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The Honorable Scott Ogan, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee
Alaska House Of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Scott
Dear Representatives Ogan:

We have advised members of the Board of Game to be available for a confirmation hearing on Saturday, March 8, before the House Resources Committee despite the fact the Board has a previously scheduled and publicly noticed meeting underway.

As we have discussed with you and your staff, it is unfortunate the Committee is holding its hearing on a day the Board is already committed to holding a public meeting. Work sessions such as the one taking place today and Saturday are important to the public because they enable board members to be fully prepared to address the complex issues facing them during the upcoming March 13-24, 1997, Board of Game meeting. It also causes difficulty for citizens who plan to attend board meetings based on published schedules.

However, in an effort to cooperate with the Committee, we have asked board members to recess their scheduled work session during the period of 9 a.m. to noon, so Committee members have the opportunity to interview them. The Board of Game will be meeting in Juneau in April and we will be happy to arrange their appearance in person at that time if the Committee wishes.

Sincerely,

Pat Pourchot
Legislative Director

cc: The Honorable Bill Hudson, Co-Chair
House Resources Committee

GREGORY P. STREVELER
Icy Strait Environmental Services
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RESUME'

Vital Statistics

- Male, 55 years of age.
- Married to Judith T. Brakel.
- Children and stepchildren Kathy, Tanya, Matt, Tom, Aaron.
- Twenty eight year resident of Gustavus, Alaska.
- Rural lifestyle based on hunting, fishing, gathering, gardening, beach logging for family needs.

Education

- B.S., University of Wisconsin. Biology. 1963.
- M.S., University of Wisconsin. Ecology. 1966.
- U.S. Park Ranger training, Albright Academy. 1967.
- Two quarters additional ecological training, U. Washington. 1977 & 1979.

Employment History

- Member, zoological expeditions to Aleutian and Kodiak Islands, summers 1962, 64.
- Assistant on study of ground squirrel ecology, Cape Thompson, AK, summer 1965.
- Asst. to Herring/shellfish Biologist, ADF&G, Petersburg, AK, 1966-67.
- Park Ranger, Glacier Bay National Park, 1967-73.
- Research Biologist, Glacier Bay National Park, 1973-79.
- Wilderness Guide, Alaska Discovery, Inc., Juneau, summers 1980-87.
- Teacher, for Univ. of AK Southeast and Alaska Discovery Inc., summer field course "The Natural History of Glacier Bay", 1981-89.
- Contractor, with Gulf Oceanic Society, to ADF&G, on wildlife survey of Gustavus beaches & wetlands, 1983.
- Teacher, for Gustavus School, science and math, winters 1982-86.
- Gardener, Gustavus Inn, summers 1980-86.
- Contractor, with Environaid, inc., on Hydrology study of Gustavus, for Community of Gustavus, 1985-87.
- Planner & Research Facilitator, Glacier Bay National Park, 1987-89.
- Legislative Aide, for Representative Peter Goll, winter 1990.

- Contractor, to National Audubon Society, as vertebrate expert on international expedition to Russian Arctic, summer 1991.
- Contractor, to National Audubon Society, to prepare environmental education materials on natural history of Beringia, 1991-92.
- Contractor, to U.S. Forest Service, on survey of mammals of the Homeshore area of Juneau Ranger District, 1991-92.
- Teacher, for U. Vermont Field Naturalist Program, graduate field course on Natural History of Glacier Bay, summers 1984-1994.
- Teacher, for Discovery Foundation, Environmental Education training for public school teachers, winters 1989-present.
- Teacher, University of Alaska, Southeast, June 1990-present, Summer Academy course on the Natural history of SE Alaska.
- Contractor, to Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, to assemble information on scientific and management significance of Southeast Alaskan caves, 1993.
- Contractor, to the City & Borough of Juneau, to provide a characterization of the mammal fauna of city watersheds, 1993.
- Contractor, to Gustavus Electric Co., to provide an environmental evaluation of the Kahtaheena River proposed hydro site, 1993-1994.
- Teacher of ecotourism guides and Park employees, Haines and Skagway areas, spring 1994-present.
- Contractor, for Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, 1994:
 - to evaluate potentials for impacts of park management actions and visitor use on plant and animal populations;
 - to prepare laypersons' summaries of recent USFS and USGS technical reports.
- Contractor, to University of Alaska American Russian Center, March 1995, to co-instruct an ecotourism workshop for Russian citizens.
- Teacher, Elderhostel, 1993 - present.
- Contractor, to Glacier Bay National Park,
 - May-July 1995, to participate in geological investigations accompanying an archaeological survey of Icy Strait
 - January - March, 1996, to summarize glacial history for selected park watersheds.
- Contractor, to the USNPS Denver Service Center, July-December 1995, to provide an environmental survey of portions of the Gustavus, Bartlett Cove and Indian Point areas.
- Contractor, to Ch2M Hill, Inc., November 1995 - present, to provide environmental background on birds and mammals for a supplemental EIS on proposed AJ mine, Juneau.

Nicole Whittington-Evans
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Palmer, AK 99645
(907) 746-7019

Education: University of Montana, Missoula, MT; Master of Science in Environmental Studies: Wildlife Conservation and Policy emphasis, December 1996;

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Bachelor of Arts in English, Minor in Music, December 1984;

Honors: University Scholars Student, Bessie Bodek Award in Music (U. of P.);

Committee, Team, and Board experience:

Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee, 1995 to present;

represent conservation and tourism interests on diverse, 17-member committee, which includes sport hunting, trapping, commercial and sport fishing, guiding and lodge-owner interest;

Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association (AWRTA), member Board of Directors, 1995 to present, Represent AWRTA on:

Fortymile Caribou Herd Planning Team;

ADF&G Watchable Wildlife Committee;

Work History:

Alaska Center for the Environment, Western Gulf Coordinator, Alaska Rainforest Campaign, Anchorage, AK, September 1995 to present;

supervise and coordinate community organizing and support in southcentral Alaska; outreach to tourism, recreation, fishing, hunting, and other community members and groups;

1994 Anchorage Sea Kayaking Symposium, Coordinator, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK, 1993 - 1994:

organized and supervised flow of Symposium; coordinated, worked with and answered to a nine member committee;

Alaska Wildland Adventures, Natural History Guide, Cooper Landing, AK, summer 1993:

lead ten-day natural history tours of Kenai Peninsula through Denali National Park; performed as raft guide on Kenai river and day-hiking guide on Kenai Peninsula and through Kantishna hills;

The Alaska Wildlife Alliance, Executive Director, Anchorage, AK, 1992 - 1993:

answered to Board of Directors; carried responsibility for operation of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance; supervised all staff activities; spoke at panels, workshops and symposiums; worked with variety of wildlife-interest groups, including hunting and native organizations;

Wilderness and Civilization Program, Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Forestry, University of Montana, September 1991 - May 1992:

taught and facilitated two Forestry courses on wilderness, ecosystem and wildlife issues; organized lecture series; lead two ten-day backcountry treks; arranged retreat and weekend field trips; coordinated and ran faculty meetings; acted as student/faculty liaison;

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), Mountaineering and Backpacking Course Leader, Senior Staff: Winter Certified, Wyoming and Alaska, 1987 - 1995;

lead one month expeditions; taught: minimum impact backpacking; natural history; rock, snow and ice climbing; first aid; safety and hazard evaluation; skiing and bear camping skills; coordinated rations, equipment, route and re-supply logistics;

NOLS, Assistant Marketing Director and Admissions Officer, Lander, WY, 1986 - 1987:

wrote, solicited and edited articles; sold advertising; designed copy layout; oversaw printing operations; corresponded NOLS course information to prospective students over phone and in writing; reviewed applications; presented slide shows and spoke publicly about school curriculum and mission; interviewed and awarded scholarship candidates;

Mountaineering Experience:

Denali, AK (el. 20,320') -- participated in three-member NOLS instructor team which lead group to summit of Denali via Muldrow Glacier route, 1995; member of first woman's expedition to traverse and summit via West Buttress to Muldrow route, 1988;

Aconcagua, Argentina (el. 23,000') -- member of successful summit team, 1985;

Resource Use:

My husband and I fish when we can and use fish as a food source throughout the year. While we do not currently hunt, we are not opposed to hunting. We acknowledge that if we lived in a remote area we would hunt to subsist. We eat wild game meat when it is made available to us.

References:

Available upon request.

R E S U M E

Michael R. Fleagle
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EDUCATION:

Grade	1-8	Manley State Operated School	Manley Hot Springs, Alaska
Grade	9-11	Monroe High School	Fairbanks, Alaska
Grade	12	West Valley High School	Fairbanks, Alaska

VOCATIONAL TRAINING:

Automotive Mechanics, Hutchlson Career Center, Fairbanks, 1974, 3/4 Credit
Auto and Diesel Mechanics, Teamster's Training Trust, Anchorage, 1977 16 weeks, Graduated.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

McGrath Christian Fellowship Board, Board member	1984-1986
Bean Rldge Corporation Board, Vice-president	1983-1985, 1993-Present
McGrath City Council, Council member	1985-1987
McGrath Advisory School Board, Chairman	1993-1996
Kuskokwim Public Broadcasting Corporation, Vice-president	1993-1996
McGrath Native Village Council, 2nd Chief	1995-Present
Doyon, Limited Board, Board member	1996-Present

WORK EXPERIENCE:

I started in the workforce in 1977 on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline as a Teamster swamper and tire changer in Prudhoe until RIF in October 1977.

My work experience is rather diverse, having spent most of 2 years in Barrow as a light duty and a heavy duty mechanic between 1979 and 1982. I worked as a heavy equipment operator for the City of Fairbanks in the summer of 1982, and when laid off at season's end, returned to McGrath.

Since returning, I've worked for McGrath Light and Power as a power plant operator, Alaska Construction and Mining as a mechanic/welder/operator at Moore Creek Mine, self employed as a mechanic, City of McGrath as a water plant operator and equipment operator, Rockford Construction as a welder and operator. In April of 1985, I went to work seasonally for the State Division of Forestry as a maintenance worker, and spent some time on fire assignments, including Lower 48. In the winters, I would trap, do mechanics work, building maintenance, plumbing and heating, etc. September, 1989 brought me to my present occupation, and that is a heavy equipment mechanic/operator for the State Department of Transportation. I travel to 5 other communities in my duties to assist in their airport operations.

OTHER INTERESTS and ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Private pilot and aircraft owner since 1993.

Lifelong hunter and trapper.

Metal detecting and sluicing gold mining tailings.

Boating on the Kuskokwim River.

Salmon fishing and smoking.

Built our own 26'x32' 2-story log home on a family homestead, including harvesting and milling logs.

Alaska Federation of Natives Parents of the Year award, 1992.

RESUME

Lori Trent Quakenbush

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Born:

3 July 1958, Stockton, California, U.S.A.

Length of Residency in Alaska:

24 years in Fairbanks

Education:

Lathrop High School, Fairbanks, 1976
Bachelor of Science, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1981 (Wildlife)
Master of Science, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1991 (Biology)

Professional Memberships:

The Society for Marine Mammalogy
Arctic Institute of North America
Western Bird Banding Association
Alaska Bird Observatory (Board President)

Professional Experience:

Research Associate, School of Fisheries and Ocean Science, Institute of Marine Science, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1996-present
Supervisor - Brendan P. Kelly (907)465-6510

Duties: I am currently assisting the Alaska Sea Otter Commission in training subsistence hunters to take measurements and biological samples from harvested sea otters for analysis in determining health and population status. Other current projects include preparation of manuscripts for publication regarding status, productivity, survivorship, and recruitment of the Pacific walrus population.

Fish and Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Fairbanks, AK, 1990-1996
Supervisor - Patrick Sousa (907)456-0327

Duties: I worked with Alaska Department of Fish and Game and federal agencies to mitigate impacts to fish and wildlife resources on the North Slope of Alaska resulting from development by the oil and gas industry and local community expansion. I also conducted research on several scaduck species in cooperation with the North Slope Borough and ARCO Alaska.

Research Assistant, Institute of Marine Science,
University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1983-1990
Supervisor - Brendan P. Kelly (907)465-6510

Duties: I was involved in many studies including ringed seal ecology, navigation, and response to disturbance; polar bear feeding habits, Weddell seal population dynamics in Antarctica; harbor seal censuses on Kodiak Island; preparation of walrus teeth collected from Eskimo subsistence hunters for aging; oceanographic sampling from cruises in the Chukchi Sea; preparation of a species account for publication by the Marine Mammal Commission.

Acoustic Technician, Bowhead Whale Census, North Slope Borough,
Department of Wildlife Management, Barrow, AK, 1985-1987
Supervisor - Ben Nageak (907)852-2611
Charles Brower (907)852-0350

Duties: My duties included surveying, deploying, and maintaining hydrophones along the spring lead system between the land-fast ice and the pack ice adjacent to Barrow, Alaska during the spring bowhead whale migration. Hydrophones were used to locate whales by their vocalizations and track them past the study area in order to determine the population size. The hydrophones augmented ground-based visual and aerial techniques in assessing population size, especially in solid ice or poor visibility. I also assisted in measuring and collecting samples from bowheads during the subsistence harvest.

Teaching Assistant, College of Natural Sciences,
University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1985-1987
Supervisor - Erich Follmann (907)474-7338
Howard Feder (907)474-7956

Duties: I assisted in teaching the laboratory portion of college courses in Human Anatomy and Physiology and Invertebrate Zoology.

Fisheries Technician, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Commercial Fisheries Division, Kodiak, AK, 1981-1982
Supervisor - Dave Prokopowich (907)486-1807

Duties: I monitored the commercial herring fishery in the vicinity of Kodiak and Afognak islands by interviewing fishermen on the fishing grounds to determine size, condition, and number of fish caught. I also counted and sampled salmon at fish pass facility on Dog Salmon Creek (Frasier Lake) and its associated spawning streams.

Interests:

In the summer, I enjoy hunting and rafting with my husband, Jay Quakenbush, and son, Isak. We have two Labrador Retrievers, one of which is an outstanding bird dog and is usually retrieving birds opening day. In the winter, I enjoy downhill and cross-country skiing and skijoring. I play hockey in the Fairbanks Women's Hockey League and help coach my son's hockey team in the Fairbanks Amateur Hockey Association. My husband was born in Fairbanks and is an avid hunter and fisherman. Our freezer holds moose, Chitina salmon, halibut, geese, ducks, cranes, and occasionally caribou, black bear, and Sitka black-tailed deer. As a family we prefer to eat game meat and we butcher our own moose every year. At age 3, my son called burgers (even from McDonald's) "moose-burgers." Jay is currently serving on the North Star Borough Assembly.

Qualifications:

I believe that my formal training in Wildlife and Biological Sciences, my work experience around the state, as well as my experiences of hunting and living in the Interior qualify me to serve on the Board of Game. I am interested in the issues addressed by the Board of Game from the perspective of a hunter-consumer of wild game, and as an educator and observer of wildlife. Nonconsumptive uses of wildlife are important and not incompatible with hunting. I participate in both types of activities and am glad to support non-game and educational programs with some of my hunting license dollars. While working in several villages around the state I have gained an understanding of subsistence hunting and subsistence lifestyles and their importance in rural Alaska.

Publications:

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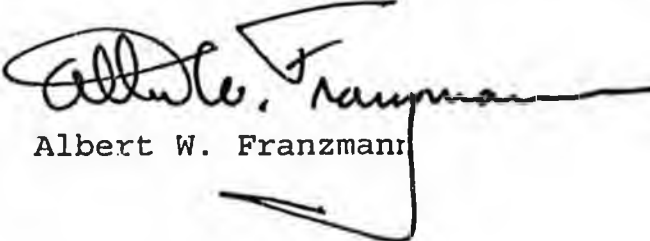
To whom it may concern:

Governor Knowles recently appointed Nicole Whittington-Evans to the Board of Game. This appointment bewildered me because of my experience with her and the Alaska Wildlife Alliance that she represented as executive director! I was a member of the Board of Game from 1992 to 1995 and had the opportunity to be exposed to their views on wildlife utilization.

I cannot recall a single instance where the Alliance proposed or supported a proposal that would provide beneficial use for Alaskan hunters or trappers. On the other hand they proposed or supported nearly every proposal that would disenfranchise them. When the executive director of the Alliance would testify before the Board of Game it became predictable which proposals they would support or oppose. I was always amazed by their opening statement which resembled - we aren't opposed to hunting and trapping, but_____.

I once asked Ms. Whittington-Evans if she supported the World Conservation Strategy outlined by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and she sidestepped the question. I assume because one of the three main principles states: "to ensure the sustainable utilization of species and ecosystems". This strategy was supported by 600 worldwide conservation groups and 118 countries and essentially represents a blueprint for survival of man and nature on planet earth.

Based on my experience on the Board of Game, it is a slap in the face to those who believe in sound wildlife management principles to appoint someone to the Board of Game that has a philosophy as demonstrated by Nicole Whittington-Evans when she represented and spoke for the Alaska Wildlife Alliance.



Albert W. Franzmann



ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL

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Senator Mike Miller, President
Alaska State Senate
Representative Gail Phillips, Speaker
Alaska State House
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April 16th, 1997

Dear Senator Miller and Representative Phillips,

The Alaska Outdoor Council Board of Directors at its April 14 meeting took the following action regarding appointees to the Board of Game:

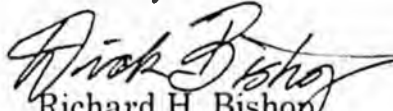
The Alaska Outdoor Council supports the confirmation of Mike Fleagle, has no objection to the confirmation of Lori Quakenbush and Greg Streveler, and opposes the confirmation of Nicole Whittington-Evens.

The Council Board at this meeting also confirmed its support for Fisheries Board appointees Larry Engel and Ed Dersham.

The Council Board based its actions on the qualifications, experience, past performance on the Boards, if any, and the Council's judgement of the appointees dedication to the conservation and allocation principles and mandates of the Alaska Constitution and statutes.

Please consider the Alaska Outdoor Council's position on these Board appointees as you undertake the confirmation process.

Sincerely,


Richard H. Bishop
Executive Director



The Alaska Boating Association
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Anchorage, Alaska 99521

Donald Sherwood - President

March 5, 1997

Representative Scott Ogan and Representative Bill Hudson
Co-Chairs House Resources Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
State Capitol, Interdepartmental Mail Stop: 3101
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Ogan and Representative Hudson:

The Board of Directors for the Alaska Boating Association has voted to oppose the appointment of Nicole Whittington-Evans to the Board of Game, by Governor Tony Knowles. The information we have been able to gather on Ms. Evans does not show that she has adequate experience and knowledge to support decisions on such issues as predator control, management of game bag limits, and other areas required to fulfill the important role required of members of this committee. Also her ties to environmental and wildlife-protection organizations concerns our membership and Board of Directors. We have concerned that she quite possibly would have certain bias that would not be beneficial to board decisions.

Our group does find, on the otherhand that Biologist Lori Quackenbush has the expertise to make firm, logical, and unbiased decisions based on her experience as a wildlife researcher for the University of Alaska Fairbanks. We collectively, as a group, support her appointment.

We would ask that you consider our comments as you hear testimony on the appointees for the Board of Game. The decisions made by this board not only affects us as individual outdoor recreationists and consumptive users of game, but, in addition the decisions can affect the very livelihood of some of our members. Thus, we are concerned that the membership of the board is made up of the most experienced and knowledgable appointees.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


Legislative Affairs Committee Members, Roy and June Burkhart
Alaska Boating Association

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cc: House Resources Committee Members: Representative Beverly Masek, Vice-Chair
Members: Rep. R. Barnes, F. Dyson, J. Green, B. Williams, I. Nicholia, R. Joule
Don Sherwood, President, Alaska Boating Association

March 5, 1997

Representative Scott Ogan and Representative Bill Hudson
Co-Chairs House Resources committee
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Dear Representative Ogan and Representative Hudson:

This letter regards the recent appointments to the Board of Game by Governor Tony Knowles. We have gathered as much information as we can on the respective appointees and want to express our concern about appointee Nicole Whittington-Evans to the Board of Game. We have come to the conclusion that this individual would not be an asset to the Board of Game. She lacks expertise and experience in game management issues and when it comes to such issues as predator control, access to areas, if a bag limit should be changed, etc. we want to be certain that the people making these decisions are as 'expert' in the respective areas as possible. We have heard so much lately about people who want to watch wildlife or photograph wildlife should have a voice on the board. We would agree that they should be 'heard' by the board, the same as anyone else. However, to say they are expertise enough to sit on the board is another matter. We have been somewhat amused to see that some people are even saying that because she has climbed Mt. McKinley, she is qualified. I think if these people really listened to what they are saying they would realize how ridiculous those statements are.

We are 30-year-plus residents of Alaska and done a great deal of consumptive user hunting over these years. Roy has baited for black bear over the past few years, especially after it became an acceptable means of predator control due to the problem of so many moose calves being taken by the black bear. This is an activity he enjoys and since he has physical restrictions he is able to do this activity within his limitations. We understand that Ms. Evans has very close ties to organizations that for the last few years have tried to make bear baiting an 'unethical practice'. We maintain that if ADF&G encourages it as a predator control practice, then how can anyone say it is unethical? If they want to get technical, can't we also maintain that the black bear taking out too many moose calves is also 'unethical'? We give this as an example of great concern we have about this person being confirmed to the Board of Game. The ties she has had with these groups make us very suspect of her ability to be unbiased in many of these areas. There is too much chance of emotion becoming a deciding factor, instead of just plain common sense when it needs to be applied.

We understand this person has never hunted, has no biological training, and has been very closely aligned with organizations that are, in fact, prejudice against hunters and any hunting activity. We do not think this leads to a viable candidate for membership to the board and would ask that you and your committee members do not recommend that she be approved to the board.

At the same time, we have taken note of the qualifications of Biologist Lori Quackenbush and would ask that she be recommended by your committee as a viable candidate for board

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membership. We feel she can make logical, firm, and unbiased decisions based on her experience as a wildlife researcher for the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

We had hoped to be present when your committee has the teleconference on these appointments but a long awaited 'spring break' for us begins the day before the teleconference. Once again, we thank you for the great work you are doing for us and the opportunity we have to express our views to you.

Yours truly,



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**Anchorage Fish & Game
Advisory Committee**

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February 23, 1997

The Honorable Scott Ogan
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee
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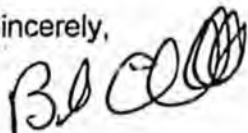
Dear Representative Ogan:

As Chair of the Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee, I am writing you to express my support for the appointment of Nicole Whittington-Evans to the Board of Game. Our Advisory Committee has 17 members, mostly composed of hunters, trappers, guides, and fishers (sports and commercial) who as a group are primary users of the resource in 11 of the 12 categories defined by the Alaska Department of Fish and game for representation on local Fish and Game Advisory Committees. We are an active committee who meets regularly on fish, game and related issues, averaging approximately 12 to 15 meetings per year. Each member of the Advisory Committee is elected by the public and Nicole has served for approximately two years. During that time she has become a valued part of the committee and has gained the respect of the committee as a whole. This was demonstrated at our Advisory Committee meeting on Tuesday night when the members present voted unanimously to support her appointment to the Board of Game.

I have worked closely with Nicole both in individual and group situations on issues such as predator control, fish & game management, hunting, trapping, sport fishing and commercial fishing. She is able to deal effectively with these and related issues. Nicole thoroughly reviews the materials in preparation for these meetings and often seeks out additional information. She makes a sincere effort to understand the opinion of others and has been supportive of proposals that are biologically sound. In my opinion her high level of credibility with those in the environmental community has been very beneficial to us and gives us more credibility as a committee.

I believe Nicole will be an outstanding member of the Board of Game who will contribute to it as a member, give credibility to it's decisions with those in the environmental community, and help it to deal with the issues we all will be facing in the future as it relates to the management and use of our fish and game resources. I would appreciate your support of Nicole Whittington-Evans in her confirmation to the Board of Game.

Sincerely,



Bob Churchill

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John C. Laurent
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March 4, 1996

The Honorable Scott Ogan
House of Representatives
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RE: Two issues: SB 22 and comment on Board of Game appointments of Lori Quakenbush, Nicole Whittington-Evans, Mike Fleagle, and Greg Streveler.

Dear Rep Ogan

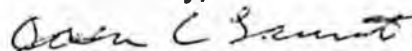
I am writing to oppose the passage of SB22 which requires members of the Board of Game to hold a hunting licence, and to support the confirmation of Lori Quakenbush, and Nicole Whittington-Evans to the state board of game. I am a lifelong Alaskan resident who has held a hunting licence and hunted successfully each year for about 18 years. I also enjoy the wildlife resources of this state for recreation other than hunting. I enjoy watching bears at Pack Creek in the spring and seeing deer when hiking in the alpine meadows in the early summer, and watching waterfowl on the mendenhall flats all year round. The point here is that the wildlife resources of this state belong to all the residents whether they hunt or not, so the management of those resources should not be limited to people who hold a hunting license. What SB22 is doing is giving the management of a public resource, which should be managed by a representative board of all users of that resource, to only one narrowly defined user group.

In addition it is discriminatory against women. Only about six percent of all hunting licenses issued in the state are issued to women. In 1995 there were 203,616 women eligible for hunting licenses in Alaska. Of that number only 11,500 purchased hunting licenses (5.6 percent). The effect of SB 22 would be to specifically exclude 192,116 women from serving on the Board of Game. The maximum number of women eligible to serve on the Board of Game would be 11,500, while the maximum number of men would be 70,000. This is almost a seven to one ratio, yet men do not outnumber women seven to one in the population or in enjoyment of the wildlife resources of this state, therefore this bill is discriminatory toward women on its face. Women use the wildlife resources of this state just as much as men, just in different ways, women tend to view and photograph wildlife more than hunt. SB22 would preclude 192,116 potential women voters from serving on the board of game.

To summarize, I am a lifelong hunter in this state, and I oppose SB22 because it gives management of a public resource to only one user group of that resource, it discriminates against women, and proposals of this nature give hunters a bad name.

I would also like to support the confirmation of Lori Quakenbush and Nicole Whittington-Evans, to the State Board of Game. Both these women are educationally qualified, and they represent viewpoints which have been long overlooked in the past when appointments have been made to the Board of Game. Of all the appointments Governor Knowles has made to the Board of Game this year only Nicole Whittington Evans is a "non consumptive user". The board of game should not be a hunting club of seven exclusive members. Confirming Nicole Whittington Evans and Lori Quakenbush would go along way to providing both gender balance on the Board of Game and balance among user groups. I commend Governor Knowles for making these appointments as well as the appointments of Mike Fleagle, and Greg Streveler, and I urge the Legislature to approve them promptly.

Sincerely,



John C. Laurent

cc: Sen. Georgianna Lincoln.

HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

3-22-97

TO: Alaska State Legislature

As a registered voter, I strongly support Governor Knowles' appointment to the Board of Game: Nicole Whittington-Evans, Lori Quakenbush, Mike Fleagle and Greg Streveler. I urge you to vote for their confirmation.

Name Eandy CarterAddress 3505 Woodland Park DriveCity Anchorage, AKZip 99517

Message:

I strongly urge you to confirm Nicole Whittington-Evans and Lori Quakenbush to the Board of Game. The board must have balanced and fair representation. The current board represents the interests of only 15% of Alaskans who consume wildlife through hunting or trapping - a small elite. Those of us who believe strongly in the non-consumptive use of wildlife and are willing to pay for a "non-consumptive license" - the counterpart to a hunting or trapping license - have no representation. Alaska's wildlife does not belong to a privileged few!

House Resources Committee
Board of Game Confirmations Hearing

3-22-97

My opinion on the nomination of Nicole Whittington-Evans to the Board of Game is based on a professional interest in good wildlife management. I was a licensed big game guide in Alaska for 38 years and a chairman of the then new state's first advisory committee to the Board of Game. Good wildlife management is based on Alaska's sustained yield mandate and requires the Board of Game to give hunting a priority. Yet there remains a great public need for more diversity on the Board. Nicole Whittington-Evans is not anti-hunting, is recommended by the Anchorage advisory committee and has undeniable qualifications to serve on the Board of Game. Please recommend her approval to the Board.

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HOUSE RESOURCES
BOARD OF GAME APPOINTMENTS



Testimony: Marjolein Leach

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My name is Marjolein Leach, I am a resident of Homer Alaska, am a new member of the Fish and Game advisory committee here, own Aurora Travel Agency, and am married to Dennis Leach, Homer city councilman and hunter. I wanted to speak this morning to you but cannot since I have to work so would like to send this out to all of you for thought and consideration.

First and foremost that came to my mind after listening to public testimony this morning is that there seems to be serious attitude problem with one of your committee members, Ms. Barnes. Democratic process should be adhered to which includes common courtesy. Dictatorial attitudes need reprimand. I would expect some type of formal apology for inappropriate behavior especially any of our Legislative members. If this behaviour were directed at me.

I'd like to ask the Resources Legislative Committee to pull some figures as to just how much the State of Alaska receives from tourism which is nature wildlife viewing and recreational fishing. It's imperative that we do not lose this resource. It's invaluable and will only grow generating billions in revenue if we manage our interests properly. We've all but lost our fisheries in the Kachemak Bay area which supposedly has been well managed. I recommend a re-evaluation of resource maintenance which includes the importance of having conservationists and hunters side by side on a board to avoid making decisions that could either wipe out our hunting and our tourism resource with one sided decisions.

On the subject of predators, they tend to seek the weak, old and sick as easy pray and constitute an invaluable aid to Fish and Game in keeping the balance of nature out there where we cannot access.

I know the hunters and viewers can work side by side. Without game there are no hunters or viewers and there go two of our valuable resources.

Thankyou

Marjolein Leach

John Torgerson, Senator and Senate Resources Committee 3/12/97
Gail Phillips, Speaker of the House
Re: Confirmation of nominees to Boards of Fisheries and Game
From Larry Smith/Homer. Served a decade in the fish and game local
advisory committee and South Central regional
council system. Founding spokesman of the
Alaska Association of Regional Councils

I was impressed by the number of your constituents that appeared at the Homer LIO to testify to the House Resources Committee about game board nominees last week. There were eleven of us. Three of whom are now serving on the local fish and game advisory committee. I believe we unanimously supported three nominees and one or two of us opposed Whittington-Evans on the grounds she had not been here long enough. I understand that she has worked in Alaska since 1988, lived here uninterruptedly since '92, has served well on, and has the support of the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee and therefore exceeds the criteria for qualifying for the Board. She has spent much more time on game issues than most of us do in 20 years and would bring a particularly good understanding of habitat needs. I believe she and the others should be promptly confirmed. Although opinions may have changed after hearing the nominees the committee was unable to hear us because time elapsed. Subsequently the chair and two members were quoted in the Anchorage News saying that the committee -- and the House -- had concluded to confirm one, deny one and debate the other two. If that story is correct I am offended that I should accept the invitation to give my view, put down my tools and spend three hours at the LIO, and then be informed, in effect, that the testimony I was prepared to give was not significant to the outcome.

The uses of state resources are preeminent in the ability of residents to feed our families and pursue the other satisfactions of the hunt. The legislature should not tamper lightly with the principles established for isolating fish and game management from politics as usual. Many quote the Alaska Constitution, Article VIII, Resources Section 3. Common Use clause which is as well written and as general as a constitutional clause ought to be. There is more of course: all the clauses of Article VIII, the whole Constitution, interpretations by the courts, the Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention, its committee records and the accounts of the Framers and of historical scholars. I can't say I have followed all of that but I have talked with several framers, including members of the Resources committee; I have read the entire Proceedings, and copied and indexed every word referring to Article VIII; and read many of the decisions of the courts and the accounts of scholars.

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My opinion of the proper role of the legislature in regard to confirming nominees is that if the statutory criteria are met the affirmation should proceed forthwith. Terms of board members are staggered in a way that aims to prevent sudden shifts by gubernatorial appointment.

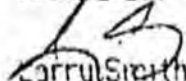
We do not elect legislators to inject their politics into fish and game management. In fact the founding fathers and mothers stepped back only one step from the idea that appointments to the Board of Fish and Game should be for life, to avoid the interaction with other sorts of policy issues. The idea is to avoid corrupting fish and game decision-making by discouraging manipulation by vote-trading on unrelated issues.

Every effort should be made to maintain and enhance the well developed system of citizen participation in fish and game management decisions. The legislature should generously appropriate, be conservative in crafting new law and recognize, that imperfect as it might be, this system is superior to most, and is much prized by its constituency because it is believed to do a better job than would be done by the legislature, the governor or anyone else. We believe that the legislature should play its proper role fully and then keep its hands off the process, and to encourage any individual legislator to stay away as well.

House Resource Committee co-chair Scott Ogan did exactly the right thing when he encouraged every nominee to report efforts by the governor's office or by legislators to influence board members behind the scenes. One of the nominees then reported such contact by a legislator (Senator Sharp). Hopefully the ethics process can educate ignorant transgressors and punish deliberate ones. The boards have regulatory and adjudicatory roles. It is improper for anyone to attempt to influence adjudication outside of the public processes established for the particular purpose.

As to the present situation I think the legislature harmed the process by failing to timely act on confirmations last year. Now a majority of the acting members of the Board of Game are unconfirmed. The important business is stalled, thousands of Alaskans plans are in limbo, and it is widely suspected that special interests are advocating non-confirmation of nominees, regardless of their qualifications, for the purpose of blocking action by the board. The legislature should pay no mind to those who do not have the good of the system at heart. No issue or set of issues rises to the level of the importance of preserving our democratic mechanism for regulating wildlife conservation and use.

HANDS OFF THE BOARDS!



Carroll Smith 1520 Lakeshore Drive, Homer 99603 (235 3855)

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3/22/97

MY NAME IS JERRY BROOKMAN. I HAVE LIVED IN ALASKA SINCE 1957. I KILLED MY FIRST MOOSE HERE ON THE KENAI PENINSULA IN 1958. I HAVE KILLED THREE ADDITIONAL MOOSE, TWO DEER, AND TWO BROWN BEARS, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS SPRUCE GROUSE, DUCKS, AND A FEW GEESE SINCE THAT TIME.

I GREW UP IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS. DURING THE DEPRESSION YEARS, MY FATHER WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A JOB THAT NEVER WENT BELOW THREE DAYS A WEEK, SO WE HAD A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS, FOOD ON THE TABLE, AND CLOTHES ON OUR BACKS. ANY "LUXURIES" WERE PAID FOR BY THE MONEY HE RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PELTS OF THE MUSKRATS, FOXES, MINK, RACCOONS, AND WEASELS HE TRAPPED. I WENT OUT ON THE TRAPLINE WITH HIM MANY TIMES, AS A BOY, AND HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO MAKE SETS FOR THESE ANIMALS. THE FACTS

I HOPE THAT ABOVE WILL ESTABLISH THAT I AM NOT AN "ANIMAL RIGHTS WACKO."

I WOULD LIKE TO STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU CONFIRM NICOLE WHITTAKER.

EVANS, AND THE OTHERS NOMINATED
BY GOVERNOR KNOWLES TO THE BOARD
OF GAME. I BELIEVE THAT MS.
WHITTINGTON-EVANS, IN PARTICULAR,
WOULD BRING A MUCH-NEEDED
PERSPECTIVE TO THE BOARD OF
GAME.

Gerald R. Bookman

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Rep. Bill Hudson
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March 14, 1997

RE: GAME BOARD NOMINEE

Dear Representative Hudson,


I am writing to ask you to support the nomination of Greg Streveler to the Board of Game. Greg Streveler is a remarkable man with a profound understanding of the natural world. He would be a great asset to the Board of Game.

Greg Streveler has immersed himself in Alaska in a way that is exceedingly rare. He has been living in Gustavus for the past 30 years, and during that time he has been studying the land around him. Greg has been carefully watching and intently thinking about the place he lives in. Greg is a scholar, but Greg's knowledge of his surroundings is not merely book learning. Greg has participated in the life surrounding him as a hunter, fisher, berry-gatherer, scientist, naturalist, guide, professor, and student.

In the summer of 1993 I had the pleasure of spending two months with Greg Streveler traveling through Glacier Bay by sea kayak. I was a botany graduate student in the University of Vermont's Field Naturalist Program, and Greg served as professor to our group of 5 students. The experience remains vivid in my memory. Greg did more than teach us during that two month period. He showed us how to learn from our surroundings. He helped us quiet our clamoring minds to really see, hear, feel, and understand the world around us. He helped us realize that some answers are revealed only through patient and careful observation.

Is Greg Streveler qualified to be on the Board of Game? My opinion is that Greg Streveler is qualified to be the Commissioner of Fish and Game, or the Secretary of Interior. Greg is an exceptional individual. He is thoughtful, he is moral, he is careful, he is kind, he is insightful. Greg is a model citizen and a hero to me. I think my heroes are qualified for anything.

Respectfully,


Brad Meiklejohn

cc:Mail for: Representative Bill Hudson

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From: specialx@Alaska.NET (lynn schooler) at CC2MHS1 3/20/97 8:38 AM

To: Representative Bill Hudson at JNU_CAPITOL

cc: cindy smith at GOV_ADMIN_SVCS

Representative Hudson -

I understand public testimony on confirmation of Governor Knowles' appointees to the Board of Game is this Saturday. Since there is a possibility I will not be able to be present, I am writing to again voice my support for those appointees.

It is past time that all Alaskans were represented on the Board, not just a single user group. The game belongs to us all. I say this as a hunter, an ex-trapper, NRA member, a near life long Alaskan, a Juneauite, and a businessman who makes his living from Alaska's game. Being all of that, I still can claim no more right to say how Alaska's game is managed than someone who has never hunted or trapped. Every Alaskan's views should be represented by a Board made up of mixed backgrounds and viewpoints. The Board is NOT the property of any single use group.

For too long we have had a board that sometimes did not respond to the wishes of the majority of the public. This led Alaska into situations such as Proposition 3, that circumvent the Board system by going to the ballot box. Now, it is obvious that certain elements in the Legislature have targeted Nicole Evans for undeserved abuse. This in spite of the fact that she has the full support of the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Council! Is the Resource Committee saying that the Board System is wrong??? Ms. Evans is more than qualified, and obviously not some radical bunny hugger, since she just voted for a predator control program.

Rep. Hudson, I hear more and more people saying that they don't feel like they can participate in this process. The abuse by the current political machine of anyone who tries to express a different view point is shameful.

Greg Streveler's record speaks for itself. We may have never had the opportunity to see a more qualified person hold a seat on the Board.

Mr. Fleagle is a good example of an open mind and a thoughtful man. His strong, reasoned beliefs can serve his district well. He is obviously an experienced hunter and very supportive of the sport and subsistence users, but at the same time, last year he supported the effort to maintain the Sanctuary status for part of the Pack Creek Brown Bear Preserve, an action that had overwhelming public backing here in Juneau.

I also support the confirmation of Lori Quackenbush.

As my representative, I urge you to do every thing you can to see that all of the appointees keep their seats. These comments are made for the public record. Please feel free to forward them to all relevant parties.

Sincerely,
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House Resources Committee
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Dear House Resource Committee Members:

I understand that Saturday, March 22, you are holding a public hearing on Governor Knowles' appointments to the Alaska Board of Game, and this letter is submitted as part of the hearing record.

I heartily encourage you to confirm Greg Strevler's appointment to the Game Board. I have worked with Greg on natural resource topics and know him to be level-headed and interested in hearing all sides of an issue before deciding on the most reasonable course of action. Greg works hard, thinks ahead, and brings a refreshing approach to group problem solving efforts. Greg also has a good sense for the habitat requirements of Alaska's wildlife and the capacity of the land to support wildlife populations.

I am confident that other members of the Game Board would welcome Greg's contribution to their deliberations and that the users of Alaska's wildlife populations would benefit from his appointment.

Sincerely,



Copy: Governor Tony Knowles (fax: 465-3532)

cc:Mail for: Representative Bill Hudson

Subject: Board of Game Appointments
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To: Representative Bill Hudson at JNU_CAPITOL
To: Representative Ramona Barnes at LAA_TRANS

Dear Representatives of the Resources Committee:

I was very disappointed to learn of the disrespect given to Board of Game Appointees that are willing to volunteer their valuable time to public service. Some of you may have differences in viewpoints, and I respect that, but does that give you the right to berate and belittle those with other viewpoints? I wonder who you represent here, because you certainly do not represent me or our Alaskan businesses with this disrespectful approach.

The Alaska Constitution reserves wildlife for all residents, not only the 15% who hunt. It requires wildlife to be available for maximum use and benefit of all people. Certainly hunting interests need to be strongly represented, but so do the interests of wildlife watchers, tourists, tourism businesses, and photographers.

We believe that all interests in wildlife need be represented on the Board of Game, not just hunting. I hope you hear from a lot of Alaskan individuals and businesses with the same sentiments and I hope you work to represent all Alaskans in your decisions. And mostly, I hope you can find some way to weave a little respect into your proceedings. As a long time Alaskan, I am embarrassed at and unable to relate to the demeanor you have taken on this issue.

Respectfully,

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and

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cc:Mail for: Representative Bill Hudson

Subject: Board of Game appointees

From: specialx@Alaska.NET (lynn schooler) at CC2MHS1 3/6/97 6:03 PM

To: Representative Bill Hudson at JNU_CAPITOL

Dear Rep. Hudson,

I understand there will be House Resource hearings this Saturday on the four appointments Governor Knowles has made to the Board of Game. Unfortunately, I will be out of town and unable to attend those hearings. This message to you is meant to express my support for all of the appointees. They are all well qualified for the job.

In particular, as a Juneau Businessman dependent on wildlife resources to attract customers for my guiding business, I find Nicole Evans to be a sterling choice for a seat on the board. I understand she has a Master's Degree in Wildlife management as a biologist. In addition, her experience on the Board of the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association gives her an understanding of many nonconsumptive use issues. AWRTA represents hundreds of Alaska businesses, from small timeers like myself up to big businesses like Goldbelt. Nonconsumptive users have always been grossly under- represented on the Board of Game, although they make up 88% of the Alaska population. She served well on the Anchorage Fish and Game advisory Board and has that body's recommendation.

Greg Streveler, the only appointee I know personally, is perhaps the best qualified appointment to the board in the past ten years. He is a hunter, and also probably the most knowledgeable naturalist in the entire state. I think Greg is probably honest to a fault: He will always vote as he sees best for the wildlife and all of the user groups, irregardless of personal feelings on any issue.

Lori Quackenbush seems also well qualified. I know she is a researcher and scientist and can lend a rational mind to the process of game management.

Mr. Fleagle (I'm not sure of the spelling) seemed to be a well balanced choice as well. He will represent his area's concerns well. When an attempt was made to open part of the Pack Creek Brown Bear preserve on Admiralty Island to sport hunting, I believe he voted against it. This showed me he can balance the needs of different user groups, whcih is a prime quality for anyone involved inmanageing a resource that belongs to ALL Alaskans, not just us hunters.

Mr. Hudson, the quality of these appointees makes them all deserving of Juneau's support. These individuals also point up the absurdity of the effort initiated by Burt Sharp to require all Board of Game members to have held a hunting license for 5 of the last seven years, as put forth in Senate Bill 22. That bill is a blatant attempt to hijack the board for a single use group. It would disqualify obviously capable, committed people. When the House equivalent comes before your committee, I hope you will stop it.

Sincerely, Lynn C. Schooler 4634-4942

cc:Mail for: Representative Bill Hudson

Subject: Board of Game Appointees

From: nuliaq@Alaska.NET (Phyllis Tate) at CC2MHS1 3/8/97 11:07 AM

cc: Representative Irene Nicholia at JNU_CAPITOL

To: Representative Bill Hudson at JNU_CAPITOL

I support appointment of Mike Fleagle to Board of Game.
I strongly oppose Nicole Whittington Evans' appointment.
Phyllis Tate
Lake Minchumina, Alaska

Testimony to
House Resources Committee
on
Board of Game Appointments
March 8, 1997

submitted by
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I attended the confirmation hearings the Resources Committee held earlier today and would like to make the following written comments on several of the appointees that you are asked to confirm.

I would ask that you DO NOT confirm Nicole Whittington-Evans.

During her opening statement to the Committee she neglected to say that she had been the executive director of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

During the questions the Committee asked, Nicole indicated that the Alliance was "not" anti-hunting, she also indicated that she had been in Alaska in 1989 acting as a wilderness guide and observed "Hunters in the field" which made a lasting impression on her.

Nicole returned to Alaska and became the executive director of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. I am sure that she passed the litmus test given by the Alliance Board which showed that she would represent their views, which I believe she shares.

I just completed two terms -six years- on the Alaska Board of Game (BOG) and would like to offer my impression of the Wildlife Alliance and the statement that they are not "anti-hunting."

During the past six years the Alliance authored numerous proposals which the BOG considered, they also submitted written comments on hundreds of proposals that members of the public and Department of Fish and Game submitted for consideration, additionally the Alliance provided oral testimony to the BOG at each meeting on proposals being considered for regulatory action.

For six years the Wildlife Alliance was consistent with written and oral testimony...they opposed all proposals that would increase seasons, bag limits and expand opportunities to hunt or trap. The Alliance submitted numerous proposals to close areas for hunting and trapping, reduce bag limits for hunting and trapping and restrict opportunities for consumptive use. The Alliance submitted written and oral testimony to the BOG to support the closing of numerous areas, to reduce seasons and bag limits for hunting and trapping.

During my six years on the BOG the Alaska Wildlife Alliance never wavered, they did everything they could do to restrict hunting and trapping opportunities. As executive director Nicole carried their banner high, her testimony today should leave no doubt in your minds if she supports active resource management.

I wonder if Nicole's experience in 1989 motivated her to move to Alaska and go to work for the Alaska Wildlife Alliance to help try and eliminate hunting.

Nicole was selected to represent an organization which thinks nothing of lying or distorting information. They proved this when they co-sponsored Ballot Initiative 3 and obtained support thru lies and false information. In my opinion, Nicole chose to work for a very dedicated anti-hunting organization. She passed their litmus test and does not have any place on the BOG pushing an anti-hunting agenda.

Please DO NOT confirm Nicole Whitting-Evans to the Board of Game.

The BOG meeting in Sitka November 1996, my last one, was the first meeting Michael Fleagle attended as a member. I feel that Michael has the qualities that will allow him to be an excellent BOG member.

Please CONFIRM Michael Fleagle to the BOG.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these written comments.

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Thank You,

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Christianne L. Zaverl
Information Assistant

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March 9, 1997

House Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Resource Committee Members:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF GREG STREVELER TO BOARD OF GAME

I am writing to ask your support for the confirmation of Greg Streveler to the Board of Game. I have known Greg for twenty years--ever since I lived in Gustavus in the late 1970's and early 1980's. Greg is a fine field biologist and guide with a keen eye for how critters and people fit together in the Alaskan environment. Much like Aldo Leopold, who wrote the classic 1930 text on Game Management, Greg is an astute observer of nature who can distill the patterns of the land and make them understandable. His recent book on the natural history of Gustavus is a fine example. I owe much of what I've learned about the natural history of Southeast Alaska to his patient tutelage.

If you are at all familiar with Gustavus, you know it to be a contentious place, like many other small Alaskan communities, and nothing stirs up the community more than issues of resource use. Greg has a real knack for listening carefully to all sides and coaching folks toward a middle ground--one that reflects good biology and the interests of people and the critters we depend upon (in one way or another). Greg is a great supporter of the protection of natural wildlife habitats, but he always makes the point that mankind has shaped these environments and wild populations for thousands of years. Man is an integral part of the Alaskan environment and if resources are wisely and respectfully used they can continue to benefit Alaskans far into the future.

About 15 years ago, I served with Greg on a Gustavus committee which negotiated within the community a plan to establish the Dude Creek Critical Habitat area for sandhill cranes. Greg's work was one of the major reasons we gained support from over 90% of Gustavus residents for the Critical Habitat Area, an unheard-of degree of concurrence. Both ADF&G and DNR signed on and the Legislature and Governor quickly approved the bill. Greg has also been effective in bringing together commercial fishermen, environmentalists and the National Park Service to help resolve commercial fishing issues within Glacier Bay. Greg has helped many to understand that responsible consumptive uses of renewable resources, in support of local economies, are also worthy of protection for present and future generations.

Service on the Board of Game is a tough job, but I assure you that Greg Streveler is up to it. He listens patiently to all sides, is fair, and will bring a wealth of down-to-earth field experience to the public issues at hand. You can be proud of your vote for his confirmation.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Taylor, CIH, PE

To: House Resources. Co-Chairs Hudson and Ogan.

From: Peter Shepherd, 1012 Galena St., Fairbanks, AK 99709. 474-4685

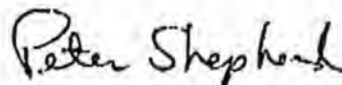
Subject: Game Board Confirmations

I support the confirmation of Mr. Fleagle and Mrs. Quackenbush to the Board of Game.

I strongly oppose the confirmation of Mr. Strezeler and Ms. Wethington-Evans. My opposition is based the suspicion that both these candidates are ideologically aligned with the biocentrists beliefs;that man should keep his hands off natural systems. This philosophy is totally antithetical to basic wildlife management---a discipline which may require active manipulation of not only wildlife populations, but also restoration and development of wildlife habitats.

Abundant wildlife populations benifit all Alaskans---these goals can only be achieved by techniques which call for intensive management of predators and habitats. The presence of the above persons on the Board of Game could be very injurious to the health of game populations and the obvious benifit of abundant wildlife to consumptive as well as nonconsumptive users.

Sincerely,



Peter Shepherd

TO: Kenai L.I.O.

FROM: Jerry Brookman
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DATE: March 8th, 1997

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE FAX THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL OF IT'S MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD OF GAME HEARINGS THIS MORNING. THANKS!

I would like to urge the confirmation of Nicole Whittington-Evans to one of the vacant seats on the Board of Game.

I've lived in Alaska since 1957, and have killed four moose, two brown bears, two deer, and two brown bears, as well as numerous ducks, geese, spruce grouse, and ptarmigan. I've never trapped, myself, but my father trapped from around the age of ten until around the age of eighty; during the depression years, he was lucky enough not to lose his job, but his working hours were cut back from 40 to 24, which just kept a roof over our heads and food on the table. Any "luxuries" were paid for with money from the sale of the animals he trapped. (This was in Northern Illinois.) So I'm certainly not a "bunny hugger", one of those wackos who would like to ban all hunting or trapping. However, I do believe that the Board of Game is badly in need of balance, and I believe that the appointment of Nicole Whittington-Evans to that body would be a great improvement over what we have now and have had in the past.

Sincerely,





Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE RESOURCE COMM.
GAME BOARD APPTS committee name
committee on H RES 70392, dated 3-8-97
bill/subject

I AM OPPOSED TO WHITTINGTON DUE TO HER PAST POSITION AS ANTI-HUNTING. I THINK THE GOV. SHOULD NOT HAVE PUT HER NAME FORWARD. HE IS OBVIOUSLY ANTI HUNTING.

I THINK THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PREVENT A GAME BOARD NOMINEE FROM SITTING ON GAME BOARD HEARING'S UNTIL CONFIRMED.

I ALSO THINK THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD BE EXPOSING NICOLE'S FRIEND GORDON HABER AS AN UNQUALIFIED PERSON TO BE DOING WHAT HE IS DOING TO THOSE OF US IN ALASKA. HE HAS NO CREDENTIALS AND IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN WOLF STUDY. HE SHOULD NOT HAVE THE (RADIO FREQ'S)

HE SHOULD BE ACTIVELY PROSECUTED FOR HIS HARASSMENT OF GAME LAST YEAR. WHY HAS THIS NOT HAPPENED.?

HE SHOULD BE ACTIVELY PROSECUTED FOR REMOVING WOLVES FROM TRAPS

WHY ARE STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES LETTING HIM GET AWAY WITH THIS TYPE OF ARROGANCE.

Signed: Ken Penning
Testifier

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Representing (Optional)

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Attn. Rep. Scott Ogan

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Support of 4 B.O.G. APPOINTEES
 House RESOURCE COM. committee name
 committee on GAME BOARD dated 3-8-97
 bill/subject

I am a 30 year Alaskan resident. My husband, a 30 yr. resident, is a master guide. We have been hunters, trappers and fishermen during our 30 yr. in AK. Our business for the past 26 years has been wildlife viewing, and we employ up to 20 Alaskans.

I want the game board to represent all Alaskans, not just hunters and guides, who are about 12% of Alaskans. Those who are non-consumptive users of game also own the resource and should have the opportunity to regulate. This would be fair representation and fair management. If these four appointees are approved by the legislature, there will be a broader representation of Alaska's population. In the past, the game board has been representing the hunting and guiding industry. Non-consumptive users, such as myself, are still commercial users of game - taking in direct income from shooting game, but with a camera, not a gun. It appears some legislators have been coached heavily by consumptive users and their organizations. Please

Consider all Alaskans, especially the 85% who do not buy a hunting license.
Thank you.

Signed: Diane O. Mc Bride
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE _____
 Governor's nomination _____ COMMITTEE NAME
 COMMITTEE ON for Board of Game DATED March 6, 1997
 BILL/SUBJECT _____

I, Lynn E. Levengood, on behalf of the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Association (AWCA), hereby submit our most strenuous objection to both nominations of the Governor for the Board of Game. The Governor's nominees not only offer no expertise in this area, but one of the nominees is a non-consumptive user and has not contributed whatsoever to Alaska's fish and game fund, therefore should not be considered a stake holder. Nicole has actively sought to not manage Alaska's wildlife but to merely monitor its presence. Because she does not believe in active wildlife management, she should not be confirmed. Additionally, due to her opposition to consumptive uses, her personal philosophy is opposed to Alaska's Constitutional mandate for management by sustained yield. Her opposition to consumptive uses and active management should preclude her from any consideration for confirmation. While the Governor's other nominee has, at times participated in consumptive uses, she has no expertise in this field, has not been a member of a fish and game advisory committee, has not previously participated at Board of Game hearings, nor testified before the local Fish and Game Advisory Committee. Consequently, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Association strongly opposes these nominations.

SIGNED _____

TESTIFIER

Alaska Wildlife Conservation Association

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resource
COMMITTEE NAME

COMMITTEE ON Game Board Appointments DATED March 8, 1997
BILLSUBJECT

Before anything else I am a hunter. I have actively hunted for over 30 years. Last year I hunted in Alaska to provide a caribou, moose, and sheep to feed my family. I was raised on wild game and my children have been raised on wild game. Nearly 20 years ago, after several episodes of personally witnessing hunters exercising poor ethical and safety judgements, I became an active hunter education instructor.

I recognized that if my children's children had any chance of hunting, two things need to occur:

1. That there continues to be tracts of wild land, with healthy wildlife population.
2. the 80% of the U.S., who don't hunt and are not adamantly opposed to hunting, recognize that ethical, safe hunters have a valued place in our society.

Last year I was the President of the Alaska Volunteer Hunter Education Instructors Assoc and am currently serving on their Board. This Association represents over half of the active volunteer hunter education instructors in Alaska. Our charter is to improve the quality and distribution of hunter education and instructors in Alaska.

In that regard I am concerned that the Alaska Board of Game is comprised of members who support hunter education efforts in AK. Two of the current appointments to the Board I have personally engaged in conversations re: hunter education in Alaska. Both, I feel, would act on the Board in the best interest of improving hunter education in Alaska.

Lori Quakenbush I have known for four years. I respect her abilities as a biologist. Her ability on the Board to decipher biological reports and extract a sound decision would be invaluable. I have talked with her re: hunter education and I know she values improving the image and skills of hunters through education.

SIGNED Barry Whitehill BARRY WHITEHILL
TESTIFIER /

Alaska Volunteer Hunter Education Instructors Association
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resource
COMMITTEE NAME

COMMITTEE ON Game Board Appointments DATED March 8, 1997
BILL/SUBJECT

A month ago, at the annual workshop ^{in Anchorage} for hunter education instructors from throughout the state, I engaged in a lengthy conversation with an individual attending from the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee. At length I discussed my views on how to improve and expand hunter education in Alaska. She was very supportive of my views. Based on that interaction I support Nicole Whittington-Evans as a member of the Alaska Board of Game.

After listening to testimony in front of the House Resource Committee by Greg Streveter, I feel that he should be confirmed to serve on the Board of Game. Again, how the general public views the actions of the Board of Game and more importantly the actions of hunters, will continue to be increasingly critical to the future of hunting. I feel strongly that Lori Quakenbush, Nicole Whittington-Evans, and Greg Streveter would improve the image of hunting in the minds of the public, ~~and~~ the majority of whom aren't hunters or ~~more~~ anti-hunt.

SIGNED

B. Whitehill BARRY WHITEHILL

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Fairbanks

To whom it may concern

I would like to testify in favor of Lori Quakenbush & Nicole Whittington. These two women would break the mold of the board of game. That would be good because the board of game is viewed as totally dominated by Red necks. This view was ~~hand~~ handed when Ann Ruggels and Vick VanValenberg were attacked ~~by~~ as Anti Management. They were the only two current people on the board that had a science background both were eminently qualified and yet they were kicked off. This leads people to feel ~~only~~ there ~~is~~ is no room for diversity. 88% of Alaskans ~~have~~ do not have a hunting license and yet the Republicans support only ~~people~~ those candidates who have the backing of special interests groups like the Outdoor Council. Let's get past the old boy network and get some diversity on the board of game. The sacking of Ruggels and Van Valenberg was embarrassing and is going to

be a black ~~spot~~ Mark on the
state of Alaska for a long time
~~the~~ these two women are much
more qualified than ~~a~~ most of the
people currently sitting on the board
lets get some diversity that looks
like the state of Alaska and get
away from the special interest that
have dominated for so long

Sincerely Sean McGuire

Sean McGuire
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Testimony for House Resources Committee Hearing, Sat. 8 March,
concerning confirmation of Lori Quakenbush and Nicole
Whittington-Evans to the Board of Game

I would like to speak in support of Governor Knowles' recent appointments to the Board of Game. Lori Quakenbush, whom I know personally, and Nicole Whittington-Evans both appear to be sound choices for the Board, based on their training and experience in wildlife biology and conservation. Equally important, these two women will bring to the Board valuable perspectives that reflect the diverse constituency they have been appointed to serve. I believe that Nicole and Lori's values are in keeping with the interests of the hunting public, as well as with those of the many Alaskans who treasure our wonderful wildlife for equally valid non-consumptive reasons.

I am a hunter and fisher; moose and salmon make up a substantial and important part of my family's diet. The spiritual and aesthetic quality of fish and game in our diets is as least as important as the nutritive and economic contribution. I am also a biologist by training, with a Masters degree in biology from UAF, and have worked at times as a wilderness guide. As for many other Alaskans, the abundant and spectacular wildlife that graces our state is a very large and irreplaceable part of why I live here for many reasons.

A couple of weeks ago I was skiing in the Alaska Range and startled a couple of handsome rams on a rocky ridge. I'd hate to have to decide if those few seconds spent watching the sheep were more or less important to me than the moose sausage I ate for breakfast this morning...But this is exactly what we expect the Board of Game to do for us on occasion.

I believe that it is extremely important that members of the Board of Game be chosen both to represent the wide array of public interests in our wildlife, and to make educated decisions that will ensure the long-term health of wildlife populations. I believe that Lori Quakenbush and Nicole Whittington-Evans are excellent choices for the Board of Game, and I urge members of the House Resources Committee to confirm them promptly.

By the way, everything I have said today can be taken equally well as testimony against Senate Bill 22: I think restricting board membership to hunters is short sighted and insulting to the majority of Alaskans who do not hunt!

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Jon Miller
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resources
COMMITTEE NAME

COMMITTEE ON Confirmation Nicole W. Evans DATED March 8, 1997
BILL/SUBJECT

I oppose Nicole W. Evans as a member of the ~~fish~~ Game board. Her credentials and her attitudes tilt her toward a wilderness, no hunting position. That's not good for Game Board

Gordon Haber also has academic credentials, but he's a disgrace to the wildlife biologist camp. In fact, Haber is an OUTHAW. He should be prosecuted! His pilots (fixed wing & chopper) are equally guilty - or are accessories ~~to~~ to Haber's tampering with trappers' sites (snare, traps etc).

54 million acres in National Parks in Alaska!
34 million acres are WILDERNESS! Nicole W. Evans and her fellow environmentalists have ample space to conduct their wilderness experiences.

Do **NOT** confirm.

SIGNED Kathleen (Mike) Dalton
TESTIFIER

self, son, son-in-law and 2 grandsons
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TO: Reps. ^{my} Hudson, Scott Ogan, Beverly Mashek,
 Ramona Barnes, Fred Dyson, Joe Green, Reggie
 Joule, Gene Meloria and Bill Williams

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resources
Committee
 COMMITTEE NAME
 COMMITTEE ON Board of Game DATED Sept 3-8-77
Confirmation Hearings
 BILL/SUBJECT

One of the things that makes Alaska special is its diversity of people. I think diversity is a good thing, a healthy thing, whether you're talking about diverse ecosystems or diverse values that people have. It only makes sense to me that the Board of Game should represent the varied uses of game coming from the different values that Alaskans have.

I'm a consumptive user of Alaska's fish and game. I've killed my share of animals and I don't say that to be humorous or as some sort of badge which identifies me as a "Real Alaskan". I recently read that about 88% of Alaskans do not hunt. As one of the 12% ~~that~~ ~~that~~ ~~that~~ of consumptive users, I feel that non consumptive values/users are also very important. And we shouldn't be afraid to address, to represent this. I think it's better to include diversity on boards than to have a situation where a large majority of the population isn't represented and then ballot initiatives are passed. I don't think this sort of process serves us well.

I would strongly urge you all to approve all 4 BDG nominees. I can only hope that you all are open minded enough, now and in the future, to consider all uses of game, consumptive and non-consumptive. To include on the Board scientific and non-scientific perspectives. These candidates will go far to strengthen the BDG, ^{will} represent all Alaskans, and ultimately will strengthen the political process.

SIGNED John D. Lyle
 TESTIFIER John D. Lyle

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resources
COMMITTEE NAME

COMMITTEE ON Game Board Appointments DATED 3/7/97
BILL/SUBJECT

I recommend that Nicole Whittington-Evans not be confirmed, both for her public opposition to practical game management & consumptive use and more importantly because it is obvious that due to her short residence in Alaska and her personal biases she has no understanding of the great State of Alaska & its wildlife variety. She came to Alaska a head of Alaska Wildlife Alliance & their states only animal rights anti-hunting & trapping group. She cannot possibly bring anything good for Alaskan wildlife or hunters & trappers. Please do not confirm her!

I have serious reservations about Greg Streveler due to his Park Service background and his good influential friend who is Alaskan representative from the Defenders of Wildlife. I fear he will not be able to make decisions on a biological basis but will instead chip away at hunting opportunities simply because someone doesn't like the hunting activity as demonstrated by his views of Park Creek.

I recommend that Mike Fleagle of McGrath and Lori Quadenbush of Fairbanks be confirmed. They both have many years of hunting experience in Alaska and appear to have an in-depth understanding of the board procedures & biological decisions.

SIGNED

TESTIFIER

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resources
 COMMITTEE NAME
 COMMITTEE ON Confirmation of
Game Board Appointees DATED 3/8/97
 BILL/SUBJECT

After listening to testimony and the Q/A session on Saturday morning, and waiting to hear the appointee's opinions on the importance of strong, healthy, abundant wildlife populations. We prefer that Game Board members be committed to keeping Alaska's public lands open to hunting, without restricting access or methods and means unless there is an overwhelming reason to limit activities.

Based on our review, we recommend that you support confirmation for Mike Feagle. We recommend that you oppose confirmation for Greg Streveter and Nicole Whittington-Evans. We would like to have Levi Quakenbush answer questions on the concerns expressed above.

Thank you.

SIGNED MIKE TINKER

TESTIFIER

Alaska Wildlife Conservation Association

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources committee name

committee on Game Based Appointments dated 3-8-97 bill/subject

Nicole Whitling-Evans has a valuable background
 in ecology & matters of environmental science. Being a member
 of our local Fish and Game Advisory Committee and her
 current status as a local environmentalist. Decisions of Game
 issues need to be reviewed by not only the people hunting
 those game but also by those able to objectively consider
 the impact of the environment and the long term effects of
 future workers along with game populations. I feel Nicole will
 be able to add the needed viewpoint and will be a positive
 addition to the board.

Signed: Nicole Whitling-Evans
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

House

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Natural Resources
committee name

committee on Game Board Appointments, dated 3/8/97
bill/subject

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the recent appointments to the game board. I am a Palmer resident and voter. I hunt and fish as a way of providing for my family. I have had a hunting and/or fishing license in the State of Alaska for most years since 1984. I feel very strongly that the game board should not only represent the interests of either hunting interests or any other narrow interests. I have known Nicole Whittington-Evans for 12 years as a friend and colleague. I strongly endorse her appointment to the game board. I know her to be a knowledgeable, balanced and hardworking person with the personal qualities and educational background to be positive and active force on the game board. As a hunter and fisher, I trust Nicole to make decisions in the best interest of wildlife and users of wildlife. She is skillful and knows the art of compromise.

Signed: *Alvin H. Housh*
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources
 committee name
 committee on Bd of Game, dated 3-8-97
 bill/subject

May I begin by stating that although I am a non-hunter, I both appreciate the right + the value of hunting opportunities in Alaska. As a former farmer I have bred + slaughtered animals under intensive farming methods. It seems to me that opportunities to balance both consumptive + non consumptive needs can be balanced. However, it is important that the Board of Game represents all sides of the issue.

I know Nicole Whittington Evans well - she is smart, knowledgeable, and she listens to all sides. She has made brave decisions regarding means of wolf control - favoring sterilization as an experimental method. Her presence on the Board will provide a conduit between hunters + non-hunters + help prevent polarization. Nicole has a strong background in wildlife biology plus links to the tourist industry.

In the final analysis, we must all respond to the \$'s both hunters + wildlife/tourist types bring to Alaska.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify - I look forward to Nicole Whittington Evans confirmation

Signed: _____

Testifier

Malcolm Ford

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources Comtee
 committee name
 committee on Board of Game dated March 8, 1997
 bill/subject

I would like to express my support for the appointment of Nicole Whittington-Evan to the Board of Game. I have known Nicole for some time, and consider her a very intelligent and thoughtful individual.

Any issue which she is faced with would be given fair consideration by her, I am sure. I have no idea whether or not she actually hunts or holds a hunting license, but she does respect the rights of all people with regard to their interface with the animal population.

I am a Senior Citizen, resided in Alaska from 1949 to 1960, my children were born here. I was forced to leave due to their father's death. Returned to make Alaska my home in 1992. Misty Coumb
 Signed: _____ (cont'd next page)

Testifier

Misty Coumb

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Misty Coumb

To: House Resources Comte
hearing on Board of Game appts.

I have a real love for Alaska, which is why I returned to live here. I respect the views of all Alaskans, although we do not always agree with each other on all issues.

I feel the game of Alaska should be for the use of all Alaskans — hunters, hikers, photographers, animal "watchers," etc. — on an equal basis, and would not like to see the Board of Game become an entity representing only those who wish to hunt, whether for subsistence or trophy hunting.

Again, I fully support the appointment of a fair-minded person who would attempt to represent all viewpoints — Nicole Whittington-Loans.

Thank you

Misty Coumb



Alaska State Legislature

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 committee name
 committee on Board of Game, dated March 8, 1997
 bill/subject

As a longtime Alaskan who comes from a family of hunters, hikers and "explorers", I support Nicole Whittington-Evans for appointment to the Board of Game.

I am very concerned that the board become more balanced among the various interests.

Nicole is a remarkable young woman who takes her responsibilities very seriously and makes decisions thoughtfully.

I urge the committee to remember we Alaskans are a diverse group, and all of us deserve representation. She will represent my views well.

Signed: Avery Richardson
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FAX TRANSMITTAL

To: The House Resources Committee
From: Scott A. Thomas
Date: March 8, 1997
Re: Hearing on appointees to the Alaska Board of Fish and Game.

To the House Resources Committee,

As a concerned Alaska resident, I would like voice my support for Governor Knowles appointees to the Alaska Board of Fish and Game.

I believe all four candidates are sound and responsible choices. In particular, I would like to voice my support for Ms. Nicole Whittington-Evans. I strongly urge the committee to evaluate Ms. Whittington-Evans and the other appointees on their credentials and experience that they would bring to the job. The Board of Fish and Game should be a group of individuals with diverse backgrounds to best represent Alaska residents and interests. Tourism is the #3 industry in Alaska. The fastest growing segment within the tourism industry are small operators. Tourism operators are dependent upon tourists' perceptions that they will have unique opportunities to see wildlife and wild lands on scale that cannot be seen in other areas of the world. If the state of Alaska and/or the Board of Fish and Game becomes insensitive to non-consumptive users such as tourist or recreationists, many businesses could suffer as a result.

I am concerned about the views expressed in Senate Bill 22 that would only allow registered hunters and trappers to be appointed to the Board of Fish and Game. The board should manage all types of wildlife and the various uses of the wildlife, whether they are consumptive users or non-consumptive users. I strongly believe that the board should manage on an "ecosystem approach", and not only for game animals or for particular segments of Alaska's population, but for all Alaska residents and visitors. I strongly support consumptive uses such as hunting, but all groups and uses should be represented.

By confirming Governor Knowles' appointees to the Board of Fish and Game, the committee could send a strong message that the board should represent all Alaskans, not only consumptive users. If the committee rejects the appointees and Senate Bill 22 is adopted, Alaska will have regressed in management of its wildlife resources.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Thomas

From the desk of...
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March 8, 1997

Thank you very much for inviting me to today's 9 A.M. House Resources Committee public hearing on Alaska Board of Game Appointments. I am unable to attend the teleconference at the Kenai LIO.

I ask the House Resource Committee to support and submit for legislative confirmation the four appointments before you to the Alaska Board of Game.

These four individuals bring excellent knowledge in various fields of wildlife conservation and management and provide that diversity so important to the public process.

I would like to comment at this point on the appointment of Nicole Whittington-Evans to the BOG. I know Nicole and have worked with her on several resource issues. She is not anti anything. She is very pro-active and knowledgeable on the very issues that the future of all trapping, hunting, fishing, and outdoor use depend - the habitat that provides these resources and for their many uses. She is conscientious, informed, knowledgeable, and well prepared to serve on the Board of Game.

Alaska's wildlife is reserved to the people for common use and the confirmation of Nicole Whittington-Evans to the Board of Game will insure that this constitutional right will be continued for all Alaskans.

I want to thank you for this opportunity to participate and ask you to listen to the voices of all Alaskans and not only those with special agendas and gains. The conformation of these four members of the Board of Game will insure that all Alaskans are represented and will benefit from the process.

Thank You,



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Game Board

cc:Mail for: REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT OGAN

Subject: GAME BOARD ACTION

From: pfchr@UAA.ALASKA.EDU ("Charles H. Reynolds") at CC2MHS1 3/9/97 7:12 PM

To: Representative Scott Ogan at LAA_TRANS

It makes no sense at all to deny Nicole Whittington-Evans a position on the Alaska Board of Game, Scott.

There really should be at least one non-hunter on the board to represent people like me who like to see animals alive. Not everyone in Alaska is born with a gun in their hand eager to shoot everything that wiggles.

Some of us feel very strongly that animals need to be represented just as much as humans. Nicole might be the very person to look out for our needs and for the animals best interests. Is that so bad? Does the Republican Party just want to see everything developed, shot, advertised with signs et al? Just foolish thinking with very poor logic being applied.

By the way, as I supervise a student teacher in one of the valley schools, I sit in a third-grade room where a young boy is always wanting to talk guns with me. he loves guns and loves shooting things. I asked him what kind of a gun he had. He claims he has several but his favorite is a machine gun which can gun down song birds faster than the rest.

Boy oh boy, this is the kind of Alaska I am dreaming about! Bullets flying everywhere and no living thing safe. Mercy! Deliver me!

I can see now why the gun lobby needs to be controlled big time. The ego-driven maniac men and their fire power are going to lead me to begin to fight guns in a very serious way, statewide and nationally. Gun-toters are too wild in their behavior as well as their thinking.

I realize you got voted in because gun lovers liked your bumper stickers. I am not one of them. So please try to represent me in some small way when you vote because I also live in your district. Thanks. CR.

cc:Mail for: REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT OGAN

Subject: Board of Game Nominations, SB 22 and HB 168
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Game Board

Dear Public Representative,

I've been an Alaska resident for 16 years. I keep my freezer full by hunting throughout Alaska, from Thorn Bay, to Kaktovik, to Bettles, to Dillingham and Cordova. I have also developed a photography business that depends on the use of wildlife resources. My photography business allows people to enjoy and admire our wildlife and encourages visitors and residents to seek wildlife for their enjoyment for "BOTH HUNTING AND WILDLIFE VIEWING". I have sales outlets that include: The Smithsonian Museum, Santa Barbara Zoo, Columbus Zoo, Zion National Park, and Grand Teton's National Park, to name just a few places that encourage travelers to visit Alaska and expand our tourism industry.

I know your time is valuable and often limited, but I hope you will read this entire message as well as the letter to the editor of the Anchorage Daily News that I am including in this message.

I just sat in on the House Resources "SPANISH INQUISITION" hearing of the 4 current nominees for the Board of Game. Unfortunately time did not allow me to present the testimony I had prepared. Because that avenue to express my opinion and concerns was not fruitful, I am sending this message to all legislators.

The "INQUISITION" focused on getting the nominees to voice support for the point of view obviously held by the Representative asking the question, rather than truly finding out if the nominee would represent all people and interests.

Representatives continually referenced the Constitution and concern that the nominee would act in favor of a single interest group, while at the same time almost demanding the nominee say they would support hunters over other users of wildlife. Those Representatives focused on the Constitution, Article VIII Sections 3 and 4 with their interpretation that those clauses required maximizing hunting opportunity at the expense of other values.

Because I was not allowed an opportunity to speak, I could not remind those Representatives that Section 1 requires maximum use to be "consistent with the public interest," and that Section 4 includes the statement "subject to preferences among beneficial uses." By expressing maximum use and benefit equals maximum harvest, the Representatives conducting the "INQUISITION" are ignoring the general public and demanding the nominees act for only hunting interests.

The McNeil River controversy showed overwhelming public support for other

uses of wildlife in specific areas. It also showed that the decision making process for wildlife management was not representing the public. The Same Day Airborne initiative identified the same problems and showed the public how to let all legislators know they were not happy with the way they were representing the public.

As a hunter, I believe the Board should represent all interests in wildlife. The current nominees all did an excellent job of responding to one sided questions and challenges. I hope that the entire body of legislators recognize the need to have all interest groups represented on the Board of Game and that you vote to confirm all 4 nominees.

I fear that if the Board does not represent all Alaskans or if Senate Bill 22 or House Bill 168 pass, it will initiate the management of wildlife resources through initiatives and referendums. The public has learned how to express itself, now its up to you, the legislative body, to show that you've heard the public and will act in the interest of all Alaskan's, not just hunting interests.

If you have any questions, please call me at 248-9918 or e-mail at awimages@alaska.net

Thank you very much for your time.

LEO KEELER

The following is the letter to the editor I mentioned above.

Letters

Anchorage Daily News

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WHO OWNS ALASKA'S WILDLIFE?

As a hunter, can I say I own Alaska's wildlife? The Alaska Constitution reserves wildlife for all residents, not only the 15% who hunt. It requires wildlife to be available for maximum use and benefit of all people. Senator Taylor has proposed a law requiring Game Board members to hold hunting licenses. Will that insure wildlife resources are used to benefit all people and interests, or give hunters ownership of Alaska's wildlife?

Hunting takes a public resource for private use. Do license fees for that privilege go to a public fund, similar to oil revenues or timber harvest? No. Alaska Statute 16.05.130 limits use of hunting fees and taxes to programs that only benefit hunters. What would Alaska look like if oil companies demanded the same consideration? Extremist legislators even cut wildlife education programs, thus limiting kids' ability to learn enough about wildlife to make informed decisions.

Alaska representatives are leading a growing nationwide drive to establish a Pitman Robertson type tax on items used for wildlife watching and outdoor recreation. Extremist groups like Alaska Outdoor Council are fighting to prevent the "TEAMING WITH WILDLIFE INITIATIVE" from becoming law. They claim there are problems with it. Rather than work to solve the problems and benefit wildlife, they would rather kill it. Alaska could get \$14.5 million dollars for wildlife management from "TEAMING". Extremists are aware those funds would take away their control of ADF&G.

Shouldn't we be doing all we can to manage wildlife for everyone?

Leo Keeler

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Alaska State Legislature

House/Senate Resources Committee

Please enter into the record my testimony to the State Legislature
committee name

committee on Board of Game Appointees dated 3/08/97
bill/subject

I oppose the appointment of Nicole Whittington-Evans on the grounds that she does not possess enough background experience in Alaska, to qualify in the decision-making-process of management proposals as member of the Board of Game.

Nicole came to Alaska in 1992. She earned her Master's Degree from a University in Montana and graduated in 1996. That being the case, if she earned her degree in 1996 and only "arrived" in Alaska in 1992, then that would mean her total amount of time spent in Alaska gaining experience would be very limited.

It is crucial that Board of Game appointees have considerable history within Alaska, as both consumptive and non-consumptive users, to qualify in the duties as Board members. Alaskan wildlife dynamics have fluctuated greatly in the past 38 years and for a member of the Board to adequately make sound resource decisions, they should have vast amounts of experience from

Signed: Robert P. Hardy Robert P. Hardy
Testifier

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This time period, or a large part thereof.

BOG NOMINATIONS MARCH 1997

My name is Pete Buist. I am testifying for the Alaska Trappers Association. We appreciate the opportunity to offer testimony on recent appointments to the Board of Game.

The AK Trappers Association represents somewhere on the order of 1000 trappers from throughout all regions of Alaska.

We wholeheartedly support and urge the confirmation of Mike Fleagle of McGrath, ~~big game trapper~~.

Conversely, we are disappointed ^{at} by the appointment of Ms. Evans.

We recognize that the wildlife of Alaska belongs to all its citizens, even though we consumptive users must pay all the bills for its management. Too, we firmly believe that a wide range of interests and values should be included in the deliberation on regulations and allocation issues.

But this system will have no chance of working if appointees are:

- 1) Of brief tenure in Alaska, and**
- 2) Represent the views of fanatical, fringe elements such as the animal rights groups.**

Unfortunately, Ms. Evans seems to be characterized in both ways.

The Governor's press release pointed out that Ms. Evans has climbed Mt. McKinley two times. While we don't wish in any way to detract from Ms. Evans' demonstrated ability as a mountaineer, we fail to see how this makes her qualified to make ^{important} decisions on wildlife management. We think it is far more important that a Board member be familiar with the State's wildlife resources and habitat, and the patterns ^{and habits} of their use.

Ms. Evans active involvement with fringe environmental groups such as AK Wilderness Recreation and Tourism and animal rights advocates such as the Alaska Wildlife Alliance seems to give a far too accurate preview of how she might participate in the Board process.

Just this week, video coverage of harassment of trappers and the blatant stealing of fur from trappers here in the Interior by a person sponsored by the ~~same~~ Alaska Wildlife Alliance and some large Outside animal rights groups has shown that these organizations will apparently not stop at anything, even the law of the State of Alaska, to try to bring an end to trapping in Alaska.

It is very frightening to the members of my group, especially those in small villages where trapping is virtually the only form of winter cash income, that the Governor would even consider ^{name} ~~putting~~ someone with these ties ^{to} ~~on~~ the Board.

Frankly, we do not see how anyone who has consistently demonstrated a clear ideological opposition to virtually all forms of consumptive use or harvest could possibly render objective judgement on the setting of seasons and bag limits or the regulation of methods and means that are so incredibly important to mainstream Alaskans.

I wish to conclude by stressing that we do not mind having folks on the Board who do not hunt or trap. There are plenty of seasoned, reasonable, non-consumptive users in our midst.

We urge you to swiftly oppose the confirmation of Ms. Evans, thus sending the Governor a clear message that we need reasonable people on the Board of Game.



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE House Resources
COMMITTEE NAME

COMMITTEE ON confirmation of game Board appointments DATED 5/8/97
BILL/SUBJECT

RE:

Jori Quakenbush: I am soft on her appointment. She doesn't seem to know about many of the relevant issues. She leans too much towards non-consumptive use. She is, however, a user herself and appears to not be an "ANTI-HUNTER".

Re: Michael Fleagle. in support!

SIGNED Robert Fox
TESTIFIER

Self
REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

815 6th Ave Fairbanks, AK 99701 907-456-7000
ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE HOUSE RESOURCES
 COMMITTEE NAME
 CONFIRMATION OF GAME
 COMMITTEE ON BOARD APPOINTMENTS DATED 3/8/97
 BILL/SUBJECT

I urge you to vote against the confirmation of those Whittington-Ellans to the Game Board. The purpose of this board is to set game laws according to sound biology, and sustained yield and NOT by the twisted logic of anti-hunting advocates OR their supporters.

I have tried to figure out the logic of Governor Knowles making such an appointment, and must conclude
 1.) this is simply a payback to a group that provided election support.
 2.) He actually intended get another slap at Alaska's consumptive users of our wildlife.
 3.) or most likely, a combination of both.

From the very start of his administration, Gov. Knowles has taken open shots at consumptive users of our wildlife or anything that resembles mgmt based upon sound, proven biology. This is amply demonstrated in his dismissing Sr. of AK. vs Bassett, in wolf ~~issues~~ control issues, and his total lack of support for hunters issues throughout Alaska - and the appointment of Mo. Whittington-Ellans is a prime example of ~~his~~ his attitude to consumptive use of our wildlife.

SIGNED ROBERT FOX
 TESTIFIER

SELF
 REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

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ATTN: House Resources Committee
&
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

RE: Appointments to the BOARD OF GAME

I Support the Following Appointments:

Nichole Whittington - Evans

Greg Streveler

Mike Fleagle

Lori Quakenbush

Thank you

CHRISTINE DiCURTI

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February 28, 1997

The Honorable Scott Ogan, Co-Chairman
Alaska State House of Representatives
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF LORI QUACKENBUSH TO BOARD OF GAME

Dear Honorable Ogan:

Governor Knowles has appointed Lori Quakenbush to fill a vacant seat on the Alaska Board of Game. The North Slope Borough has the highest respect for Lori and the work she accomplished while employed until recently with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As a former member myself, I have complete confidence that Lori will perform with distinction on the board of Game.

In my former capacity as the Director of the North Slope Borough's Department of Wildlife Management, I had the pleasure of working closely with Lori on a variety of projects during her many extended trips to Barrow. She quickly gained a practical understanding of our Inupiat culture, and has earned the respect of the North Slope Native community, as well as the many colleagues in the scientific community she has worked with here over the years.

I believe that the Governor has made an excellent choice in his appointment of Lori Quakenbush to serve on the Alaska Board of Game. I would be happy to discuss Lori's qualifications further with you, or provide any additional information you feel might be useful in support of her appointment.

Respectfully,

Benjamin P. Nageak,
NSB Mayor

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March 19, 1997

House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK, 99811
Fax 465-3265

Dear House Resources Members:

Our family fly fishing business wishes to support the nomination of Greg Streveler to the Game Board.

We have worked with Mr. Streveler on several issues regarding Glacier Bay as well as other resource management issues and find him to be a knowledgeable and reasonable person.

He will bring personal hunting experience and scientific knowledge about wildlife habitat to the Board which will be of benefit to all of us who hunt and fish in Alaska.

Thank you for considering our opinion on his nomination.

Sincerely,

Mark & Michelle Kaelke
Owners

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Working for the Nature of Tomorrow

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

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Via Facsimile: 907-465-3265

March 12, 1997

Chairperson Scott Ogan
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Chair Ogan:

Mr. Chairman please provide this letter to the Committee members for their official record, thank you.

The National Wildlife Federation is an organization that was begun by hunters and fishermen. To this day the National Wildlife Federation is run by men and women who are hunters and fishermen. I am an Alaskan. I spend the winters eating venison, halibut and salmon from my freezer.

Governor Knowles' appointments of Greg Strevler, Michael Fleagler, Nicole Whittington-Evans, and Lori Quakenbush to the Board of Game are all excellent choices. The four represent the broad interests of the Alaska public on the values of wildlife and the way that wildlife should be managed in our state. Having both hunters and non-hunters (who are not anti-hunting) on the Board of Game strengthens the Board of Game by having it more accurately represent the real opinions of all Alaskans.

A 1991 Alaska resident hunter survey, conducted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, showed that 62% of Alaska hunters participate in wildlife viewing. With a 2/3 majority of Alaska hunters interested in wildlife viewing, it is important that someone with a strong background in wildlife viewing be on the Board of Game to carry that constituencies' points of view and values to the board.

Mr. Chairman and Committee members, only together do these four appointees represent the balance of opinion that Alaskan hold as to how Alaskans want their wildlife to be managed. I urge you to recommend confirmation by the entire of House of all four of Governor Knowles' appointees to the Board of Game.

The Board of Game scheduled a ten day regulatory meeting March 13-24 that has been publicly noticed for several months. It is unfortunate that this committee did not try to work around these dates when setting up the confirmation hearing. Because of these confirmation hearings the Board of Game is having to interrupt its work. The Board of Game should have been given the respect to do its job and to fully function given the responsibilities that it has and as was communicated to the public.

Thank you for letting me have this opportunity to share my opinions.

Sincerely,



Martha C. Levensaler
Regional Representative/Organizer

March 15, 1997

Chairman Scott Ogan
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1181

Dear Chairman Ogan:

We would appreciate it if you could submit this letter to the Committee members for their official record.

We strongly support Governor Knowles' appointments of Greg Streveler, Michael Fleagler, Nicole Whittington-Evans, and Lori Quakenbush to the Board of Game. The Alaska public deserves representation that will reflect their opinions and values on wildlife and the way that wildlife should be managed in our state, as we feel these four represent. We appreciate the diversity of these four individuals, both the hunters and the non-hunters (who are not anti-hunting).

We are not "hunters" but appreciate their right to do so, especially here in Alaska, the Last Frontier. Most of our friends do hunt, some for subsistence, and they rightly abide by the regulations set forth by the Board of Game. Being "viewers, we appreciate the opportunity to view the wildlife this state has been so richly blessed with. With the many important issues coming before the Board in the coming year, it is important that the Board maintain a "well-rounded" base in making decisions that will ultimately affect the Alaska public.

This is our first "public comment" letter regarding the Board of Game. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Doug Kennedy
Linda Roberts

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to: House Resources Committee
fax #: 907-465-3265
re: Appointment of Nicole Whittington-Evans
date: March 20, 1997
pages: 1

I commend the Governor for his appointment of Nicole Whittington-Evans to the Game Board. It is my understanding that there has never been anyone on the board who is not a hunter or a trapper. There are many people interested in wildlife who are not hunters or trappers and it is time that their voices be heard in Game Management.

Someone on the board needs to understand recreation and tourism view points. There needs to be balanced representation. I am not anti-hunting and as I understand it, neither is Nicole. I know that in many states hunters play key roles in habitat and resource protection. I am respectful of this. From what I've seen and read in Alaska however, it seems that maximum harvest of game species is the sole goal. I do not believe that this the best course of action for our wildlife. People pay millions of dollars each year to visit Alaska in hopes of seeing intact natural habitats and both their predator and prey species. These people need representation.

I would like to see Nicole's appointment to the board confirmed.

Sincerely,

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March 20, 1997

Chairperson Rick Halford
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Chairman Halford,

I would like to go on record as supporting Governor Knowles' appointments of Greg Streveler, Michael Fleagler, Nicole Whittington-Evans, and Lori Quackenbush to the Board of Game. This group I feel would bring with them a well-diversified interest in both consumptive and non-consumptive use of wildlife. In the past the Board has often been skewed in the direction of over-representation of hunters and under-representation of conservationists and wildlife viewers. The proposed current mix of candidates would more fairly represent the broad range of interests of all Alaskans statewide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Mark Newman

cc: Representative Scott Ogan
Senator Sean Parnell
Representative John Cowdery
Governor Tony Knowles

To: House Resources Committee

FAX 465-3265

From: Nancy Waterman, 586-3278 FAX 586-1423
Box 20993 Juneau, AK 99802

RE: Public Hearing on Governor Knowles' appointments to the Board of Game, Juneau, Alaska, June 1997 at 10:30AM. For the record:

Please support Greg Strevler for appointment to the Game Board.

A longtime resident of Alaska, my neighbor for some of this time, Greg is active in Alaska's outdoor arena. He has been a teacher, research biologist, and park ranger. He is dedicated to the task of wise game management.

Thank you for your support of Mr. Strevler's appointment.

Sincerely,



Nancy Waterman

HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RE: March 22 Teleconference, 10:30 AM -
on BOARD OF GAME APPOINTMENTS

Please accept this testimony as strong support
for Greg Streveter and Nicole Whittington - Evans
to be appointed for continued service on
Governor Knudsen's Board of Game.

I have great faith in the abilities of these two
individuals and would like to see their
continued presence on the Board of Game.

Both Greg Streveter and Nicole Whittington - Evans
are effective representatives for the people of Alaska.

Sincerely,
Amita Lorge

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