would like to be considered for reappointment to the Alaska Board of Game. My interest stems directly from my membership on the Alaska Wolf Management Planning Team, my three years experience as a member of the BOG, my experiences as a scientist and as an interested member of the public.

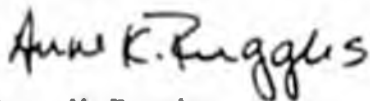
Part of Alaska's pride resides, rightly so, in its ability to have accommodated moderate human impact on the land while having retained much of its wildlife and subsistence-type lifestyle. We are unique in this regard and should strive to continue in our careful approach to wildlife resource use and management. Much of the loss of wildlife and wildlife habitat in the rest of the United States can be attributed to the loss of diversity in resource use and value. As the values of Alaska's human population change wildlife management will increasingly have to recognize and accommodate different personal, cultural and economic values within the context of biological and ecological realities. I would like to be a part of this process.

I have educational and work backgrounds which include degree work in Anthropology, zoology and wildlife biology. I am an educator, scientist and conservationist. I have worked with various native groups (Highland Maya, Puyallup and Nisqually and recently with Alaskan groups in working to resolve problems brought to the BOG); as a Naturalist at a wildlife park; environmental educator; for nine years as a researcher in a university zoology department and currently as a lecturer in biology at UAF. Since high school I have worked seasonally as a ranch and farm hand working with and for people who derive their livelihood directly from the land. This has involved me in the creation of predator control policy and programs in Washington and Texas where I worked with stock raisers and conservationists to fashion local compromises on predator control policies. These included the change of husbandry practices, use of non-lethal control and lethal control of offending animals.

I approach planning and management problems using all of this background; scientific, anthropological, educational and experiential. I believe competing or conflicting goals can be resolved by first seeking shared values and building on that foundation. I have applied this belief to my work as a member of the BOG helping to resolve a variety of management problems. I have developed good working relationships within the native community, with Federal wildlife managers, within the conservation community, within the hunting community and with Department of Fish and Game staff.

Thank you for your consideration of my application. If I can provide you with any further information please feel free to call me at 474-3755.

Sincerely,



Anne K. Ruggles
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phone: 474-3755 email: aruggles@igc.apc.org

Anne Kathryne Ruggles
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Career Goals: I find myself most satisfied when I am given a share of a project which integrates research with application. I enjoy and am comfortable and effective as an educator and in interacting with the public. I enjoy the challenge of using research results and the needs and wishes of the public to devise ways in which humans can exist in the natural world with minimal impact on natural systems.

Education

1972: BA Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin
1981: BS Zoology, University of Texas at Austin
1981-1985: 25 Graduate hours in Science Education, University of Texas, Austin
1991: MS Wildlife Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Member Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Professional Experience

I. Laboratory Research

From 1980-1987 I was a Research Scientist in the University of Texas Zoology Department. As such I worked in two different labs (at different times) in the Zoology Department: a biochemical genetics lab and a neurophysiology lab. In each lab, in addition to research activities I managed the daily running of the laboratory (purchasing, job assignment, data analysis, and other administrative activities), supervised technicians and graduate students. Specific duties included: field collection, rearing and maintenance of insect specimens (in Texas and Belize); karyological and biochemical analysis of insects; histological and cytological techniques; fluorescent and light microscopy; starch and polyacrilamide electrophoresis; laboratory culture of research animals (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*, *Solenopsis invicta*, and fish in the gymnotid group); data collection; computer data management; darkroom work and publication preparation. The general research goals of the labs in which I worked were: characterization of breeding populations of insect pests and tuning of electroreception in mildly electric fish.

II. Field Research

From 1988-to the present I have investigated habitat selection and use by Common Loons (*Gavia immer*) and interactions between loons and Bonaparte's gulls in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley of South central Alaska. This work has included: supervision of field assistants; identification and measurement of habitat variables; behavioral, natural history and time budget observations; population estimates; capture and marking of birds; grant and report writing; data analysis; preparation of manuscripts for publication and presentation of papers at professional meetings.

During the Winter of 1982-83 I was part of a team making field collections of screw worms, *Cochliomyia hominivorax*, for the University of Texas Zoology Department. We collected larvae from infected range cattle and horses, reared them to eclosure and preserved them for further analysis. In addition to field collection and rearing I acted as interpreter for the project.

From 1969-1972 as a member of the University of Texas at Austin Anthropology Department I collected ethnographic data in Olintipeque, Guatemala on the present day use of the Maya calender by inhabitants of the highlands; dynamics of the market round system and the role of women in maintaining Maya culture.

During 1991 in Reconquista, Argentina and 1993 in Ecuador, Bolivia and Puerto Rico I was translator and facilitator for the personnel participating in NASA projects. In Argentina we were running a field site in Reconquista as part of a campaign to map field lines in the southern hemisphere and to collect data from Critical Ionization experiments. I worked with U.S. and

Argentinean Air Force, embassy and Federal Aviation personnel to facilitate this work. In 1993 I facilitated the establishment of remote ground sites in Ecuador, Bolivia and Puerto Rico to collect magnetometer data simultaneous with airborne Intensified Camera data collection on cloud to ionosphere discharges.

III. Teaching

From 1994 to the present I have worked as a lecturer for the University of Alaska. I developed and teach a course entitled "Mammals of Alaska" for the Center for Distance Education and Independent Learning of the College of Rural Alaska, University of Alaska Fairbanks and I teach Introductory Biology (lectures and labs) for biology majors on the Fairbanks campus. In addition to teaching this entails class organization, development of labs and supervision of Teaching Assistants.

From 1989-1992 I was a Teaching Assistant and Laboratory Coordinator for the University of Alaska Fairbanks Biology and Wildlife Department for introductory biology (for biology majors and for non-majors), genetics and anatomy and physiology.

From 1975-1978 I held several positions at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park. Trek is a part of the Point Defiance Zoo of Tacoma, Washington. I was a Naturalist, the Docent Coordinator, Public Programs Director and Park Photographer. My duties included: program development for the public and school groups (on-site and off-site programs); park interpretation (on-site and off-site); behavioral and habitat use observations of park animals and design and production of slide-tape shows and printed educational materials. I organized the use of park space by other organizations and designed and constructed museum exhibits and park interpretive displays and trained and supervised a cadre of 25+ volunteers who helped in the daily interpretation activities of the park.

IV. Policy

I am currently a member of the Alaska Board of Game. I am one of 7 people appointed by the Governor to establish the regulations necessary to ensure the conservation of wildlife resources in Alaska. This position involves 40 to 50 days of meetings each year and entails working with federal and state officials and the public to review wildlife policy and biology in conjunction with public comment to amend and establish regulations and policy pertinent to wildlife conservation and use.

I am currently a member of the Research Committee for the Alaska Bird Observatory. It is our role to define and help direct the research goals of ABO. The primary research goals are to identify bird populations of concern in Alaska; identify factors leading to population declines; and to increase our understanding of the basic biology of Alaska's birds.

I was appointed to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Wolf Management Planning Team in November 1990. As a member of the Planning Team I was part of a citizen's group which, through a consensus process facilitated by Aspen Inc., wrote a report making recommendations to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and The Alaska Board of Game on management goals and strategies for wolves in Alaska.

Professional papers/Abstracts/presentations

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12. Ruggles, A.K. 1989. Loons in the Mat-Su Valley, a preliminary consideration of habitat selection. First Alaska Loon Fest. Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. (presentation)

Memberships

The Wildlife Society
Society for Conservation Biology
Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology
Alaska Bird Observatory
Nature Conservancy
National Speleological Society
Girl Scouts USA (currently a Brownie leader)

Reference

References are available on request.

November 20, 1995

Ms. Anne K. Ruggles
P.O. Box 82950
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Ms. Ruggles:

Thank you for expressing your interest in reappointment to the Board of Game.

I appreciate your willingness to assist the Governor through service on a board or commission. We have recorded your interest, and it will be considered prior to making an appointment.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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February 26, 1996

Ms. Anne K. Ruggles
P.O. Box 82950
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Anne,

I am grateful you accepted reappointment to the Board of Game.

I appreciate your willingness to continue serving Alaska in this important capacity. Your commitment can make a difference as we work together to ensure a positive and problem-solving state government. Through our mutual efforts, the vision we share for an environment of opportunity and progress for all Alaskans is possible.

Sincerely,

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Tony Knowles
Governor

cc: Cindy Smith, Coordinator, Boards and Commissions

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February 26, 1996

Ms. Anne K. Ruggles
P.O. Box 87950
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Ms. Ruggles:

Congratulations on your reappointment to the Board of Game, effective February 23, 1996, for a term ending January 31, 1999. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.

After signing and notarizing the enclosed Oath of Office form, please return it to my office immediately. Upon receipt of the completed form, you will be authorized to exercise the powers and perform the duties of your office pending confirmation by the Legislature.

In addition, I have enclosed an optional Equal Opportunity Survey which I would appreciate having returned with the Oath of Office should you choose to fill it out. This information is kept confidential and used for statistical analysis of boards and commissions only.

Also enclosed is an identification card to facilitate your travel as a board member. Some businesses offer State of Alaska discounts when traveling on official business.

The Alaska Public Offices Commission will send you a Conflict of Interest Statement. Please carefully review their letter to ensure that you are in compliance with the law.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Best wishes to you as a board member.

Best regards,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

Enclosures

bcc: Lt. Governor's Office
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Contact: Ms. Diana Cote
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JoAnn Utt
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February 28, 1996

TO GOVERNOR KNOWLES
FAX (907)269-7463

Dear Governor Knowles

Thank you for your appointment of Anne Ruggles. Finally, a fair-minded person on the Game Board!!!

BRAVO !!!


JoAnn Utt

P.S. I attended last years' meeting in Anchorage and Anne Ruggles was the only board member knowledgeable on both land/animal issues

cc SENATOR BERT SHARP
SENATOR ROBIN TAYLOR

Game / mail

3 February 1996

Governor Tony Knowles
Governor's Office
Post Office Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
FEB 08 1996

Attn: Heather Bradner

Dear Governor Knowles,

I am writing to recommend Ann Ruggles be retained as a member of the Alaska Board of Game.

I have known Ann since she moved to Alaska. Her husband Don first worked for me as a teaching assistant in the UAF Physics Department. During the time Don worked for me I helped Don and Ann with fire wood and they helped me with butchering hogs. You can get a fair assessment of a person's character when engaged in such activities and I grew to respect Ann's.

I do not agree with Ann on some of the issues the Board of Game has addressed. But I respect her integrity, intelligence and honesty.

I am also urging you to reappoint Thomas Johnson and Sue Entsminger. Many of the issues that come before the Board have a long history. New members might be afraid to act until they have had the time to become familiar with the issues. The end result is that many issues will be ignored.

One such issue is that of using airboats for hunting vehicles. Ann worked with me on a proposal I submitted to the Board which would restrict airboat operators from same day hunting, much like the present law for airplanes. The issue of using airboats for hunting has been coming up for many years now. A document that comes from the desk of W. Lewis Pamplin, Jr., Director of the Division of Wildlife Conservation, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, dated February 1, 1990 contains the following quote, "*Airboats have altered drainage patterns, destroyed waterfowl nesting habitat, and disturbed nesting swans on Fort Wainwright.*" In addition their loud noise disturbs other hunters and users of Alaska's wild lands. They are so loud that if I were working instead of hunting, my employer would be required to provide hearing protection under OSHA regulations.

Even though the Board of Game heard testimony and saw evidence about the damaging effects of airboats they decided to delay making any decisions until next November. I guess they wanted Fish and Game to update their report on the matter and make recommendations. If the Board experiences a large turnover at this point in the process it is likely that nothing will happen.

Heather Bradner suggested that I mail information on problems with airboats. I hope you have time to read through the material.

Howard Luke, an Athabaskan elder who has lived in the Tanana flats his entire life, dictated a letter to me and asked me to send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John K. Petersen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John K. Petersen

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907-474-4065

Dear Gov. Knowles,

We are losing our lively hood fast. The airboats are running over all the duck eggs and nests. If we were mistreated we wouldn't go back too. If we want to protect our animals we got to get rid of the airboats.

I don't like to talk about people like that but they should know what they're doing. It's no respect what ever. The fish ; muskrats too. They live in the grass and the airboats run over the grass. Used to be a lot of muskrats, All them places where there used to be a lake they're all draining out

If we don't do something about it it's really going to ruin the country.

Knowles Lake

Airboats are not so benign as their operators will claim

By JOHN K. PETERSEN

Over the years people have voiced concern over various aspects of unrestricted airboat use in Alaska. We need to begin looking at ways to regulate their activities before the problems get worse.

The most extensive study dealing with the impact of airboats is the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory report "The Use and Environmental Impacts of Airboats on the Tanana Flats, Fort Wainwright, Alaska," which was commissioned by the U.S. Army in 1989. Although many aspects of the one-year study were inconclusive, the first recommendation of the report was:

"An airboat management plan should be developed for the Tanana Flats portion of Fort Wainwright to include consideration of the nesting behavior of trumpeter swans. Methods to achieve temporal and/or spatial separation of airboat and swan use of the area should be considered. If the trumpeter swan population continues to increase in Interior Alaska, additional nesting space may be desirable."

In other words, the authors of the report are recommending that airboats be restricted as to when and where they can go in the flats so they will interfere with nesting swans. Some of the other recommendations call for the future monitoring of airboat trail expansion, determine the

rates of recovery of vegetation, conduct further studies of the hydrology and flow of water through the floating marshes used by airboats.

The CRRREL study only briefly mentions the problems of noise from airboats. Last year Rep. John Davies submitted House Bill 66, which would require all boats to have a sufficient muffler installed on the engine such that the noise level of the boat would not exceed 90 decibels measured at 50 feet. Noise levels above 90 decibels can cause permanent hearing damage. According to Roger Redfern, a local airboat dealer, newer factory airboats with mufflers and double props have sound levels below 90 decibels. Older and homemade airboats often have no mufflers and single props which will consequently have sound levels as high as 130 decibels, similar to a jet engine. Airboaters that oppose the 90 decibel standard feel that they have the right to run any configuration of airboat they prefer. The technology exists to make airboats quiet enough to meet the standards set in House Bill 66. We have to decide if the preferences of airboat owners outweigh the rights of the others.

Ronnie Redfern of Alaska Airboat Adventures was quoted as saying about his summer airboat tours in the Tanana Flats, "You're guaranteed to see 15 or 20 moose in two hours." When many airboaters hunt for moose, they simply drive around the swamps and

sloughs until they see a bull in the open. Then they shoot it. Toby Boudreau, with Alaska Department of Fish and Game, knows of a local group of hunters that shot 12 moose using three airboats last fall. Roy Nowlin, a Unit 6 biologist with ADF&G, told of one group of six hunters, using one airboat, that were able to shoot six moose in less than five hours. For comparison, only about 25 percent of all moose hunters in Alaska are successful, and nonresidents, who are often flown into guided hunts, are only 46 percent successful. Alaska has restrictions on other forms of transportation that are too efficient, helicopters cannot be used at all and a person cannot hunt until after 3 a.m. the day after flying in an airplane. Nowlin went on to say, "In Unit 6B airboats are much more effective than airplanes." Since airboats are so efficient, hunting restrictions should be applied to them similar to those placed on aircraft.

The numbers of airboats in the Interior is growing rapidly. Roger Redfern estimates there are only about 85 to 90 airboats in the Interior but he has already sold eight before June of this year. In addition, nobody really knows how many more airboats have been homemade or bought from other sources. As the airboat population grows, the problems associated with them will become worse, and solutions will be harder to find.

John K. Petersen is an instructor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks physical laboratory.

February 9, 1996

Mr. John K. Petersen
4539 Tolovana Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Mr. Petersen:

Governor Knowles asked me to respond to your letter of support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles, Mr. Thomas Johnson, and Ms. Sue Entsminger to the Board of Game.

Your comments will be seriously considered prior to making this appointment.

Your willingness to assist the Governor in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Mr. John K. Petersen
4539 Tolovana Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Mr. Petersen:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The number of candidates and the high level of qualifications were impressive.

Governor Tony Knowles has reappointed Anne Ruggles of Fairbanks and appointed Greg Roczicka of Bethel and Victor Van Ballenberghe of Anchorage to public seats on the Board of Game.

We appreciate your assistance in helping Governor Knowles select the best candidates for boards and commissions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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*Gladstone***Friends
of
Animals****Via Fax**

Feb. 14, 1996

Gov. Tony Knowles
(907) 465-3532BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
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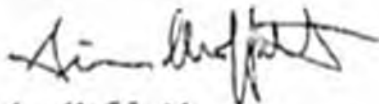
Dear Gov. Knowles,

I am writing to strongly urge you to reappoint Anne Ruggles to the Board of Game, and to find another candidate to replace Sue Entsminger. During her entire term, Ms. Ruggles's has often been the only voice for reason on a board whose makeup is, in our belief, unduly balanced toward consumptive uses and maximizing the killing of game in Alaska, at the expense of sound ecological management.

These actions will go far toward restoring balance to the Board of Game. We have no recommendation as to an applicant for either Ms. Entsminger's position or the third vacancy. We trust your reasonableness in choosing applicants who will represent all Alaskans in the difficult policymaking tasks the board faces

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Moffatt
NW Field Representative
Friends of AnimalsTim Moffatt
P.O. Box 291
Gladstone, OR 97027
Phone/Fax: (503) 794-0855

March 5, 1996

Mr. Tim Moffatt
Northwest Field Representative
Friends of Animals
P.O. Box 291
Gladstone, OR 97027

Dear Mr. Moffatt:

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Sincerely,

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Northern Alaska Environmental Center



218 DRIVEWAY STREET
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701-2806
PHONE: (907) 452-5021 FAX: (907) 452-3100
E-MAIL: naec@econet.org

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
FEB 02 1996

January 30, 1996

Heather Bradner
Boards and Commissions
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Heather:

I write to recommend Anne Ruggles for re-appointment to the Alaska Board of Game.

In the last three years, Anne has served the people of Alaska well. She is consistently open to any outcome on issues that come before the Board. She is committed to weighing the facts and public sentiment before casting her vote. That said, Anne gives voice to different values in Board deliberations, speaking as a scientist and speaking for non-intensive management interests. Anne pursues policy that will neither reflect poorly on Alaska nor hurt Alaskans.

Governor Hickel nominated Anne in 1992 for her obvious credentials--but also because she was "green" enough to appease environmentalists and level-headed enough so as not to horrify his most ardent supporters. It worked and still works. Anne is widely recognized as a problem-solver. She takes her responsibility to Alaska very seriously and sees in her public service a great opportunity to help Alaskans.

A more professional and enthusiastic candidate is hard to imagine; I urge that Anne Ruggles be appointed to a second three-year term.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Ward
Executive Director

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February 6, 1996

Ms. Sylvia Ward, Executive Director
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
218 Driveway Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701-2806

Dear Ms. Ward:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Ms. Sylvia Ward, Executive Director
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
218 Driveway Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701-2806

Dear Ms. Ward:

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Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
JAN 30 1996

Honorable Governor Tony Knowles,

I respectfully request that you not reappoint Ms. Anne Ruggles to the Alaska Board of Game on the grounds that she does not represent the needs of Interior residents.

Her public statement at the January 1996 Game Board Meeting that Black Bear Bait Hunting is not an ethical hunting method has wrongly labeled most bear hunters in the area as unethical. Perhaps it is her own ethics that should be questioned in attacking those she is suppose to represent.

The fact that she could never get enough votes locally to be elected to the Game Board Advisory Committee is further proof of her unpopular views on wildlife management. I truly believe that a rock tossed randomly out any window in Fairbanks would hit someone better suited to represent our needs.

Thanks for your many and continuing efforts to protect our game resources and hunting privileges.

Sincerely,

Tom Ramsey
Tom Ramsey
P.O. Box 58405
Fairbanks, Alaska 99711

Phone 907-488-0210

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Game Board kills bid to ban bear baiting

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE—A proposal to end bear baiting in Alaska was defeated 6-1 Monday by the Alaska Game Board.

Anno Ruggles of Fairbanks cast the dissenting vote.

"I don't think bear baiting is an ethical way to hunt," she said.

After turning down the ban on bear baiting, the board unanimously endorsed a proposal to require hunters to salvage much of the meat from all black bears taken in the state. Hunters would have to take the hind and front quarters of any black bear and also the back straps.

The board tabled that proposal until its March meeting to allow public comment before the change goes into effect.

Board chairman Dick Burley of Fairbanks voted with the majority to retain bear baiting.

"I don't believe bear baiting is

jeopardizing the bear population in the state," Burley said. "I don't believe there is a biological concern. It's a question of values.

"The board is attempting to require salvage of bear meat, because the majority of testimony showed that people hunt black bears over bait for food and the feeling was that as long as the bear is utilized for food, that it is an efficient way to hunt," Burley said.

"I think it's a value question," said Tok board member Sue Entsminger. "It's not an ethics issue. People who objected (to bear baiting) showed me it was a hidden agenda."

Juneau board member Ernie Polley said he was bothered enough by hunters using bear bait for trophy hunting to suggest the requirement that meat be salvaged in all black bear hunts

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Michael Parks - P.O. Box 4332 - Homer, AK. 99603 - 907-235-8796

Office of the Government - Attn: Board and Commissions Dept.
State Capitol
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
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Dear Men and Women of the Government;

This first half of this letter is in support of the Board of Game decision to close McNeil's final boundary to bear hunting. This is a unique situation and deserves a different management plan than other areas of Alaska. I think those involved did the right thing and if it proves to be the wrong thing then, what does it take to correct it? Not much. Was it Jay Hammond who said, "a mistake on the side of conservation is easily corrected." A mistake on the other side often can't be corrected.

The second half of this letter is to support Anne Ruggles on the Board of Game. I have had the pleasure of working with her in the field and observing her work as a professor at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Anne does an incredible amount of research on any issue she becomes involved in. She has an excellent ability to remain focused on the issue, present the facts, and lead discussions in an unbiased fashion. Her ethical values and approach to life are of the highest level.

Finally, if Anne Ruggles would ask to set on the Board of Game again, it would no doubt be in Alaska's best interest to accept her. What a valuable asset she is.

Sincerely,

Michael Parks
Michael Parks

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January 11, 1996

Mr. Michael Parks
P.O. Box 4332
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Mr. Parks:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Mr. Michael Parks
P.O. Box 4332
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Mr. Parks:

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Sincerely,

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Governor

Sean McGuire
351 Cloudberry *D.V.*
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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Governor Tony Knowles

Governor Knowles.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
JAN 0 1996

I am writing in regards to reappointing Ann Ruggles to the Board of Game. Ann probably knows more about wildlife than anyone on the BOG. She teaches several courses on wildlife at UAF. She displays a strong scientific background and shows a willingness to dialogue with the public. She has been well respected by all sides of issues regardless of points of view. With so much national and international attention focused on Alaskan wildlife, Ann gives the State strong credibility in wildlife management.

Sincerely,

Sean McGuire



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

January 4, 1996

Mr. Sean McGuire
351 Cloudberry Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Mr. Sean McGuire
351 Cloudberry Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Mr. McGuire:

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The Honorable Tony J. Knowles
Governor of the State of Alaska
State Capitol
P. O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811

December 12, 1995

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
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RE: Nomination of Anne Ruggles to the State Board of Game

Dear Sir:

My husband, James, and I, first met Anne Ruggles several years ago when she was surveying Wolfe Lake, in the Matanuska-Susitna area between Palmer and Wasilla, on a Loon Research project, under the auspices of the Department of Fish and Game.

At that time, we were impressed with her ability to convey complex scientific information to the lay public (ourselves) and with her evident dedication, perseverance and excitement about her work. This has not diminished and we are further impressed by her interest in a wide variety of concerns (there is no evident agenda to focus only on one resource or issue) by her ability to discuss sensitive issues with a variety of people and resource users, using a firm understanding of the scientific data to make clear and convincing presentations of hers, and the public's interest in the protection, and use of our wildlife resources, game and non-game alike.

We have followed her career with the State Board of Game and feel that she best represents our concerns and wishes for the proposed utilization issues that are presented.

Please feel to contact us if you have need for any additional information, at:
Joann and Jim Eakin
P. O. Box 1085
Palmer, Ak. 99645
phone: (907) 745-6395
FAX: (907) 746-4723

I am honored to know Anne Ruggles, and think that her continued service on the State Board of Game would be a great benefit to the public, resource uses and the goals and aims of the Department.

Sincerely,

Joann K. Eakin
Joann K. Eakin

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

December 22, 1995

Ms. Joann K. Eakin
P.O. Box 1085
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Ms. Eakin:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Ms. Joann K. Eakin
P.O. Box 1085
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Ms. Eakin:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The number of candidates and the high level of qualifications were impressive.

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Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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Box 80766
Fairbanks, AK 99708
November 25, 1995

Ms. Heather Bradner
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
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Dear Ms. Bradner:

I am writing with regard to Anne Ruggles, a current Board of Game member whose term expires in January 1996. I strongly recommend that Governor Knowles reappoint Ms. Ruggles for another three-year term.

I have known Ms. Ruggles since she came to Alaska - first as a fellow graduate student and then as a friend. I think she has done an excellent job as a Board of Game member. Not only does Ms. Ruggles participate fully at all meetings, but between meetings she works tirelessly by attending conferences, phoning and writing to constituents, and generally making herself available to those with concerns. In other words, Ms. Ruggles is a full-time Board of Game member, and she makes every effort to keep informed and to see all sides of the issues.

I hope that you will pass this recommendation on to Governor Knowles and that he will choose to reappoint Ms. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Sincerely yours.

Katharine Richardson

Katharine Richardson

November 28, 1995

Ms. Katharine Richardson
P.O. Box 80766
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Ms. Katharine Richardson
P.O. Box 80766
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Ms. Richardson:

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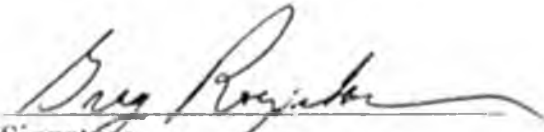
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STATE OF ALASKA


OATH OF OFFICE

BOARDS & COMMISSIONERS
MAR 0 1995

I, Greg Roczicka, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Board of Game to the best of my ability.


Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 04th day of March, 1996.


Notary Public, State of Alaska
My commission expires: 04/04/98

(SEAL)



NOTE: Pursuant to AS 09.63.010, this oath may be administered by a justice, judge, or magistrate of a court; a clerk or deputy clerk of a court; a notary public; a U.S. postmaster; or a commissioned officer under AS 09.63.050.

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GREG ROCZICKA
PO BOX 513
BETHEL, AK, 99559
P: (907) 543-2903

WORK HISTORY

- 1988 - PRESENT** Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), Inc.
PO Box 219, Bethel, AK 99559; P/Fax: (907) 543-3521/3596.
(1988-90, Resource Dept. dba Nunam Kitlutsisti, Protectors of the Land Inc.)
Worked within various capacities/titles depending on need and availability, which have included: Resource Specialist, Rights Protection Assistant, Coastal Zone Management Coordinator (CZM), and Director of Natural Resources Department. Primary activities involve(d): serving as a liaison between tribal, state and federal governments; review, response, and generation of technical/regulatory documents; identification and solicitation of project funding sources, including fiscal oversight; overall focus on perpetuating integrity of renewable resources and subsistence lifestyle of Western Alaska.
- 1975 - PRESENT** Intermittent crewman in seasonal commercial fishing operations.
- 1987-88** Lower Kuskokwim School District and Personal Projects.
Worked as seasonal maintenance mechanic while building house for family in Kwethluk, Alaska.
- 1980-87** City of Bethel, Alaska.
1984-87, Coastal Zone Management Planner implementing functional and technical aspects of City's CZM program; planning, coordination and hands on site supervision of community enhancement projects.
1983-84, Coordinated Alcohol Safety Action Program, maintaining networking system between Courts, treatment agencies, and regional/village counseling programs; diagnostic assessments, placement and follow-up of clientele; generation of alcohol related crime statistics; fiscal oversight.
1980-83, Supervisor of 24-hour detoxification facility, maintaining staff of 15 in emergency care and transport of up to 5,000 clients annually; provide Emergency Medical Service training to staff; generate agency statistics; fiscal program oversight.
- 1977-79** Employers varied. Mixture of temporary construction jobs, commercial fishing, cab driving, etc., while attending UAF-Kuskokwim community college, in Bethel.
- 1976** Provide food, shelter, etc. for self and dog, 70 river miles from nearest community.
- 1975-76** Northern Commercial Co.
Performed general labor and clerical duties, maintaining daily business at bulk fuel storage and delivery facility in Bethel.
- 1974-75** Bethel Development Corporation.
Shift maintenance for front office operations of 30 room hotel.
- 1973-74** Bethel Social Services, Inc.
Teen Center Manager, working after school and week-ends w/community services director implementing Bethel's teen recreation program, including recruitment/supervision of 6-10 teen employees
- 1971-73** Dispatcher for cab companies after school and week-ends

EDUCATION

1977-79 University of Alaska, Fairbanks - Kuskokwim Community College, Bethel, Alaska
60+ credit hours majoring in Land/Resource Management. (LRM program discontinued at KuCC prior to fulfillment of degree requirements)
1970-74 Bethel Regional High School, Bethel, Alaska.
1964-69 Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, South Dakota.
1963-64 Wanblee Elementary, Wanblee, South Dakota

SPECIAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

1/81 State of Alaska Certification: Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I.
4/81 Communications Skills Training.
5/81 Substance Abuse Counseling and Personnel Management Seminars.
10/81 Instructor's Course for CPR and Basic First Aid.
6/82 Increasing Supervisory Skills and Short Term Client Counseling.
9/82 Management Information Systems.
10/82 EMT Recertification/Refresher Course.
11/82 Practical Management of Assaultive Clients.
5/83 Operations of IBM System 34.
5/84 Developing Capable Young People.
8/85 Applications of Lotus 1,2,3.
3/90 Grant Writing Workshop.
2/91 Managing Multiple Demands.

COMMUNITY/AFFILIATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

1980 - 87 Bethel Ambulance Service Volunteer.
1985 - Present Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog Race Committee Volunteer.
1988 - 90 Bethel City Planning Commission.
1989 - 91 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group.
1990 - 92 Lower Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee (Bethel Representative).
1991 - 92 Western Regional Fish & Game Advisory Council Secretary.
1992 - 93 United States-Canada Yukon River Salmon Treaty Negotiations Delegate.

References available upon request.

December 5, 1995

Mr. Greg Roczicka
P.O. Box 513
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Mr. Roczicka:

Thank you for expressing your interest in an appointment to the Board of Game.

I appreciate your willingness to assist the Governor through service on a board or commission. We have recorded your interest, and it will be considered prior to making an appointment.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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February 26, 1996

Mr. Greg Roczicka
P.O. Box 513
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Greg,

I am grateful you accepted appointment to the Board of Game.

I appreciate your willingness to serve Alaska in this important capacity. Your commitment can make a difference as we work together to ensure a positive and problem-solving state government. Through our mutual efforts, the vision we share for an environment of opportunity and progress for all Alaskans is possible.

Sincerely,

Sis Tony Knowles

Tony Knowles
Governor

cc: Cindy Smith, Coordinator, Boards and Commissions

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February 26, 1996

Mr. Greg Roczicka
P.O. Box 513
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Mr. Roczicka:

Congratulations on your appointment to the Board of Game, effective February 23, 1996, for a term ending January 31, 1999. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.

After signing and notarizing the enclosed Oath of Office form, please return it to my office immediately. Upon receipt of the completed form, you will be authorized to exercise the powers and perform the duties of your office pending confirmation by the Legislature.

In addition, I have enclosed an optional Equal Opportunity Survey which I would appreciate having returned with the Oath of Office should you choose to fill it out. This information is kept confidential and used for statistical analysis of boards and commissions only.

Also enclosed is an identification card to facilitate your travel as a board member. Some businesses offer State of Alaska discounts when traveling on official business.

The Alaska Public Offices Commission will send you a Conflict of Interest Statement. Please carefully review their letter to ensure that you are in compliance with the law.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Best wishes to you as a board member.

Best regards,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

Enclosures

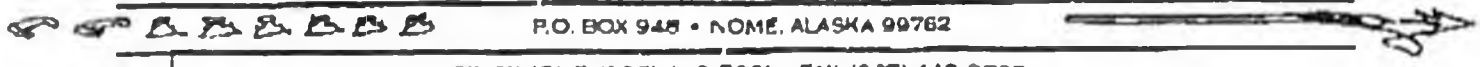
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Senate Secretary
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Contact: Ms. Diana Cote
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Chief Clerk of the House
B&C Read File
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Handwritten note: L. Bullard



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February 23, 1996

Governor Tony Knowles
 Third Floor, State Capitol
 PO Box 110001
 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Knowles:

The Kawerak Board Natural Resources Committee met yesterday and reviewed the letters and resumes of individuals who have expressed interest in serving on the Alaska Board of Game. The Committee encourages you to appoint Greg Rozicka and Rosemary Maher to the Board of Game. They are both long time Alaskans, and would deal with game issues in tactful, diplomatic and equitable manner.

Sincerely,

KAWERAK INCORPORATED

Loretta Bullard
 President

March 5, 1996

Ms. Loretta Bullard, President
Kawerak, Inc.
P.O. Box 948
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Ms. Bullard:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The number of candidates and the high level of qualifications were impressive.

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Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

February 22, 1996

The Honorable Tony Knowles
Governor, State of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811 - 0001
FAX: 907 - 465 - 3532

Dear Governor Knowles,

The Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., (RurAL CAP) wishes to support the application of Greg Roczicka to the Alaska Board of Game.

Mr. Roczicka has lived and worked in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta since 1975. In that time he has observed the changes in resource management that has occurred within Alaska as competition of existing resources continues to rise. Mr. Roczicka has served on many of the working groups dealing with resource issues at the local, regional, and statewide level. Within the last eight years he has been directly involved in helping to resolve difficult resource issues in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region. He is known for his objectivity, and ability to work to find solutions by identifying the common ground.

Mr. Roczicka has been working to develop and coordinate the implementation of a cooperative co-management regime for big game species in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. His task has been to obtain and maintain the interest, support and involvement of all stakeholders, no easy task.

RurAL CAP heartily endorses Mr. Roczicka, and believe that he would bring balance and experience to the Board which would serve the interests of the entire state.

Please contact me if you have further questions

Sincerely,



Jeanine Kennedy, Executive Director
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

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March 5, 1996

Ms. Jeanine Kennedy, Executive Director
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.
P.O. Box 200908
Anchorage, AK 99520

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

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Association of Village Council Presidents
Natural Resource Department
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February 21, 1996

Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor
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PO Box 110601
Juneau, AK 99801-0001

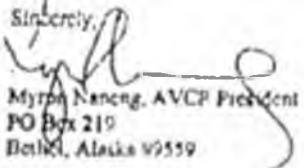
Dear Governor Knowles:

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that the Association of Village Council Presidents recommend Mr. Greg Rozzicka for an appointment to the State Board of Game. Greg's experience, expertise and understanding of the problems associated with the implementation of Board of Game regulations will add to the effectiveness of the Board.

Greg serves as technical advisor to the Moose, Caribou and Brown Bear Cooperative management forums that AVCP has had the honor of promulgating. Greg has made it very clear that he will not and cannot compromise the principle of sound fish and game management for the benefit of anyone's political agenda. The AVCP feels that this would be appropriate for Greg or for anyone who is to serve on the Board of Game.

We believe that Greg would bring an excellent perspective to the Board. As Greg has had years of experience dealing with controversial issues, he will undoubtedly be an asset to the board and ultimately to the residents of the entire State. Your cooperation and nomination of Mr. Rozzicka will complement your desire to deal with the subsistence problem with quite effective diplomacy.

Thank you for your time and positive consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Myron Nancig, AVCP President
PO Box 219
Bethel, Alaska 99809

March 5, 1996

Mr. Myron P. Naneng, President
Association of Village Council Presidents
P.O. Box 219
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Mr. Naneng:

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February 21, 1996

The Honorable Tony Knowles
Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Knowles:

We are writing today to convey support for Mr. Greg Roczicka, Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), as a qualified candidate for appointment to the Alaska Board of Game. Greg is very familiar with the critical issues of game management facing the people of Alaska. He understands first hand the problems associated with Board of Game policies and regulations. Additionally, he can provide to the Board process many years of knowledge regarding large mammal harvests.

Greg serves as advisor to the cooperative management agreements with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and participates directly in various co-management issues. We have complete confidence that Greg will be a tremendous asset in serving the people of Alaska through the Board of Game process. Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Roczicka.

Sincerely,

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, INC.

Wil Mayo
President

March 5, 1996

Mr. Will Mayo, President
Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.
122 First Avenue, Suite 600
Fairbanks, AK 99701-4897

Dear Mr. Mayo:

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Maniilaq Association

P.O. Box 256
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752
(907) 442-3311

February 23, 1996

Office of the Governor
Governor Tony Knowles
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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Dear Governor Knowles:

Maniilaq Association is recommending Greg Roczicka from Bethel for the Alaska Board of Game. Greg has worked for sometime with the Associated Village Council Presidents in their Natural Resources Department. He has worked extensively with the villages in his region in developing co-management agreements. Although the issues are complicated, we feel he can represent the State of Alaska honestly, equitably, and professionally.

Greg understands the issues before the Alaska Board of Game. His appointment to the Board of Game will move toward a more cooperative effort and will reduce the confrontation between rural and urban residents. In closing, we recommend that Greg Roczicka be appointed to the board of game.

If you have any questions on this matter please contact Maniilaq's Subsistence Coordinator at (907) 442-3311. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Ballot
President/CEO

cc: Greg Roczicka, AVCP

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Atkasook, Avukavuk, Ipiulik, Katsiak, Kivalina, Looe, Ukukjagvik, Uummataq, Nuiyuk, Akuligaq, Iinniq

March 5, 1996

Mr. Joseph A. Ballot
President/CEO
Maniilaq Association
P.O. Box 256
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Dear Mr. Ballot:

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