

CONFIRMATIONS 2016

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General Information

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

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
None

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Alan	G	Cain
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Military Service		
None		

Conflict of Interest

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Yes

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No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
Full professional resume available if needed; 1976 to present at noted above directly enforcing or supporting enforcement of Alaska fish & game regulations and statutes including lengthy support to the Alaska Board of Fisheries as the board enforcement advisor.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

26 years employment with the Alaska Department of Public Safety in the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection as seasonal aide, trooper recruit, state trooper, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, Captain (division operations commander).

10 years employment with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game as the criminal justice planner for the department.

4 years employment as a contractor providing enforcement support and training to the Alaska Department of Fish & Game (all divisions) and the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (divisions of Mining, Land, and Water – Forestry)

40 years total experience directly performing or supporting enforcement and protection of fish & game resources in Alaska.

Included in my 40 years of service are 15 years attending all statewide Alaska Board of Fisheries meetings through each entire cycle sitting at the board table acting as the board enforcement advisor at all meetings. I am the longest tenured enforcement advisor to the board. Worked to provide the Board of Fisheries over the years with clear and enforceable regulations, worked closely with Department of Law representatives, board members, and members of the public on many special projects. I am thoroughly familiar with the Board of Fisheries process.

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

2016/2017 Alaska Business License – Alaska Dept. of Commerce - DBA Resource Enforcement Solutions

Alaska Police Standards Council Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Police Certificates

Alaska Police Standards Council Certified Police Instructor

Basic and Advanced Field Training Officer Certifications

United States Department of Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service Deputy Game Warden Commission

United States Customs Service, Customs Officer Commission

NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service Law Enforcement Commission

NAUI SCUBA Instructor Certification

Diver Rescue International Certification

United States Coast Guard Masters License (25 ton vessels)

American Red Cross CPR; Basic Life Support, Standard First Aid

Basic Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Certification

Department of Public Safety Use of Force Certification

Emergency Medical Technician/Ambulance Certification

Breathalyzer Training/Breath Alcohol Analysis Certificate

Armament Systems and Procedures, Inc. (ASP) Tactical Baton Certification

Hazardous Materials Awareness for First Responders Certificate

Alaska Drivers License

FWP Division Procurement Officer Appointment

Level I, II, and III Alaska Procurement Officer Certification (\$100,000 delegated DPS authority)

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

Career Awards Received

2012 – Pogue-Elms Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award presented by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (WAFWA)

2009 - Guy Bradley Award presented by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in Washington DC for lifetime contribution to wildlife law enforcement

2004 - ADF&G Sport Fish Director's Achievement Award for Leadership and Supervision

1996 - Honorable Service – Alaska Department of Public Safety (DPS), Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection (FWP)

1993 - Shikar Safari International, State of Alaska Wildlife Officer of the Year

1990 - Meritorious Service (FWP)

1989 - Support Services Trooper of the Year (FWP)

1987 - Commendation for Valor (DPS)

1987 - Detachment Trooper of the Year (FWP)

1987 - Meritorious Service (FWP)

1980 - Detachment Trooper of the Year (FWP)

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Alan G Cain, age 60, of Anchorage, Alaska, is a natural resources enforcement advisor and trainer, with 40 years experience in Alaska protecting fish & game as an Alaska Wildlife Trooper, Criminal Justice Planner, and contractor.

Submitted: 1/25/2016 11:07:07 AM

Game

Israel Paul Payton

General Information

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

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:

Preference Order Board

2) Fisheries

3) Big Game Commercial Services

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
None

First Name
Israel

Middle Name
Paul

Last Name
Payton

Mailing Address

City

State & Zip



Military Service

Conflict of Interest

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Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.

2014-Present

Airframes Alaska, Birchwood, Alaska

Outside Sales/Technical Support/Customer Service

2012-2013

Professional Wilderness Services, Nikiski, Alaska

Bear Guard/Wilderness Safety Professional

2011-2013

Hunter Trapper Aviation, Wasilla, Alaska

Aircraft Mechanic

2011

Nana Construction, Big Lake, Alaska

Structural Welder

2008-Present

Self-Employed, Wasilla, Alaska

Income Property Owner/Builder/Manager

2006-2010

Schulmberger, Prudoe Bay, Alaska

Oil Field Operator

2004-2005

McGee Construction, Anchorage, Alaska

Construction/Iron Worker

2004

Glacier Granite, Anchorage, Alaska

Mason Granite Cutter/Fitter

2002-2005

True Wilderness Adventures, Skwentna, Alaska

Owner & Operator Fish Guiding Service

1997-2011

Seasonal Hunting Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

1996-2005

Seasonal Fishing Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

1993-1995

Seasonal Deck Hand on Family River Barge, Skwentna, Alaska

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

Home Schooled in Skwentna, Alaska Elementary – Junior Year High School

High School Diploma Colony High, Palmer 1997

Testing Institute of Alaska Welding Certificate 2003

Pilot Training Commercial Pilot 1999-2002

CDL Truck Driving School CDL Tanker 2006

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

Commercial & Instrument Pilots License 1999-2001

Registered Big Game Guide License 2001 Currently Expired

Alaska Bow Hunter Certification 2004

Alaska Hunter Ed Card. 1994

Coast Guard OUPV licence 1998 Currently Expired

Sport fishing guides license 1998 Currently Expired

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

State of Alaska Licensed Foster Parent 2012-2014

Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee 2004-2005 & 2013-present

Aviation Safety Seminar Speaker 2014-present

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Israel Payton, 37, of Wasilla and Skwentna is a life long Alaskan. Israel was home birthed in his parents 12x12 trappers cabin at the base of the Alaska Range near the Hayes River. His first trip into the woods was on his fathers back when he was 3 days old. Israel was raised in Skwentna and grew up harvesting fish and game, and living a subsistence life. His first job was a deck hand on his family's river barge service. Israel has had many jobs taking him all over Alaska; Guide, North Slope Operator, Welder, Pilot, Commercial Construction, Airplane Mechanic, and Home Builder. Israel currently works in sales for Airframes Alaska, Alaska's largest seller and manufacture of aviation parts. Israel has participated in the Board of Game/Fish and Advisory committee process for many years and enjoys reaching out to sportsman, getting different perspectives, and bringing people together on issues. Israel describes himself as the quintessential Alaskan bush rat and spends as much time possible going to his cabin with wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Emily. Israel was home schooled in Skwentna and moved into Wasilla his senior year, graduating from Colony High School. Israel is a Certified Pipe/Structural Welder, Commercial/ Instrument Pilot, and is working on getting his Aircraft Mechanic License. Israel enjoys, hunting, fishing, flying, and talking to people about those issues.

Submitted: 10/19/2015 12:23:38 PM

Oct 20, 2015

Dear Governor Walker,

My name is Israel Payton. I was home birthed by my father and mother in a 12 x 12 log trapper's cabin at the base of the Alaska Range, on the Hayes River. Being 75 air miles from the nearest hospital my parents weighed me with a Zebco fishing scale. I grew up in the bush, learning early on a deep respect for fish and wildlife resources since we subsisted off of them. This upbringing has instilled me the values I live my life by today.

Like many Alaskans I have had various jobs to make a living; airplane mechanic, boat builder, welder, fishing and hunting guide, tour guide, slope worker, wilderness professional, house builder, and landlord. Currently I work at Airframes Alaska, the largest aviation company in the state.

I have fished, hunted and worked in many different parts of the state, and have a diverse knowledge of Alaska Game and Fish as a whole. I am a member of the Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee and actively participate in the Board of Game and Fish meetings. I am constantly trying to recruit other young Alaskans in these processes as they are truly unique. In no other state can a single individual have so much impact on passing a fish and game regulation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Israel Payton



Israel Paul Payton



Trainings/Licenses & Certifications

Current: Commercial Instrument Pilot License, Alaska Bow Hunter Card, Alaska Hunter Education Card

Previous/ Expired: Registered Big Game Guide, CDL with hazmat, Coast Guard Captain, Fishing Guide, First Aid CPR, Pipe and Structural Welder

Community Service

State of Alaska Licensed Foster Parent	2012-2014
Mat-Su Fish and Game Advisory Committee	2004-2005 & 2013-present
Aviation Safety Seminar Speaker	2014-present

Formal and Informal Education

Home Schooled in Skwentna, Alaska (Elementary – Junior Year High School)		
High School Diploma	Colony High, Palmer	1997
Testing Institute of Alaska	Welding Certificate	2003
Pilot Training	Commercial Pilot	1999-2002
CDL Driving School	CDL Tanker License	2006

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Structural Welder

Israel Paul Payton
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Oil Field Operator

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Construction/Iron Worker

2004

Glacier Granite, Anchorage, Alaska
Mason Granite Cutter/Fitter

2002-2005

True Wilderness Adventures, Skwentna, Alaska
Owner & operator of adventure outdoor company

1997-2011

Seasonal Hunting Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

1996-2005

Seasonal Fishing Guide, South Central & Western Alaska

1993-1995

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General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Big Game Commercial Services, Private Landowner
Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
Alaska Fish and Game Board

First Name Nicholas	Middle Name	Last Name Jackson
Mailing Address	City	State & Zip



Military Service
Army

Conflict of Interest

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See Attached Resume.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

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Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Nicholas Jackson, 79 of Gulkana, is retired and serves as Chairman of Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors.

Submitted: 1/6/2016 5:21:56 AM

Nicholas Jackson



Qualifications/Summary:

Mr. Jackson has over forty years of experience in construction and management. After fifteen years as President of Ahtna Construction & Primary Products, Corp., he retired in 2001. He is highly experienced in all facets of business management and administration. His ten years with the State Department of Fish & Game, and his two terms on the Alaska Board of Game, are a reflection of his understanding of fish and wildlife conservation, management and administration issues.

Education:

1961 Glennallen High School, GED, Glennallen, Alaska
1972 Wildlife Conservation Course

Work Experience:

2001-Present Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board
2000-2001 Ahtna, Inc. – COO
1984-2001 Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Corp. – General Manager and then President
1980-1984 Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Corp. – Foreman/Teamster/Laborers/Operators
1979-1980 Meridian Construction – Asst. Project Manager
1976-1978 Alaska USA Credit Union, Copper Center – Manager
1974-1979 Ahtna, Inc. – Finance Manager
1973-1974 Copper River Native Association – Senior Citizen Coordinator
1964-1973 State of Alaska, Department of Fish & Game, Technician (Cordova, Glennallen and Valdez)
1958-1964 United States Army

Organizations:

2010-Present President of Ahtna, Inc. Board
1989-1992 Vice President of Ahtna, Inc. Board
1985-1990 Appointed to Fish & Game Board for State of Alaska
1980-1983 President of Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors

1978-1979	Board Member of Copper River Advisory Board for Fish & Game
1971-1980	Treasurer for Ahtna, Inc. Board of Directors
1967-1970	Regional President for Rural cap
1969	Treasurer for Copper River Native Association Board of Directors

Nicholas Jackson
P.O. Box 123 Gakona, Alaska 99586
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January 6, 2016

Sent by Mail and email
Alaska Governor's Office
Office of Boards & Commissions
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700
Anchorage, AK 99501

Email: boards@alaska.gov

Re: Application for Big Game Commercial Services Board

Dear Governor Walker,

I am writing to apply for a seat on the Big Game Commercial Services Board as a representative of a private landowner, Ahtna, Incorporated. I have attached my resume and biography for your consideration.

A lifelong Alaskan, I was born in Copper Center. I am an Ahtna Alaska Native and am enrolled as a shareholder and tribal member in the Native Village of Gulkana where I currently reside. I am 79 years old and have lived in this part of rural Alaska all of my life except for my time in the armed services.

I am a member of the Gulkana Traditional Council and Chairman of the Board of Directors for Ahtna Incorporated, the Regional Native Corporation for the eight Ahtna Villages in our region. In my position as Chairman I am heavily involved in the oversight of the financial management and budgeting process of our parent company & 17 subsidiary companies. I am well-versed in budget management and have a clear understanding of the requirements necessary to manage a state sanctioned board budget, such as the Big Game Commercial Services Board. I am familiar and understand industry fee requirements, the checks and balances necessary to manage those expenses that are under the control and authority of the board as associated with this industry.

I serve as a member of Ahtna Tene Nene', an organization composed of representatives from the eight Ahtna villages created to protect the Ahtna people's hunting and fishing way of life. One of the responsibilities of the Ahtna committee is to oversee land use, hunting and fishing permitting approvals to non-shareholders. Ahtna has in the past and continues to allow guides to operate on our lands. We have found that it is possible to do so without negatively impacting our subsistence harvest or needs and have built a lasting and mutually respectful relationship with those guides authorized to use Ahtna lands.

I am a member of the local Advisory Committee formed by the State of Alaska to advise the Boards of Fisheries and Game. I worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for 10 year reaching the level of Technician 5. To the best of my knowledge, I was the only person to reach this level with ADF&G

during this period of time. I was required to take several wildlife management classes at the University of Alaska to obtain this level. I also served two terms on the Alaska Board of Game from 1985 through 1990. I am confident that my past experience and understanding of Alaska statute, regulations and rules associated with the hunting and guiding industry will serve the Big Game Commercial Services Board well.

I was raised living the subsistence way of life handed down from many previous generations of Ahtna people. My mother was from Dry Creek near Gulkana and my father was from the Copper Center area. My father and mother trapped, hunted, fished and gathered berries and plants during most of their lives and provided for us in this customary and tradition manner. We children participated in these activities and learned how to gather, prepare and store these wild food resources. We also learned the traditional ways, and community, tribal and family customs and responsibilities that are a central part of the Ahtna way of life.

My wife Lorraine and I raised our children in Gulkana. We raised our children much as our parent raised us. Our family fished, hunted and gathered berries and other wild plants, and we passed on the cultural values and teachings that are central to our way of life. We continue to gather and rely on these traditional subsistence foods for our nutritional wellbeing and to maintain our culture and way of life.

I understand that there are long-time family owned guiding operations that hold the same family values for the management of wildlife and sustainability as do subsistence users. As a member of this board I will focus on finding the common grounds of each user group to the benefit of all users.

Due to our easily accessible geographic location and substantial land ownership, Ahtna's 1.7 million acres of conveyed lands are often at the center of many wildlife management and allocation debates. I am familiar with and knowledgeable in these issues and have years of experience working to resolve them for the benefit of shareholders and other user groups. A collaborative effort among all users is critical for a successful outcome and use of all wildlife within the state/federal and private landholder rules and regulations and permitting mandates.

As a recent example of collaborative efforts, Ahtna Villages, Ahtna Inc., and the Chitina Native Corporation have formed a commission to enhance moose habitat and improve productivity of moose populations in our area. Many of these lands and waters are within the road-connected part of Alaska and are easily accessible by the residents of Alaska's urban centers, Anchorage, Fairbanks, the Mat-Su and the Kenai.

I understand the issues that are involved with these situations and have many years of experience working to successfully resolve them. Under our current system of dual wildlife management, subsistence rights on federal public lands, and trespass protection on Ahtna lands near the Ahtna villages are critical. I am very experienced and knowledgeable about the federal subsistence management program. I am very familiar with trespass issues, and what it takes to fund and implement a well-functioning land management department. Recently I accepted a position on the Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission's board. I represent Ahtna, Incorporated; the largest private landowner in the Resource Commission's service area.

I am also familiar with the research aspect of the federal subsistence management program. Ahtna has long worked with the BLM and National Park Service on projects, and has worked with the Office of

Subsistence Management on the development of customary and traditional use determinations and many other regulatory issues. As an Ahtna elder and leader, I have been involved in Secretarial review of the federal program.

Though my personal use of our state fish and wildlife resources centers on subsistence hunting and fishing, I recognize there are other user groups that harvest as well. We must all find common ground to continue to do so in a mutually respectful manner and I'm willing to do my part to engage with the industry in further bolstering this relationship. I understand the business needs of the hunting guide industry and the role they perform in Alaska and will be committed to working with the public and other leaders in making important decisions and developing public policy for the benefit of all Alaskans.

Thank you for your consideration of my application. As your selection process moves forward, I look forward to further discussing with you my desire to serve on the Big Game Commercial Services Board and my relevant experience.

Sincerely,


Nicholas Jackson
Chairman

**BIOGRAPHY
NICHOLAS JACKSON
JANUARY 2016**

PERSONAL:

I was born and raised in Copper Center, Alaska. I served on active duty in the army from 1958 to 1959. I was on reserve duty from 1959 to 1962 followed by two more years of standby until I was honorably discharged in 1964. I earned my GED in 1961. After the Army I returned home in Copper Center and married my wife of 48 years, Lorraine. We've raised our four wonderful children, Harvey, Angela, Frances and Elton in Gulkana, Alaska.

WORK:

I've been fortunate to be able to work and support my family within the Copper River Basin for over forty years until my retirement in 2001. In my early years I worked in accounting at Copper River Native Association and later concentrated on construction and management until my retirement.

EXPERIENCE:

I have 10 years previous experience as a Fish & game Technician working out of Valdez, Cordova and Glennallen. I started out in the commercial fish division and then worked with the division of game and ultimately was moved to the sport fish division of the department. I believe my years in this line of work will serve me well on the State Big Game Commercial Services Board.

I also have 5 years previous experience as a member on the State of Alaska Board of Game. I am familiar with the amount of hard work it takes to be a dedicated and effective member of this board.

I have been a subsistence hunter and fisherman for my family and tribe since I was very young. I continue to be a one of the primary harvesters in our community, and to practice the customary and traditional way of life of the Ahtna. I know and understand both the federal and state hunting and fishing regulations. I am also member of Ducks Unlimited and support their mission.



April 5, 2016

Sent Via Electronic Mail
Alaska State Legislature
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: April 6 Confirmation Hearings (Board of Game; Big Game Commercial Services Board)

Dear Co-Chairs Nageak and Talerico:

The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) submits this letter in advance of tomorrow's 1:00PM hearing to strongly urge the members of the House Resources Committee to reappoint Nate Turner to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG) and appoint Nicholas 'Nick' Jackson to the Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB).

BOG and BGCSB appointments are of paramount importance to our membership¹—as well the more than one hundred thousand Alaska Natives they collectively represent—because these boards have significant influence over the state's management of fish, game and other resources for subsistence purposes. AFN cares deeply about subsistence. However, while we fully understand and appreciate the economic, cultural, wellness and social aspects of the issue, many do not.

Mr. Turner and Mr. Jackson share our understanding and appreciation of the importance of fish, game and other resources for Alaska Natives, as well as rural residents and Alaskans overall. They also recognize the subsistence priority for rural residents on federal lands in times of shortage, having lived subsistence lifestyles themselves. Mr. Turner and Mr. Jackson clearly possess the knowledge, open-mindedness, temperament, compassion, courage and patience for BOG and BGCSB service.

Thank you for your consideration of AFN's position, and please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns about the content of this letter.

Kind Regards,

Nicole Borromeo
Executive-Vice President & General Counsel

¹ Our membership includes 183 federally recognized tribes, 151 village for-profit corporations, 12 regional for-profit corporations and 12 not-for-profit Native organizations and tribal consortiums that contract and compact to run federal and state programs.

Game **Guy Virgil Trimmingham**

General Information

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

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
Kenai Penninsula fishery subsistence board

First Name Guy	Middle Name Virgil	Last Name Trimmingham
Mailing Address [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Military Service No		White

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British Petroleum from 1999 to present, Udelhoven from 1995 to 1999. Instrumentation, electrical and fire and gas specialist.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

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High School graduate 1972 from Dimond High School, 1 year ACC(biology).
Four year IBEW Electrical Apprenticeship, completed 1980

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:
Current State of Alaska Electrical Fitness License. Licensed Class A Guide 1973 to 2002 No longer current.

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
Hope Village Council member 35 years.
Subsistence fishery advisory board.

Conviction Record

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Resume Addendum:

I've guided hunters up and down the Alaska peninsula, through the Alaska and Chugach Ranges, Kenai and Talkeetna Mountains, and more swampy springs on Kodiak than I care to remember. I've hunted with horses and planes and on foot.

I worked with then Sargent's Fleek, Nutgrass and Sharp of Fish and Wildlife Protection, to put big game guide Ray Loche out of business. A life long resident of Hope Alaska, I continue to hunt and fish by horseback on the Kenai and in interior Alaska.

Press Release Wording

Guy V Trimmingham, 62 of Hope, Alaska.

Submitted: 1/24/2016 10:17:56 AM

Game

Nathan D Turner

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:

Game, public seat

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:

None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:

Board of Game

First Name

Nathan

Middle Name

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Last Name

Turner

Mailing Address

City

State & Zip

Military Service

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Yes

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Yes | During past Legislative interviews, it has been indicated that anyone who traps or guides should indicate yes to this question since the Board of Game sets both seasons and bag limits and determines methods and means for all wildlife harvests in our state.

I have trapped with my family each season for the last 26 years the central and western Interior, and consider this as being my primary occupation since I have devoted the greater part of each of my working years and efforts to sustaining this way of life. I have also guided Big Game hunters for the past 19 years and annually earn enough from this to support my family. I am the only active licensed big game guide on the Board of Game (another member holds an assistant guide license, but has not guided for nearly 15 years), and am the only Registered or Master hunting guide to serve on this board since March 2006.

During the last 6 years that I have served on this board I have consistently recused myself from any deliberations or votes that would or could provide benefit or loss to my own, my family's, or any business associates economic welfare. I have at times recused myself from votes that would have the appearance of conflict, despite legal counsel that I was not in conflict, out of respect for public perception of the integrity of our processes.

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
Through 1989: raised on our family dairy farm in upstate New York

1989 through present:

- actively trapping 5 to 6 months of each season since 1989
- seasonally guiding big game guiding hunters (2 to 3 months each year) since 1996
- I and my family have built 21 structures (mostly log) along several rivers of the Interior, a number of these for hire during the summer months. For several summers I also worked intermittently as a carpenter's helper for a local contractor in Fairbanks.
- We have built numerous fish wheels, dogsleds, snowshoes, and boats over the years for our own needs.
- subsistence fishing for our annual needs

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

I am a highschool graduate of the Yukon Koyukuk School District (Northwind), and homeschooled myself for the last two years. I had the choice to pursue higher education or to work with my family to build our traplines and life in the woods together. I chose the latter and have no regrets for this decision, as the land has rewarded our efforts over the years.

As noted above, I have lived a life entirely dependent on harvesting Alaska's wild resources for both my direct sustenance and financial income. Other than several weeks of employment as a carpenter's helper in my early 20's and my work related to the Board of Game, my entire work history and livelihood has been earned through hunting and trapping. I am the currently only BOG member who earns their living directly from harvesting the wildlife resources the land provides.

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

Alaska Registered Big Game Guide 1036 (since May 2000)

Captain - Inland Freshwaters of Alaska - 6 pack licence - since 2004

Private Pilot - land and sea ratings - since 2000

Numerous certifications in wilderness first Aid, remote care, etc.

Permit Holder for 2 USFWS guide concessions - starting in 2003

Have BLM permitted guiding camps since 2005

I have both USFWS and BLM permitted trapping camps for over 25 years

Have State of Alaska permitted guide camps and trap extensively on both state and federal lands

I am a State of Alaska license vendor - since 2000

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

I served on my church's pastoral search committee several years ago, interviewing potential candidates and selecting a candidate for hire. Otherwise, my life has been in remote Alaska where community service opportunities are limited. The nearest neighbor to my home is 47 air miles away.

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

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

Type "I certify"

"I certify"

Resume Addendum:

Please see the attached document for more details on my resume.

Press Release Wording

Nathan Turner, 43, of Kantishna River Alaska, has been a wilderness trapper for 26 years and Registered hunting guide for the last 16 years. He and his family live remotely for the greater part of each year in the Kantishna and Nowitna River areas, and earn their living from the land through gathering, gardening, subsistence hunting and fishing, and big game guiding.

Submitted: 10/27/2015 10:10:44 AM

Board of Game Application- Biography for Nate Turner

Online Application #

Nathan Turner

I was born and raised on a dairy farm in upstate New York. From an early age I learned the values and benefits of living a life close to the land, and especially the risk, hard work, and rewards that result from being dependent on the natural resources for your livelihood. I am grateful for those early years on the farm, and the important lessons that this type of life had to offer.

In 1989, at age 17, my father and I headed for Alaska with two pick-ups loaded with the essentials, the result of his lifelong dream of trapping in the Far North, and also a timely advertisement in Fur - Fish - and Game magazine; *Trapline For Sale in Alaska*. It took us 6 days to reach Alaska, and 10 additional days were spent on the road system in the Interior, preparing for our first winter on the Kantishna River. The trapline we purchased had been unused for the previous 12 years, but had been started in 1926, and few but the old timers in the country even knew where it was at that time since the rivers of the Interior had largely grown quiet by then. We were dropped off by a local bush pilot from Nenana in mid-September, and for the next ten months we learned a lot about Alaska... The winter of 1989 and 1990 was record breaking for the deep cold spells and snowfall – every winter has been an easy one since!

The next year one of my brothers joined us, we began in earnest to build our traplines into something that we hoped could support our family for the years to come. We started with the idea to treat trapping as though it were a business, working 6 days a week, with our cut-off period for trapping being 40 below. Three years later we started an additional trapline 85 miles to the west in the Nowitna country and during the next 23 years we have cleared over two hundred miles of trapline trails for our dog teams and sno-gos, operated subsistence and test fishwheels (for both Fish and Game and the National Park Service), annually grew large gardens for our winter needs, built log homes and cabins for hire in the bush, and seasonally guided big game hunters.

When we first arrived in the country, we were often told that the days of life on the trapline were gone; that this way of life wasn't possible anymore in Alaska. Thankfully, we found that those opinions were wrong. The country hadn't changed and the economics of the life hadn't changed so much as the spirit of the people seemed to have. We found that optimism, faith that our efforts would pay off in the end, hard work, and room to grow has enabled us to live a rich and rewarding life directly from the resources the country provides. Alaska has been generous to us, and the "old ways" are still there waiting for the next generation to arrive and take up the life again.

In 1996 I started working as an assistant hunting guide in the Nowitna drainages for the neighboring trapper who had a small guiding operation. We worked together for 6 years, guiding hunters in our adjoining trapping areas, before I started contracting clients on my own in 2002. Since then, I have been fortunate to share this guiding opportunity with other neighbors in my part of the Interior – nearly all of us currently live and trap close to the areas we hunt in. We have been able to meet our annual subsistence needs, while being paid to do so, much like the trapline. The harvested meat is shared among our families, and with less successful neighbors in the region. These packing and guiding jobs are the only local means of employment for most of us, other than trapping.

For 15 season I also worked as an assistant guide for Dall sheep in the Northern Brooks Range, and for Brown Bear out of Cold Bay on the Alaska Peninsula. In spite of having my own guiding business, I continued to work as an assistant guide on these hunts for many years since it allowed for me to annually visit these remote parts of the State, which have become a very important to me, and also to simply be 'a guide' and share in the daily adventure with the hunters as the experience unfolds. Since this time, I no longer work as an assistant guide, but to continue to provide hunts for coastal Brown bear on the Alaska Peninsula, Moose and grizzly in the northern and western interior, and intend to continue guiding in the Arctic if future opportunity allows.

Participation in the Public Process:

In last decade I have felt the increased need and sense of responsibility to actively take part in the public processes that have to do with my family's way of life. I have actively participated with the Board of Game process during the last 11 years, submitting proposals for consideration and volunteering to participate in side boards that I believed I could help with. I have also been actively involved in several self-reform efforts of the guiding industry, through the re-established Big Game Commercial Services Board. In 2007 I was nominated and elected to the Board of Directors of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association, the only professional association for the industry in the State, where I served until being appointed to the Board of Game in 2010.

Purpose for Applying to the Board:

In May 2010 I was appointed to the Board of Game. I had never considered applying for this position previously, but was requested to do so by several friends who were long active in public processes. Their goal, as they informed me, was to bring new voices to the table, and also to try and find a path to bring Alaskans together on issues, rather than continue to defend long hardened positions on important issues. I very much agreed with those goals, and have since tried to the best of my ability to encourage all Alaskans, regardless of their individual beliefs or needs, to listen to one another carefully, treat one another with respect, and to try and approach the bigger picture of Alaska's wildlife issues and management challenges with a new perspective – how can we find a solution to our own needs that equally addresses the needs and concerns of the others. In my view, there are no "others", only Alaskans, and we should be able to work together in unique ways because we are a unique people. As might be expected, it is not easy to change long held perspectives that prohibit people from working together, but I believe I have seen enough changes in tone and sentiment to feel encouraged for our future.

I recognize that there are many others in the State who have valuable history, skills, and perspectives that would be helpful in Board of game deliberative processes. If the Governor and Legislature is willing that I continue working with the board, I believe that my experience as a lifelong subsistence user, as a professional hunter, in Federal land management priorities, and my desire to encourage meaningful solutions that come from the people can continue to aid in the State's efforts to manage these resources for the benefit of the people. I also feel that we need to continue the focus on restoring our wildlife populations in challenged parts of the State through sound management practices, where applicable, and that these efforts will in time help ease these conflicts among our various user groups.

Personal Information:

Age: 43

Married: My wife, Cathy, and I have been married since 2004.

Children: Four sons; Josiah (8), Micah (6), Gideon (4), and Daniel (18 months)

Primary Residence: Our place on the Kantishna River is a Federal home site from the 1950's, and the center for all of our activities. Although I spend a large portion of the year on the Nowitna River, a lesser amount of time in remote camps in the Brooks Range and on The Alaska Peninsula, and 6 to 8 weeks in Fairbanks during the summer months, I consider this to be my primary residence.

Formal education:

I completed my final two years of high school through the Yukon Koyukuk School District, Northwind correspondence program based out of Nenana. A teacher visited by bush plane several times during the winter to check my work. I was twice selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students", and also competed in the Academic Decathlon.

Work History:

Through 1989: raised on our family dairy farm

1989 through present:

- actively trapping 5 to 6 months of each season since 1989
- seasonally guiding big game guiding hunters (3 to 4 months each year) since 1996
- I and my family have built 19 structures (mostly log) along several rivers of the Interior, a number of these for hire during the summer months. For several summers I also worked intermittently as a carpenter's helper for a local contractor in Fairbanks. We have built our own fishwheels, dogsleds, snowshoes, and boats over the years.
- subsistence fishing for our annual needs

Licensing Held :

Private Pilot license - land and seaplane
Captain - Inland Freshwater Six pack license
Alaskan Registered Guide – No. 1036

Past Participation with Government Processes:

I have held a number trapping cabin permits with both the Bureau of Land Management, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service for many years now, all in good standing.

I have several permitted hunting camps on BLM, USFWS, and State of Alaska lands, all in good standing.

For many years we operated test recovery wheels for counting salmon entering Denali National Park via the Kantishna River drainage, funded by both the State and the National Park Service.

In the early to mid- 1990's we supplied the USFWS in Galena with Lynx and Marten carcasses for their wildfire / marten studies, and continue to provide marten carcasses to the State Area Biologist in Galena to maintain the data continuity.

We volunteered salmon blood samples to an ADF&G biologist in Fairbanks to aid in his studies related to stress levels in tagged salmon we had recovered, part of his Master's thesis.

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Our Culture Unites Us; Our Land Sustains Us; Our People are Prosperous

April 4, 2016

House Resources Committee

Attn: Representative Nageak, Co-Chair
Representative Talerico, Co-Chair
Representative Hawker, Vice-Chair
Representative Johnson, Member
Representative Olson, Member
Representative Seaton, Member
Representative Josephson, Member
Representative Tarr, Member
Representative Chenault, Alternate

Dear House Resources Committee,

Ahtna, Incorporated is writing this letter stating our support in the retention of Mr. Nate Turner on the Alaska Board of Game. Ahtna believes that Mr. Turner provides a balanced and rational voice on the Board of Game. Mr. Turner respectfully listens to all sides of the proposal and/or issue before making a decision. If he doesn't understand a perspective, Mr. Turner asks questions of staff and public members so that he can make an informed decision. Mr. Turner also shows an appreciation for the science involved in protecting, controlling and growing wildlife species which we believe is very important.

Mr. Turner, based on his life experience, ably represents many users in his capacity as a board of game member including subsistence, trapping, guiding, fishing and hunting.

Ahtna, Incorporated strongly supports the re-appointment of Mr. Nate Turner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Anderson
President

Native Village of Tazlina

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April 5, 2016

House Resources Committee


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Representative Johnson, Member
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Dear House Resources Committee,

The Native Village of Tazlina (NVT) supports the retention of Mr. Nate Turner on the Alaska Board of Game. NVT believes that Mr. Turner provides a balanced and rational voice on the Board of Game. Mr. Turner respectfully listens to all sides of the proposal and/or issue before making a decision. Mr. Turner does his homework. If he doesn't understand a perspective, Mr. Turner asks questions of staff and public members so that he can make an informed decision. Mr. Turner also shows an appreciation for the science involved in protecting, controlling and growing wildlife species which we believe is very important.

Mr. Turner, based on his life experience, ably represents many users in his capacity as a board of game member including subsistence, trapping, guiding, fishing and hunting.

NVT strongly supports the re-appointment of Mr. Nate Turner.


Sincerely,
Rick Young, Tribal Administrator

GULKANA VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Dear House Resources Committee,

Gulkana Village Council supports the retention of Mr. Nate Turner on the Alaska Board of Game. Gulkana Village Council believes that Mr. Turner provides a balanced and rational voice on the Board of Game. Mr. Turner respectfully listens to all sides of the proposal and/or issue before making a decision. Mr. Turner does his homework. If he doesn't understand a perspective, Mr. Turner asks questions of staff and public members so that he can make an informed decision. Mr. Turner also shows an appreciation for the science involved in protecting, controlling and growing wildlife species which we believe is very important.

Mr. Turner, based on his life experience, ably represents many users in his capacity as a board of game member including subsistence, trapping, guiding, fishing and hunting.

Gulkana Village Council strongly supports the re-appointment of Mr. Nate Turner.

Sincerely,



Angela Vermillion
Tribal Administrator

***Alaska Trappers Association
PO Box 82177
Fairbanks, AK 99708***

**Governor Bill Walker
c/o Office of Boards and Commissions
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700
Anchorage, AK 99501**

April 4, 2016

Dear Governor Walker:

On behalf of the nearly 1000 members of the Alaska Trappers Association, we would like to support the re-appointment of Nate Turner to the Board of Game.

Nate is an experienced trapper and hunter. He has worked as a guide. Thus, he understands the issues faced by consumptive users. He has a solid understanding of wildlife biology and wildlife management.

Nate reads all written testimony submitted to the Board, which demonstrates a full commitment to the Board process.

Nate is always respectful, calm and courteous with members of the public and staff from state and federal agencies. He does not take sides on issues and tries to balance allocation questions to provide maximum benefit.

Nate understands the legal issues faced by the Board and the legislature on matters pertaining to wildlife management decisions.

Nate supports the Intensive Management Law and tries to implement reasonable and balanced solutions to wildlife management problems.

In conclusion, ATA believes that Nate Turner has earned the support of the public and the administration. We strongly recommend that he be re-appointed to the Board of Game.

Sincerely,

Randy Zarnke, president

Julie Morris

From: RPC - Richard Person <rpc@gci.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 2:01 PM
To: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: Nate Turner conf.

, I am Richard Person a born and raised Alaskan who is interested in the management of our wildlife resources. I feel Nate has done an excellent job as a game board member and should be reappointed. Thank you, Richard Person

Julie Morris

From: Henry D. Tiffany IV <henrydtiffanyiv@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 1:46 PM
To: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: Support for Mr. Nate Turner's reappointment to the Alaska Board of Game

Dear Representative Talerico,

I would like to ask you to seriously consider reappointing Mr. Nate Turner to a seat on the Board of Game. I have known Mr. Turner for over a decade and consider him to be a very valuable asset to the Board of Game. I believe our State and its resources would severely suffer should he be removed from the Board of Game.

There are some critical issues that face our resources and state at this time, difficult issues that the Board of Game has been tackling for many years. With a 20+ year history as an Alaskan trapper, hunter, and outdoorsman, who has some longevity on the Board of Game and thus the greater perspective that comes with that experience, I do feel it would be of detriment to our State and its resources to lose someone as conscientious and valuable as Nate on the Board of Game at this time.

While I do not always agree with Mr. Turner, I know him to be a man of extreme integrity who truly does have the State of Alaska's resources and it's uses at the forefront of his considerations and decisions and to be a person who does not carry a personal agenda to any meeting besides good, sound stewardship of Alaska's natural resources.

There may be some small, and perhaps vocal, groups that do not see the value of Nate serving on the Board of Game and the contributions he continually offers all people of Alaska and our resources and I could not be in any greater disagreement with them. I ask you not to let Alaska's natural resources suffer due to one segment's displeasure with a man who has vast knowledge, experience and integrity and whose only interests are the preservation of our great land and all that it has to offer.

I sincerely appreciate having the opportunity to share my support for Mr. Turner to remain on the Board of Game with you. Lastly, I would like to personally thank you for your time, effort and dedication in serving the people of Alaska.

Very truly yours,

Henry D. Tiffany IV

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Ester, Alaska 99725

907-223-3226



April 1, 2016

Nathan Turner – Alaska Board of Game Reappointment

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) strongly **opposes** the reappointment of Nathan Turner to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG).

As a licensed registered big game guide, there have been numerous instances during Mr. Turner's six-year tenure on the BOG where he has not recused himself from deliberating and voting on sheep proposals in which he has a clear financial benefit or loss. The chairman of the Board has been complicit in allowing this to happen.

Regarding proposals having to do with Dall sheep, particularly the numerous proposals from the public during Mr. Turner's tenure asking the Board to restrict nonresident sheep hunting opportunities, in his ethics disclosures at the start of every meeting Mr. Turner has said he has guided for Dall sheep for 15 years as an assistant guide. Even at Mr. Turner's hearing in Senate Resources on February 22nd, 2016, he stated that he spends part of the year guiding in the Brooks Range. Both member Turner and Chairman Spraker have somehow come to the conclusion that since Mr. Turner does not "contract" sheep hunters, and only works as an assistant guide for sheep, that Mr. Turner does not have any financial benefit or loss if nonresident sheep hunters are restricted to draw-only hunts or have their seasons limited.

This seems a bizarre twisting of the fact that an assistant guide is paid \$250-300 a day and is very much affected if nonresident sheep hunter opportunities are restricted.

To this day, Mr. Turner falsely and misleadingly advertises on his website that he holds exclusive rights to a guide concession in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and advertises guided sheep hunts by him for the upcoming 2016 season. From Mr. Turner's website:

"Exclusive Guiding Areas:

We offer hunts across some of America's most treasured lands-its National Parks and Federal Wildlife Refuges. These federal lands are carefully managed and contain some of Alaska's greatest natural treasures. They are located in remote areas of Alaska, maintaining a truly wild and pristine experience for its visitors. We hold exclusive rights to provide guided hunts within a nearly one million acre portion of the *Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge* as well as portions of the *Arctic National Wildlife Refuge*. By working together with others we are also able to provide hunts within the *Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve* and the *Izembek National Wildlife Refuge*."

(<http://www.alaskan-adventures.net/hunts.htm>)

“Northern Brooks Range Hunts

Dall's Sheep – (August 10-19 or Aug. 21-30)

2015 August – 10 days16,500 USD

2016 August – 10 days17,500 USD”

(<http://www.alaskan-adventures.net/Price%20List.html>)

RHAK filed an ethics complaint against Mr. Turner at the start of the Statewide 2016 BOG meeting in Fairbanks last month. Our goal was to point out these facts in the hope that Mr. Turner would recuse himself from deliberating and voting on the numerous statewide sheep proposals before the Board asking, among other things, to limit all nonresident sheep hunters to draw only hunts with a set allocation level.

Mr. Turner spoke to the aspect of our complaint relating to false information on his website shown above, prior to the sheep proposals being addressed. Here is that part of his testimony from the record:

“That’s part of the complaint, is that I still have listing for Dall sheep hunts on my website even though I have said I have no conflict. And I would address that. As I said, my employer, he’s still in business, he still goes up there every year. I know this year he’d like to take one sheep hunter. I’ve worked for him since the beginning of my career. That arrangement hasn’t changed between us that if a hunter came through me and wanted to go sheep hunting I would send him to him if he thought he could viably do it. And uh, but we’re talking about one sheep hunter, probably. And again he’s under federal concessions in an exclusive guide area, he’s the only guide there, has been for 38 years. I think 38 years. And another point was they noted that I continue to offer to provide big game hunts in ANWR even though I don’t hold a concession. They’re technically right that it’s on my website that it says something like we provide big game hunts in exclusive concessions, Gates of the Arctic National Preserve and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. There’s two reasons why that’s still on my website. First of all I just lost the area in December 2015, I haven’t updated my website since January of 2015. If you look on there my price list is 2015/2016 season. That’s an old price list. I’ve already been to one hunting show this year and handed out 100s and 100s of my new price list. Which I have a copy with if the Department of Law wanted to see that. Um, it’s easy to verify that that’s old information that’s on there. And the other thing is, it’s not an uncommon practice for guides to have other guide operations listed on their websites. I reference in there that I can arrange for moose, brown bear and dall sheep hunts in cooperation with other guides in Alaska. And the way that works is that if somebody wants to book with you and you’re fully booked you pass them on to friends, it’s not a compensatory thing, you don’t do it for money, guides help each other out across Alaska, that’s a very normal practice. If you don’t have an available spot they’re going to ask you, do you recommend somebody? That’s a very typical approach for a hunter. And obviously you’re careful

who you send people to because it reflects back on you yourself. And I have friends in ANWR, so even though I recognize, I haven't changed my website is the main point, but even though it's still on there it's still technically not inappropriate in my view that it's on there because it answers the question for the client before they ask it. Do you have possibilities to hunt in this area. The answer is there for them, yeah I can refer you to a friend."

For Mr. Turner to state on the record that it's not inappropriate for him to falsely claim on his website that he holds exclusive guiding privileges in ANWR is by itself cause to question his ethics. Mr. Turner's response above to our ethics complaint also brings up a host of other questions as to why he has not fully disclosed his involvement in guided sheep hunting and as a hunt booker for other guides in Alaska during his tenure on the Board of Game.

Mr. Turner did not recuse himself on the sheep proposals at the Statewide 2016 meeting that would have clearly affected him and the guides he works with as a hunt booker. He again was able to skirt conflict of interest ethics rules based on incomplete, incorrect, or false testimony. As a big game guide with affiliations with guides across the state Mr. Turner was able to vote on and help pass proposals that were submitted by the Alaska Professional Hunters Association that restricted nonresident next-of-kin hunters and placed burdens on their Alaskan relatives who take them hunting in our great state.

Meanwhile, Mr. Turner voted no on proposals from the public to limit/restrict nonresident guided sheep hunters, or otherwise give a priority to resident sheep hunters.

We don't believe Mr. Turner's excuse to part of our ethics complaint that "my website has not been updated" in any way absolves Mr. Turner from legitimate concerns that he has not been fully truthful with his ethics disclosures all along and has still been allowed to vote on proposals that clearly – if any reasonable person is to believe his website, which is still live today – present a financial benefit or loss to his business and the businesses of the other contracting guides he helps book hunts for.

Mr. Turner also should never have been one of 3 Board of Game members chosen to be a BOG-representative on the Dall Sheep Working Group formed by the Board and ADFG. There are two licensed big game guides currently serving on the BOG. Both of those guide members were chosen for the Sheep Working Group. During the Sheep Working Group meetings over three weekends Mr. Turner did not play an objective role as a member of the BOG or the public; he clearly played the role of a big game guide with a vested interest in seeing nonresident sheep hunting opportunities continue unabated.

It should also not be lost on legislators that Mr. Turner's website promotes the Alaska Professional Hunter's Association "Non-Resident Hunting Preservation Fund." This fund has one purpose and one purpose only, as Mr. Turner explains on his website: "*This fund is the means by which all nonresident hunters can participate in helping to preserve their hunting opportunities within Alaska. The APHA has been leading these efforts for many*

years. Please help the APHA represent you by contributing to this fund. Click on the link above to learn more.”

How is any of this fair to the public and why has it been allowed to happen?

We want to make clear that we believe there is nothing wrong with having a guide sit on the Board of Game. Or someone with a guiding background. Guides and those with a guiding background have a valuable perspective and experience to share. There is also absolutely nothing wrong if a guide member of the Board of Game should have a conflict with certain proposals before the Board. That is why we have ethics disclosures and rules about conflict of interest. But a guide like Mr. Turner who also books hunts for other guides and whose booking services include nearly all big game species creates a negative set of circumstances whereby most of the proposals that come before the Board more than likely will create a conflicted environment.

The most troubling aspect of Mr. Turner’s reappointment to the BOG is his continued insistence in not recusing himself on matters that clearly present a conflict of interest to his livelihood and the livelihood of the guides across the state he works with. This breaks the public trust which he has sworn to uphold. We ask that you oppose Mr. Turner’s reappointment to the Alaska Board of Game.

Sincerely,

Mark Richards

Executive Director – Resident Hunters of Alaska

info@residenthuntersofalaska.org

Julie Morris

From: Stephen Stidham <stid2677@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 02, 2016 7:10 PM
To: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: BOG Nathan Turner

I strongly **opposes** the reappointment of Nathan Turner to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG). I feel his voice and votes during the last several BOG meetings have shown to have a clear bias against the average resident hunter and have repeatedly proven to benefit the guide industry. He was a major player on driving through proposal 207 that would limit guides and residents who use airplanes for hunting sheep, this is a major benefit for a guide who hunts with horses. Proposal 51 and the 1 sheep every 4 years limits competition from resident hunters and their next of kin. I feel during deliberations for the amending of proposal 207 he bullied other board members swaying their votes.

Again please do not allow Mr Turner to continue to serve on the BOG.

Thanks for your time.

Stephen Stidham
900 Lakloey Drive
North Pole, AK 99705

Julie Morris

From: Jeff Alling <jeffa@alcanbuilders.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2016 9:01 AM
To: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: Nate Turners reappointment to the board of game.

I am opposed to Nate Turners reappointment to the board of game because his actions seem to favor outside hunting interests over those of of resident Alaskans. His record is clearly devoted to non resident guiding hunting groups and not the residents of this State.

Jeff Alling

North Pole,AK

35 year resident

Julie Morris

From: sdmv@alaska.net
Sent: Sunday, April 03, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: Board of Game appointment

To whom it may concern:

Being an Alaska resident for 22 years and hunting Dall sheep for 21 of those, I feel that I have a vested interest on Dall Sheep management issues along with all Alaska big game and fish management concerns and issues. I have been to many board of Game meetings over the years, as well as participated in the recent Dall sheep survey. I also applied for the recent Dall Sheep Working Group this past winter, that I was not selected for, which does not surprise me, being that I have no ties to the guiding industry or any national groups that represent sheep issues. It seems to me, as well as many other resident hunters, that the proposals that are submitted from the resident group never seem to get implemented. With the Board of Game board being represented by a majority of people that represent the guiding industry this is not a surprise. With this being said, I would like to request that Mr. Nate Turner be taken off the list for re-appointment for the Board of Game so that we, the State of Alaska, can appoint someone that will have a more non bias relationship with the Alaska guiding industry.

Sincerely:
Shawn Davis
RHAK

Julie Morris

From: Travis Drake <tdrake@gci.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 1:23 PM
To: Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Geran Tarr
Subject: Nathan Turner - Alaska Board of Game Reappointment

House Resources Committee,

I am sending this email to request that you NOT reappoint Nate Turner to the State of Alaska Board of Game. Mr. Turner continues to put forth proposals that benefit himself and commercial hunting interests instead of the interests of the residents of this state. In the past he has been a key factor in restricting residents who hunt with non-resident family members, cutting out established public process (especially in regard to prop's 207 & 208) and did not recuse himself from the Sheep Working Group process, hindering nonresident restrictions while advocating for exclusive guide concessions. He also continues to participate in BOG discussions that limit residents, while protecting his guiding lobby over the objections of a formal ethics complaint.

Please consider not reappointing Mr. Nate Turner so that we can potentially get a non-bias member on the BOG that would promote data driven proposals and resident/non-resident hunters alike.

Best Regards,

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Julie Morris

From: Frank Noska <fnoska@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 5:17 AM
To: Rep. David Talerico
Subject: Opposition to BOG's Nate Turner's appointment

Mr. Talerico,

I must first say, I am a personal friend of Nate Turner and I admire him in many ways. However, I am adamantly opposed to his Board of Game appointment. I think his board of game record of voting and history clearly shows the **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** between his guiding profession and his BOG appointment. We need unbiased leaders and thinkers on our Board of Game. Thank you for you time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank Noska
Wasilla, Alaska

Julie Morris

From: Tim Sterner <highcountry_t@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 8:29 PM
To: Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Geran Tarr
Subject: Block Nate Turner as Board of Game Appointee

Members of the House Resource Committee,

I'm writing to express my grave concern that Mr. Nate Turner could potentially be reappointed to the Alaska Board of Game (BoG). As you may be aware, MR. Turner is a registered Guide in Alaska and a member of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA). Mr. Turner's chosen business and association membership more than clearly presents a potential conflict of interest. While he has not hidden his profession or association, he has also not recused himself from voting on issues that can be perceived to directly or indirectly benefit his business and the businesses of other APHA members. During the most recent BoG meetings, Mr. Turner voted to pass proposals that were submitted by the APHA...clearly a situation in which he should have recused himself regardless of whether he personally supported the proposals or not. Instead, Mr. Turner voted to support his "old boy's club's" proposals to the detriment of resident hunters and their families.

Mr. Turner voted in favor of Proposal 30 which limits the take of Dall Sheep to one every four years for nonresident hunters. While on the surface this measure seems benign this proposal was a veiled effort to limit the number of sheep taken by nonresident hunters who are 2nd degree of kindred (2DK). Due to the fact that repeat successful customers returning on less than a quadrennial basis are a tiny fraction (3% - 4%) of their clientele, this proposal will have essentially no impact on a guide's business. This measure will greatly impact residents who often do repeatedly hunt sheep with their 2DK as our family is often our most common hunting partners. This is particularly true of military residents whose family is almost always nonresident.

Mr. Turner also voted for Proposal 51 which requires resident hunters who hunt with nonresident, 2DK to punch both tags when the nonresident takes any of the species requiring 2DK accompaniment or a guide. Keep in mind that there was no data from Fish and Game indicating that a reduction in take was necessary and that there was no similar 50% cut in potential harvest levied against guides. Also understand that there is no issue with a nonresident guide taking nonresident hunters...just residents...you and I... taking our nonresident relative. Once again, this hits military residents hardest as their traditional hunting partners are their 2DK and they typically have very few seasons to hunt during their assignment in Alaska.

These proposals were presented to the BoG by the Alaska Professional Hunters Association...that fact alone should make it clear who exactly the proposal was intended to benefit and should have triggered Mr. Turner's removing himself from the vote. That didn't happen.

The APHA is eager to reduce competition from resident hunters and would like to see all nonresident hunts funneling funds into their own pockets. Seeking to keep resident hunters out of their way, they took advantage of the long standing rule of allowing 2DK to hunt with residents and added the two-tag and harvest frequency stipulations described above. It was a sneaky and underhanded maneuver...they can claim that they're not impacting the resident at all because there's nothing requiring residents to hunt with their 2DK. In reality, they're making Alaskan families sacrifice hunting and harvest opportunities and reaping the benefits of reduced competition and potentially more animals they can get paid to kill. Sadly, the APHA has one of their own helping to sway the board and consistently voting on their behalf to Alaskan resident's detriment.

I implore this committee to make every effort to clean up the BoG. Even if you somehow do not agree that Mr. Turner's activity on the BoG has translated to a better environment his own business and that of other APHA members, you must agree that having a professional guide on the BoG in and of itself presents opportunity for

and perception of a conflict of interest. I request that you block Mr. Turner's reappointment and pursue replacing him with someone who could not professionally benefit from BoG decisions. Help Alaskan residents restore faith in a BoG that is motivated by concern for our resources and residents first.

Tim Sterner
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Julie Morris

From: Daniel Jirak <danjirak@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 9:08 AM
To: Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Geran Tarr
Subject: Reappointment of Nathan Turner to BOG

Good Morning,

My name is Daniel Jirak and I lived in Wasilla Alaska for the last 10 years and spent the previous 8 years in the Bristol Bay area. I am an avid hunter and was previously in the guiding industry. I am writing this to oppose the reappointment of Nathan Turner to the BOG. I have been involved with the AC and BOG meetings the last few years and it is obvious that Mr. Turner does not have residents best interest in mind. He has a major conflict of interests in many proposals that he votes on and continually refuses to abstain from voting when he needs to. The latest prop 51, which just limits guide's competition from residents and their relatives is the latest example of his agenda as a guide on the BOG. Please don't reappoint him!

Thank you for your consideration.

Dan Jirak
Wasilla, AK

Julie Morris

From: Troy Graziadei <grazak@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 9:36 AM
To: Rep. David Talerico
Cc: Troy Graziadei
Subject: No reappointment of Nate turner to BOG

Dear Co-Chair:

My name is Troy Graziadei and have been a Alaska resident for 44 years raising 4 wonderful children, my family enjoys avid outdoors Alaska has to offer, Hunting, fishing camping etc.

I am writing you asking to Not reappoint Nate Turner to Alaska Board of Game, I feel he doesn't fairly represent issues on hunting in Alaska to all user groups due to his commercial interest in our "Public" wildlife resource being a Professional Big Game guide. He has consistently voted on issues denying us resident hunters opportunity while voting to support his own interest of professional guiding of non-residents, He belongs to and promotes a Non-resident hunter group Alaska Professional Hunters Ass. and even advertises on his web page "Board of Game representation" Truly showing the up most code of ethics violation of "**Conflict of Interest**". Please lets protect our public resource, My family and I are asking you please Do not reappoint Nate Turner to the Board of Game.

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Julie Morris

From: Westcott, Brett M <Brett.Westcott@airmethods.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 1:51 PM
To: Rep. David Talerico; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. Mike Hawker;
Rep.Bob.Herron@akleg.go; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Mike Chenault
Subject: Please oppose Nathan Turner reappointment

April 4, 2016

Dear Sir,

I strongly oppose the reappointment of Nathan Turner to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG)

Alaska's Board of Game process and the ability of any Alaskan to put in a proposal to change fish or game regulations is simply outstanding! However, when a BOG member, Mr. Turner, allows his obvious financial and personal interest as a practicing, licensed registered big game guide clearly affect his BOG decisions that are against favoring Alaskans, he directly undermines the public's trust.

I have been to numerous BOG meetings during Mr. Turner's tenure and it is very obvious the hundreds of Sheep proposals submitted that favor Alaskan Residents are vehemently opposed by Mr. Turner. Is that because the majority of his income is derived from his guiding non-residents? Of course!

The relevant legal framework is very clear: if a BOG member has a significant personal financial interest in an issue before the BOG, he or she must refrain from deliberating or acting on that issue. However, Mr. Turner has deliberated and voted on all the sheep proposals during his 6 years on the board. Mr. Turner's ethics disclosures at the BOG meetings are very misleading and disingenuous! As a member on the recent Sheep Working Group, Mr. Turner is on the record as being opposed to ANY limits on non-resident sheep hunting.

The point behind AS 39.52 seeks to preserve the integrity of professional judgement and sustain public confidence. Mr. Turner's vague and disingenuous statements uttered in a context that contains elements of risk to the primary interests (Alaska Residents) is a legitimate concern! The integrity of the entire BOG process is at risk with Mr. Turner continuing on the board and not recusing himself.

MANY Alaskans, including myself, have lost trust in the BOG process because of Mr. Turner's refusal to recuse himself properly when applicable. Look at his current guide website that clearly advertises guided Dall Sheep hunts in ANWR. Alaskan residents are and should continue to be Alaska's priority just like the Alaska Constitution says.

Please consider voting against reappointment of Mr. Nathan Turner to the Alaska Board of Game. Mr. Turner has proven that he will not clearly represent the public's interest. Mr. Turner has repeatedly neglected the primary interests of the public for his secondary interest of himself. There is nothing wrong with a guide being on the BOG, as long as the people's interest always are held above his/her own. Mr. Turner's continued refusal to recuse himself appropriately is very troubling for Alaskans.

Thank you for your time,

Brett Westcott

Julie Morris

From: jake sprankle <jakesprankle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 3:37 PM
To: Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Benjamin Nageak; Rep. David Talerico
Subject: Board of Game Nomination: NATE TURNER

Gentlemen and Lady,

To be blunt, Governor Walker's re-nomination of Nate Turner to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG) is a slap in the face to all Alaskan resident hunters. It says loud and clear, that he has not been paying attention.

Hopefully, you and your committee have been paying attention. Hopefully you are well versed in how Mr. Turner--and the Board of Game for that matter--have not been serving Alaska, Alaska's game resources, and especially Alaska resident hunters well for quite some time now.

Governor Walker ran on the platform of "Alaska First". This makes his re-nomination of Mr. Turner extremely ironic. Mr. Turner's actions on the BOG have been everything but putting Alaska and Alaskans first. To the contrary, Mr. Turner, through the Board of Game, has restricted resident hunters and their families, has favored non-resident hunters over residents, and most of all has protected the guide industry, of which he is a member, over the conservation of Alaska resources and the desires of Alaskan residents. His allegiance is clear and it is **NOT** to Alaska or her residents. His allegiance is to the Guide industry and to the dollar—the dollar he can make off of our game resources.

We expect our Board of Game members to manage our wildlife populations according to our Alaska State Constitution--which clearly and distinctly states that they will be managed sustainably and for the benefit and use by and for Alaskans. Mr. Turner fails to realize that our fish and game resources are owned collectively by the residents of the State of Alaska. They are not owned by any specific group, by guides, or by residents of other states. Nowhere in our Constitution does it state that our game populations will be managed for residents of other states. Nowhere does it state that our game populations will be managed so that individuals or organizations can make money or a living off of our fish and game. Nowhere does our Constitution state that the State of Alaska owes anybody a job. Mr. Turner does not understand these basic tenets and worse, chooses to ignore them in order to benefit his business and that of other guides.

Alaska is at a critical time right now, and not just fiscally. It is at a crossroad if you will, where we are either going to manage our resources for future generations of Alaskans, or continue to manage for today and for the benefit of a few. We are tired of seeing our resources—most especially our game resources-- managed for the

benefit of a few and especially for those that don't live here. Please, help us take back the management of our game resources by refusing the re-appointment of Nate Turner.

Thank you for your time and for serving Alaska.

Sincerely,

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April 5, 2016

Sent Via Electronic Mail

Alaska State Legislature
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: April 6 Confirmation Hearings (Board of Game; Big Game Commercial Services Board)

Dear Co-Chairs Nageak and Talerico:

The Bethel Native Corporation submits this letter in advance of tomorrow's 1:00PM confirmation hearings to strongly urge the members of the House Resources Committee to reappoint Nate Turner to the Alaska Board of Game (BOG) and appoint Nicholas 'Nick' Jackson to the Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB).

BOG and BGCSB appointments are critical to Bethel Native Corporation's overall mission. The majority of our 1800 shareholders still reside in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. This region of the state depends heavily on fish and game resources for survival. Alaskans assigned to serve on these boards hold significant influence over the state's management of fish, game and other resources for subsistence purposes. These two gentlemen understand and experience first-hand the economic, cultural and social aspects of living a subsistence lifestyle. Their perspective is needed and brings value to these boards.

Through their service to date, Mr. Turner and Mr. Jackson know the complexities involved with the management of these resources to sustain yields to provide opportunities for all Alaskans. They provide the necessary balance to ensure these boards are representative of Alaska's diverse user groups. They are open-minded, approachable and thoughtful. Serving on these boards can be difficult and time-consuming but both Mr. Turner and Mr. Jackson clearly possess the knowledge, dedication, compassion, courage and patience for BOG and BGCSB service.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns about the content of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Written Testimony

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