

**CONFIRM.**

**BOARD**

**OF**

**GAME**

**5/03/02**

April 5, 2002

The Honorable Drew Scalzi, Co-Chair  
House Resources Committee  
Alaska State House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Scalzi:

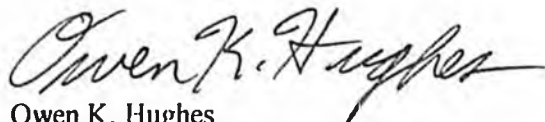
This letter is to express my conviction that the Board of Game has been strengthened by the presence of George Matz. I urge you to confirm his position on the Board.

Mr. Matz provides a very necessary balance to the Board with his support not only of hunting and trapping, but also of wildlife viewing. From my position on the Anchorage Waterfowl Working Group I have seen his consistent goal of finding agreement among divergent attitudes about solutions of Anchorage's Canada goose problems. His goal of striving for consensus is a valuable asset to the Board of Game.

Mr. Matz has worked for years on studies of Kenai brown bears, furthering the public awareness and appreciation needed to maintain a sustained population of brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula. In 1998 he organized the Kenai Brown Bear Festival. Likewise, he has been active in loon conservation, organizing festivals and loon watches on the Anchorage bowl lakes.

His continued presence on the Board of Game will enhance its value. Thank you for your attention to my concern.

Sincerely,



Owen K. Hughes  
17406 Adams Lane  
Eagle River, AK 99577-7421

# State of Alaska

## Office of Boards and Commissions Roster

### GAME (040)

Member	Date Appointed	Reappointed	Term Expires
Bruce H. Baker Public P.O. Box 211384 Auke Bay, AK 99821	02/19/2002		03/01/2005
Ben Grussendorf Public 1221 Halibut Point Road Sitka, AK 99835	01/31/2001		03/01/2004
Julie A. K. Maier Public University of Alaska Fairbanks Institute of Arctic Biology P.O. Box 757000 Fairbanks, AK 99775-7000	01/24/2001		03/01/2003
George Matz Public 14345 Cody Circle Anchorage, AK 99516	05/17/2001		03/01/2004
J. Dana Pruhs Public 2431 Wellington Court Anchorage, AK 99517	05/17/2001		03/01/2003
Caleb Pungowiyi Public P.O. Box 217 Kotzebue, AK 99752	02/19/2002		03/01/2005
Frank Rue Commissioner/Fish and Game Alaska Department of Fish and Game P.O. Box 25526 Juneau, AK 99802-5526	02/21/1995		
Michelle R. Sparck Public P.O. Box 267 Bethel, AK 99559	02/19/2002		03/01/2005

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## J. DANA PRUHS

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### EXPERIENCE

#### **Pruhs Corporation – Owner / President**

2193 Viking Drive, Anchorage AK 99501 (907) 279-1020  
The company is involved in civil and telecommunication construction throughout Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.  
Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Seattle.

#### **Quality Sand and Gravel – Owner**

1500 Tanya Court, Wasilla, AK 99687 (907) 746-5215  
Commercial aggregate business serving South Central Alaska

#### **Homer Air - Owner**

2190 Kachemak Drive, Homer AK 99603 (907) 235-4767  
Scheduled and charter air service for the Homer area.

#### **Meridian Investments - Owner**

2193 Viking Drive, Anchorage AK 99501  
Commercial real estate business specializing in airport properties with holdings in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

### EDUCATION

California Polytechnic State University (Cal-Poly) San Luis Obispo, CA  
B.S. Transportation / Civil Engineering

Monroe High School - Fairbanks, AK

### BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation	1993 - 1996
Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association	1993 - Present
Keyes Point Property Owners Association	1996 - Present

### INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Life Long Alaskan  
Hunting, Fishing, Flying, Retriever training and Retriever field trials

PRUHS

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**George Matz**  
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#### Residence

- Residing for over 11 years at 14345 Cody Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99516.
- Have lived in Alaska for over 25 years, including 3 years in Fairbanks and 7 years in Juneau.

#### Family

- Married to Jeannie Woodring who was born and raised in Anchorage.
- No children.

#### Education

- Masters in Business Administration - Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts
- Bachelor of Science (biology and chemistry) - Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois
- Courses in computer sciences, natural history, and outdoor recreation - University of Alaska

#### Employment

- Currently, semi-retired with income supplemented the past few years by free lance writing, consulting and property in Fairbanks.
- Nearly 11 years experience with the State of Alaska, including the Office of Management and Budget (budget and policy analyst), the Department of Commerce and Economic Development (special assistant), the Legislature (legislative aide), and the Alaska Energy Authority (project analyst).
- Served as executive director of the Fairbanks Environmental Center for two years.
- Over 12 years experience in the sales and marketing of laboratory instrumentation and environmental services throughout North America. Worked as a sales engineer, product manager, and marketing manager.

#### Volunteer Participation in Alaska

- Involved in numerous natural resource collaborative processes
- Chairman, DEC's Water Quality Advisory Committee (1977-78);
- Fairbanks North Star Borough Pollution Control Commission (1978-79);
- Treasurer and Board of Directors, Glacier Highway Electric Association (1983-86);
- Field Trips Chair, Vice President, President, Anchorage Audubon Society (1988-present),
- Vice-President, Alaska Environmental Lobby (1992-1996);
- Alternate to Public Advisory Group for the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees (1993-1994),
- State/federal Forest Stewardship Council (1996-present);
- Board of Game Citizens Advisory Group on Denali Park Wolves (2000).
- Founder of Alaska Bear Festival, an annual forum that brings together hunters, scientists, wildlife viewers, guides and managers to promote conservation of Kenai Peninsula Brown Bears

#### Publications

- Numerous technical publications and reports and several magazine articles and photos on natural history topics. Also wrote for Alaska Geographic, *World Heritage Wilderness* (summer, 1999) and about half of *Exploring Alaska's Birds* (spring, 2001)..

MATZ

**Caleb Pungowiyi**  
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(907) 442-2289 (fax)

### PERSONAL HISTORY

#### Date & Place of Birth

November 28, 1941  
Savoonga, Alaska

7/64-7/67 United States Army – Special Forces  
Honorable discharge

### EDUCATION

College	Sheldon Jackson Jr. College Sitka, Alaska 1961-1962
Technical Training	RCA School of Electronics Los Angeles, California 1962-1964
High School	Sheldon Jackson High School Sitka, Alaska 1957-1961

### WORK HISTORY

1/17/00 to present    **President**  
**Robert Aqqaluk Newlin, Sr. Memorial Trust**  
**P.O. Box 509**  
**Kotzebue, Alaska 99752**

Chief Executive and Operating Officer of the Trust. Responsible for design and successful implementation of Trust programs in accordance with the Trust's budget. Ensure that Trust's programs are in strict compliance with applicable laws, regulations, grant requirements, and best practices for non-profit trusts. Conduct fundraising activities, seek grants, donations from private and governmental organizations. Recruit, screen, hire and supervise individuals working for the Trust and determine employment positions and organizational structure needed by the Trust.

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3/96 to 12/99

**Director, Natural Resources Programs  
Kawerak, Inc  
P.O. Box 948  
Nome, Alaska 99762**

Direct and supervise Fisheries, Subsistence and Eskimo Walrus Commission day to day operations. Responsible for budgets, coordination and planning for the Department. Provide liaison services between Kawerak and Federal, State and local governments and monitor public policy which affects the rights of tribes and their members. Work with tribes in developing conservation programs on subsistence resources, including research programs. The principle goal of the department is: "To preserve and strengthen Inuit culture and traditions by insuring that subsistence rights and use of marine mammals are protected and strengthened."

7/93 to 7/95

**President  
Inuit Circumpolar Conference  
401 East Northern Lights Blvd, suite 203  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503**

Chief Executive and Operations Officer of an International Inuit organization representing 120,000 Inuit of Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Russia. Oversee and coordinate the activities of regional offices in four countries. Principle purposes of Inuit Circumpolar Conference are to: (1) Strengthen unity, promote Inuit rights, and interests on an international level, (2) develop and encourage long-term policies which safeguard the Arctic environment and seek full and active partnership in the political, economic and social development of the circumpolar regions. Work with other international entities such as United Nations, IUCN, International Whaling Commission, Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy and International Arctic Science Committee in fostering and developing global policies that recognize the indigenous cultures and the protection of the resources on which they depend upon.

10/92-7/93

**Executive Director  
Arctic Marine Resources Commission  
P.O. Box 49  
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752**

Carry out the goals and objectives of the Commission. Work with Arctic coastal communities regarding OCS oil and gas exploration and development issues in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. Work as liaison between the communities, oil industry representatives and government employees. Prioritize research programs to minimize any adverse impacts from industry exploration or development activities on the outer continental shelf. Control and oversee organizational and financial matters.

**8/90 to 9/92**

**City Manager  
City of Kotzebue  
P.O. Box 66  
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752**

Supervise and manage the affairs of the City of Kotzebue. Oversee all Departments of the City of Kotzebue, i.e. Public Works, Public Safety, Fire, Ambulance, Sanitation, and Administration. Prepare and manage the operating and capital works budgets. Hire and fire personnel, draft ordinances and resolutions, prepare reports for the City Council. Work with Federal, State and the Alaska Legislature on issues affecting local governments and the public.

**8/89 to 7/00**

**Director – Office of Management & Budget  
City of Kotzebue  
P.O. Box 66  
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752**

Provide supervision and administration to Finance, Planning, Governmental Affairs and Purchasing Department of the City of Kotzebue. Prepare and administer all grants, contracts, and agreements of the City of Kotzebue. Prepare and submit all grant reports and applications for grants and contracts. Act as liaison between the City, State and Federal agencies on City Public works projects.

**4/81 to 7/89**

**President  
Kawerak, Inc.  
P.O. Box 948  
Nome, Alaska 99752**

Chief Executive and Operations Officer for a regional non-profit organization representing and providing services to the communities of the Bering Straits region of Northwest Alaska. Supervise and oversee all departments and divisions of Kawerak, Inc. on the management and delivery of cultural, educational, social, resource management, and economic development programs to 19 villages. Seek grants and contracts with the State, Federal and private entities for the delivery of services to the region.

**MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
CURRENT**

**Marine Mammal Commission  
Committee of Scientific Advisors  
Special Advisor – Alaska Native Affairs  
4340 East-West Highway, Room 905  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814**

The Committee, established by Section 203 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, recommends to the Commission studies for research and review of permits for scientific research which may be conducted under the authority of MMPA.

**Indigenous Peoples Council for Marine Mammals  
P.O. Box 2000908  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503**

A consortium of Alaska Native marine mammal commissions and organizations involved in the protection and conservation of marine mammals and marine life off the waters of Alaska. Primary purpose of the Council is the protection to the Alaska native exemption in the Marine Mammal Protection and subsistence uses of marine life in the coastal waters of Alaska.

**PAST MEMBERSHIP ON BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

Alaska Scientific Review Group  
Alaska Fisheries Science Center  
7600 Sand Point Way NE Bin C15700  
Seattle, Washington 98115-0700

Office of Polar Programs  
Advisory Committee  
National Science Foundation  
4201 Wilson Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22230

Polar Research Board  
Committee on Bering Sea Ecosystems  
National Academy of Sciences  
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20055

Office of Technology Assessment  
Advisory Panel  
"Arctic Impacts from Soviet Nuclear Contamination"  
Washington, DC 20510

Native American Rights Fund  
Board of Directors  
1506 Broadway  
Boulder, Colorado 80302

Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc  
Board of Directors  
1577 C Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Alaska Conservation Foundation  
441 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 402  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2340

Inuit Circumpolar Conference  
Executive Committee  
401 East Northern Lights Blvd, Suite 203  
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# Bruce H. Baker, Board of Game Appointee

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Auke Bay, AK 99821

RESUME

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- ◆ Active hunter and amateur wildlife photographer.
- ◆ Recognition of trapping as a legitimate use of wildlife.
- ◆ Former member of Brown Bear Management Team that the Board of Game appointed to make recommendations for Admiralty, Baranof, and Chichagof islands (1999 & 2000).
- ◆ Alaska resident for over 30 years, with most of professional career dedicated to helping manage habitats that are essential for sustainable game populations.
- ◆ Biological field work in southeast, southcentral, and interior Alaska.
- ◆ Considerable experience in public policy and working with a variety of natural resource user groups.
- ◆ **Education:** Bachelors and Masters degrees in Forest Management, University of Michigan.
- ◆ **Examples of Publications:** Coauthor of *Alaska's Bears*, published by Alaska Geographic Society, and contributing author of *Brown Bears of Admiralty Island*, recently published by Friends of Admiralty Island. Author of Alaska Geographic articles on fish and wildlife use of coastal forests.
- ◆ **Employment History:**
  - Self-Employed Natural Resource Consultant (on matters other than those which come before the Board of Game). 1992 - Present. Most recent work example is serving as Conservation Easement Project Manager for Southeast Alaska Land Trust, a non-profit organization whose mission it is to help landowners who request assistance in managing the conservation values of their land. Helped City of Kake, Kake Tribal Corporation, and other private landowners prepare conservation easements for their lands.
  - Deputy Director of Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Habitat Division. 1981 - 1992. Worked with other state and federal agencies, Native corporations, industry, local governments, and private individuals to help balance natural resource development and fish and wildlife habitat protection in the broad range of resource development activities occurring throughout the state. Represented ADF&G before the Legislature on wildlife habitat related legislation.
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  - U.S. Forest Service. 1965 - 1977. Forest protection assignments in Alaska, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, and the northeastern states.
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April 1, 2002

**To: Members of the Alaska Senate and House of Representatives**

**Subject: Board of Game Appointment**

**Purpose.** I would welcome confirmation by the Legislature as a Board of Game member. My desire to serve is based on a commitment to Section 4, Article 8 of our state constitution, requiring that wildlife be managed on the sustained yield principle, subject to preferences among beneficial uses. I have worked years to help manage habitats essential for sustaining Alaska wildlife populations. The board provides an important opportunity for the public to participate in decisions that ensure both sustained yield management and an equitable allocation of game resources among the growing numbers of resident and non-resident wildlife users. These include commercial guides, subsistence hunters, sport hunters, and wildlife viewers and photographers. All of these users play a significant role in the economic well being of Alaskans.

**Strengths.** As indicated on the enclosed resume, I bring a number of strengths to the Board. I've been a resident for over 30 years; have done biological field work in southeast, southcentral, and interior Alaska; and have considerable experience in public policy regarding natural resources and in working with a variety of public users. I take the Board's public trust responsibility seriously and try to fulfill that responsibility to the best of my abilities.

**Hunter & Viewer.** I am an active hunter. I purchased my first Alaska hunting license in 1965 and have hunted many of the years since then, including the past consecutive eight years. As an avocation, I also enjoy photographing and writing about wildlife.


**Trapping.** I recognize trapping as a legitimate use of game animals and support trappers' efforts to adopt trapping methods that provide the best combination of efficiency, economy, and swiftness in dispatching an animal.

**Listening to the Public.** I try hard to hear what everyone coming before the Board has to say and to make sure that my votes on proposed regulatory changes are informed and fair. I demonstrated that commitment at the March Board meeting in Fairbanks.

**Predator Management.** Many Alaskans want to employ predator reduction to hasten the recovery of ungulate prey populations to previous levels. I understand the state's intensive management law and have begun to work with other Board members to apply the statute and associated regulations on a case-by-case basis. To ensure the legal defensibility of future Board decisions, I'll refrain from prejudging the merits of any specific predator control proposal before it is submitted to the Board for review and the public has had a chance to comment on it. However, I fully understand the range of predator control tools that exist in statute. I am prepared to work with other Board members, the Department of Fish and Game, and members of the public to apply the predator management method(s) that best fits the biological and economic considerations in a particular game management unit.

**Our Highest Game Management Priority.** I've been asked what I think our highest game management priority is. At the risk of overly simplifying an extremely complex subject, I believe our highest priority is to manage game populations, and their habitats, well enough that they'll be available for future Alaskans to debate the use of.

Sincerely,



Enclosure: One-page resume

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March 27, 2002

Representative Drew Scali –

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me yesterday regarding my appointment to the Board of Game. As a board member, it's important for me to understand the game management concerns that Legislators have and would like to see addressed within the scope of the board's statutory authorities and responsibilities.

As a newly appointed board member, I also try hard to hear what everyone coming before the board has to say and to make sure that votes I cast on proposed regulatory changes are informed and fair. It's a great opportunity to draw upon my career experience in public policy and to work with a variety of interest groups.

Please let me know if you or your constituents have any questions, and I'll try to answer them.

Sincerely,



## Michelle R. Sparck

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### EDUCATION

The American University, Washington, D.C. - School of International Services - B.A. International Studies

### BUSINESS ASSOCIATION / MEMBERSHIP

AVCP REGION: Western Alaska Brown Bear Management Area Group, the Quailnguut (Kilbuck) Caribou Herd Management Plan, the Lower Yukon Moose Management Plan, the Waterfowl Conservation Committee, and the Imapigmit Ungungsiit Murilkestiit (Watchers of the Sea Mammals), Upallret Dance Group (Eskimo Dance, Bethel)

STATEWIDE: Alaska Beluga Whale Committee, Eskimo Walrus Commission, RurAL CAP's Indigenous Peoples Council on Marine Mammals (IPCoMM), Alaska Native Professional Association, USFWS Goose Calendar Committee Network, RurAL CAP's Alaska Native Migratory Bird Management Group, and committee work with the Alaska Board of Fisheries, Alaska Board of Game and the Alaska State Society (Washington, D.C)

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc. (AVCP), Bethel, AK - Washington, D.C. Reference: Art Lake, President. Administration (1999-Present) *Legislative Liaison* - AVCP is a federally recognized non-profit tribal organization for its 56 member Yup'ik / Cup'ik Eskimo and Athabascan villages in the Yukon and Kuskokwim River Delta in Western Alaska.
- Monitor State and Federal legislative activities to protect regional rights and Subsistence activities. Attend legislative hearings and work with the Alaska Delegation and other members on AVCP, State, National and International (Arctic / Indigenous) resource issues.
- Department of Natural Resources (November 1997-1998) *Resources Specialist II* - Monitor and advise Program Director, President and Chairman of AVCP on all resource issues that would and do affect the AVCP region and general Alaska Native practices.
- Coastal Villages Region Fund, (CVRF), Bethel / Anchorage, AK & Washington, D.C. (March - December 2000, Part Time) *Legislative Liaison* - Monitor legislative activities that would affect the Fishing Industry partnerships developed through the Magnuson-Stevens Sustainable Fisheries Act. CVRF is a Community Development Quota (CDQ) group with 20 Yukon - Kuskokwim member communities.
- U.S. House of Representatives, Chairman Don Young (R-AK), Washington, D.C. Ref.: Cynthia Ahwinona, *Legislative Staff*.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans (April 1996-October 1997) *Legislative Staff* - Advised Chairman Young and Chairman Jim Saxton (R-NJ) on legislative matters within Committee Jurisdiction. Formulated policies and alternatives for Committee issues. Carried out legislative and oversight activities including issue research; constituent, special interest, and Administration affairs; legislative correspondence; arrangement and attendance of hearings; prepared statements; bill reports and legislative memos.

- U.S. Senate, Senator Ted Stevens (R-AK), Washington, D.C. Reference: Carol White, Chief of Staff Personal Office (July - December 1991; August 1995 - March 29, 1996) *Staff Assistant* (High School Internship fellow, college staff assistant; post-degree staff assistant) - Authored case studies on Wetland Reauthorization; assisted Legislative Assistants on various resource issues concerning Alaska.
- Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (BSFA), Anchorage, AK Reference: Karen Gillis, Administration (June - August 1992) *College Staff Assistant* - Coordinated a State and Federal fishing disaster emergency relief program for Norton Sound herring fishermen. Compiled community profiles for eligibility in a federal fishery allocation program for / with the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA).

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March 4, 2002

Representative Beverly Masek  
Co-Chairman, House Resource Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Masek,

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association has the following statements and recommendations for your consideration regarding the confirmation of the existing Board of Game appointees. For those of us that depend upon the decisions made by this Board for our livelihood, it is very unsettling to be forced to react to these appointments just two weeks prior to scheduled Board Of Game meetings. In many cases the fates of our families lives and our businesses are determined by the decisions made by this board. The situation as it currently stands certainly suggests that there is a calculated agenda to place or react to special interest's concerns and not the will of the people of the State, or affiliated agencies and departments. As well as adding to the non-experience factor of this important Alaskan resources Board.

The ADF&G regulatory system when used justly stands as a leader of democratic management systems regarding goal development and resource allocations for all user groups. It is unfortunate to many Alaskans that the perception of this process by some parties is one of unfair representation of their concerns. The existing administration has had well over seven years to adjust the balance of this board and has made considerable changes to its make up prior to the most recent nominations.

As a primary example, there currently is not one board of game member that is a representative of the guiding industry. This is in spite of the fact that this industry has historically and continues to provide over eighty percent of the annual funding needs for the management of the State's wildlife resources. This industry at the very least should have one representative on the board. The balance of the cross-sectioning representation on this board reflects a pendulum that has risen way beyond fairness of user groups and is stuck at this unjust height.

This being stated, here are our recommendations.

1. That Mr. Dana Pruhs, who has been serving as an appointee be confirmed.
2. That Mr. George Matz who has been serving as an appointee be confirmed.
3. That the nominations of Michelle Sparck, Caleb Pungowiyi, and Bruce Baker should not be confirmed due to the non-diversified make up of the board if they were to be confirmed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns you may have in these regards.

Respectfully,

Robert Fithian  
APHA Executive Director

c.c. Representatives, Scalzi, Fate, Chenault, Green, McGuire, Stevens, Kapsner, Kertula

⊕ MATZ / PRUHS  
⊖ SPARCK / Pungowiyi / Baker

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Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Scalzi,

The Alaska Professional Hunters Association has the following statements and recommendations for your consideration regarding the confirmation of the existing Board of Game appointees. For those of us that depend upon the decisions made by this Board for our livelihood, it is very unsettling to be forced to react to these appointments just two weeks prior to scheduled Board Of Game meetings. In many cases the fates of our families lives and our businesses are determined by the decisions made by this board. The situation as it currently stands certainly suggests that there is a calculated agenda to place or react to special interest's concerns and not the will of the people of the State, or affiliated agencies and departments. As well as adding to the non-experience factor of this important Alaskan resources Board.

The ADF&G regulatory system when used justly stands as a leader of democratic management systems regarding goal development and resource allocations for all user groups. It is unfortunate to many Alaskans that the perception of this process by some parties is one of unfair representation of their concerns. The existing administration has had well over seven years to adjust the balance of this board and has made considerable changes to its make up prior to the most recent nominations.

As a primary example, there currently is not one board of game member that is a representative of the guiding industry. This is in spite of the fact that this industry has historically and continues to provide over eighty percent of the annual funding needs for the management of the State's wildlife resources. This industry at the very least should have one representative on the board. The balance of the cross-sectioning representation on this board reflects a pendulum that has risen way beyond fairness of user groups and is stuck at this unjust height.

This being stated, here are our recommendations.

1. That Mr. Dana Pruhs, who has been serving as an appointee be confirmed.
2. That Mr. George Matz who has been serving as an appointee be confirmed.
3. That the nominations of Michelle Sparck, Caleb Pungowiyi, and Bruce Baker should not be confirmed due to the non-diversified make up of the board if they were to be confirmed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns you may have in these regards.

Respectfully,

Robert Fithian  
APHA Executive Director

c.c. Representatives, Masek, Fate, Chenault, Green, McGuire, Stevens, Kapsner, Kerttula



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resources  
 committee name  
 committee on game board confirmations, dated 3/1/02  
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After attending the Board of Game session in January, I feel that Mr Metz and Mr Pruhs should be confirmed to the board. I felt that they were willing to work with the issues brought before the board.

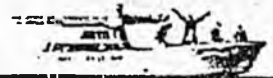
The three positions just vacated should not be confirmed at this time. There has not been any time to evaluate their performance at a board session. The new governor should be allowed to fill these positions when he or she is in office

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8 MARCH 2002

Hi Drew -

As a member of the Fish and Game Advisory Committee and a local charter operator I have been picked to sit on the Sea Duck Committee. Our charge has been to make recommendations to the Board of Game regarding sea duck issues.

Anyway George Matz has been the representative from the BOG chairing the committee. He has been very rational in his approach and it has been a pleasure working with him.

Please give him a yes vote for another term on the BOG.

Thanks,  
Mako



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April 24, 2002

Senator John Torgerson  
Chair, Senate Resources Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson:

On behalf of Audubon Alaska and our Alaska 2,300 members, we encourage you to confirm the Governor's nominees to the Alaska Board of Game. These nominees have the experience, interests, and perspectives to represent all Alaskans on this important regulatory board. In particular, we would like to offer our support to George Matz and Bruce Baker.

George Matz, from Anchorage, has had professional experience in resource economics and is also a hunter and wildlife enthusiast. He firmly supports sustainable hunting and trapping. George has been the local organizer of four Alaska Bear Forums in which a diverse group of people, including hunters, scientists, managers, and wildlife viewers, discuss current management issues facing bears in southcentral Alaska. George has expressed a strong interest in working with all wildlife enthusiasts, both hunters and nonhunters, to conserve wildlife and their habitats for future generations.

Bruce Baker, from Juneau, is a professional resource manager who is retired from the Department of Fish and Game. Prior to working for Fish and Game, Bruce worked as a scientist for the Forest Service in Juneau. A former deputy director of the Habitat Division, he has a strong background in habitat management issues throughout Alaska. Bruce is a strong supporter of both hunting and wildlife viewing and would bring a fair and balanced perspective on resource management to the Board of Game.

Each of these board nominees will bring different skills and expertise to the board. Their skills and backgrounds will complement current board members and each other. Both nominees support Alaska's hunting heritage and are committed to serving Alaskans and making our wildlife management program one of the best in the nation. We encourage you to share this letter with your committee and support their confirmation.

Thank you for considering our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

John Schoen  
Senior Scientist

MATZ (+)

April 5, 2002

The Honorable John Torgerson, Chairman  
Senate Resources Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Torgerson:

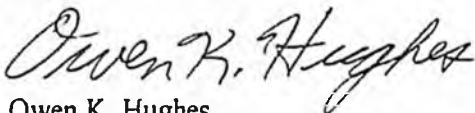
This letter is to express my conviction that the Board of Game has been strengthened by the presence of George Matz. I urge you to confirm his position on the Board.

Mr. Matz provides a very necessary balance to the Board with his support not only of hunting and trapping, but also of wildlife viewing. From my position on the Anchorage Waterfowl Working Group I have seen his consistent goal of finding agreement among divergent attitudes about solutions of Anchorage's Canada goose problems. His goal of striving for consensus is a valuable asset to the Board of Game.

Mr. Matz has worked for years on studies of Kenai brown bears, furthering the public awareness and appreciation needed to maintain a sustained population of brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula. In 1998 he organized the Kenai Brown Bear Festival. Likewise, he has been active in loon conservation, organizing festivals and loon watches on the Anchorage bowl lakes.

His continued presence on the Board of Game will enhance its value. Thank you for your attention to my concern.

Sincerely,



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**Subject:** Board of Game confirmations

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**From:** "Diana J. Woods" <diana@dianawoods.com>

**To:** <Senator\_John\_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us>



Mr. Torgerson,

Soon the Resources Committee for the House and Senate will hold confirmation hearings on the Board of Game members. I'm writing to declare my support for board member George Matz.

He has previously said "...My primary interest is to expand the scope of the Board of Game so that it more often considers wildlife viewing issues. Ideally, I would like to see the Board create opportunities for wildlife viewing that do not, in turn, reduce the opportunity for hunting or trapping...." and I agree.

George has also pointed out that "...According to ADF&G surveys, wildlife viewers are willing to pay on average about \$309 to \$417 each to see wolves, which is about the price that the trapper would get once for a pelt. I believe the economic value of wildlife viewing in this case far outweighed the loss to trapping...." Again I agree.

George has some experience with economic analysis and how it pertains to measuring wildlife values. Unfortunately most economic analysis does not accurately measure wildlife values. However, there are relatively new methodologies that attempt to measure the total value of wildlife and George can bring this background to the Board of Game.

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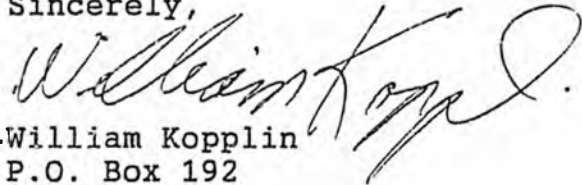
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Sincerely,



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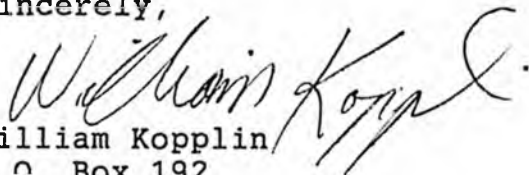
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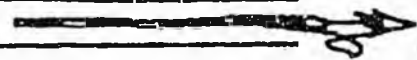
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Honorable Brian S. Porter, House Speaker  
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Dear Mr. Halford and Mr. Porter:

Please accept this letter of support for confirmation of Caleb Pungowiyi, Michele Sparck and George Matz to serve on the Board of Game. The Kawerak Board of Directors met recently and favorably considered a recommendation from their Natural Resources Committee to support these individuals.

Caleb Pungowiyi, having lived primarily in this region, has years of experience in hunting large mammals of the land and sea. He also clearly understands and has experience in the state regulatory process for fish and game management.

Michele Sparck has years of experience of subsisting off the natural resources and living in rural areas. Her perspective in preparation, gathering and traditional methods of putting away wild food is important.

George Matz has demonstrated voting records showing a balanced perspective for the environment and hunting interests.

In closing, we are confident these individuals will do a good job on the Board of Game and encourage you to support their confirmation.

Sincerely,  
 KAWERAK, INC.

*[Signature]*  
 Robert Keith, Chairman *for*

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