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Member
House Resources Committee

Representative Dick Shultz

Alaska State House of Representatives

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May 2, 1987

Rep. Sam Cotten
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Sam;

I would like to respectfully ask that you hold the name of Mr. Joel Bennett in Committee for additional input from the public.

The basis for this request are the numerous phone calls and messages I have received from residents throughout the state.

Constituents from my district are particularly unhappy with Mr. Bennett's carte' blanc opposition to corrective ungulate management recommendations made by the Department of Fish and Game.

I believe it to be in the best interest of the state to review those decisions as well as Mr. Bennett's attendance record. With more and more pressure coming to bear on our game resources we can not afford to have Board members who allow their philosophy to obstruct positive management principles.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick".

Dick Shultz

cc. SENATOR COGILL

FAIRBANKS FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1676 Taroka Drive,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
March 12, 1987

Honorable Governor Steve Cowper
P.O. Box A,
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor;

I recieved a response to my letter to you dated February 9, 1987 from Commissioner Collinsworth (ADF&G). I would rather have heard from you. The attitude of the leadership of ADF&G is already well known. It has been known for several years because it was established by the Sheffield Administration. We Sportsmen had hoped that a new Administration would at least attempt to correct the political manipulation we are so sick of. At least that is what you led us to believe during your campaign.

Unit 20A is critical to the Interior of Alaska. Most of our wildlife resources depend on sound biological management of this area. The leadership of ADF&G and your (do as they are politically instructed) Board of Game has determined these resources be managed for priority use by four legged predators. This practice violates sound wildlife management practices and quite possibly the State Constitution. Of course your Attorney Generals staff assigned to ADF&G believes it is legal until a Court of law declares it otherwise. This is a very sorry situation to be in. Now you perpetuate it by reappointing the same members back on the Board of Game. We Sportsmen certainly have no quarrel with Sidney Huntington but Nick Jackson and Joel Bennett are something else. They have a proven record of putting politics above biological management. I recomend you withdraw these nominations as soon as possible as they are only going to bring more embarassment to your administration.

It dismays me to have to write this letter but I have no choice. The wildlife of the Interior (they are renewable resources) are too important to simply ignore. Wildlife is a resource enjoyed by all and vital to the health of the Interior and many other parts of the State. To continue the mismanagement of the past four years is simply intolerable.

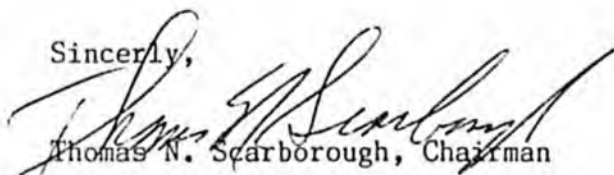
Please do not expect us to believe that decisions on predator control are to be made by the Board of Game when you personally killed the only program we had in the Interior. As clearly stated in your interview printed in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Thursday, March 5, 1987 you made a purely political decision on wolf control. Yet you attempt to tell us you are interested in developing Alaska's renewable resources. Are we the public supposed to believe you on other issues?

If this is how you intend to manage, your professional wildlife biologists should be told so they can go find work where they might be more useful. If their advice is to be continued to be ignored there is no need to have them on the payroll.

I and my committee will continue to work closely with the Interior Regional Staff of ADF&G. However, it is clear that the Headquarters Staff are not concerned with the welfare of Interior wildlife resources or the welfare of the Interior hunters. Our top priority is the wildlife resource and not special political interests. If the Game Board and the Commissioner were truly concerned with the welfare of our Interior moose and caribou populations, they would not have advised you to drop our remaining program to rehabilitate moose populations. In addition, they would have scheduled the matter for Board action and arranged to conduct the Board meeting in Fairbanks,

I look forward to your future actions. I had sincerely hoped that we would be marching forward together but unless you change directions that will clearly not be the case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas N. Scarborough".

Thomas N. Scarborough, Chairman

cc: file
Bry n Haley
TVSA
✓ Sen. Coghill

Peter Metcalfe
211 Dixon Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801
586-1166

Jack Coghill, Chairman
Senate Natural Resources Committee
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

May 1, 1987

Dear Senator Coghill:

It has come to my attention that your committee is considering the recent nomination, by Governor Cowper, of Joel Bennett to another term on the Board of Game. As a life-long Alaskan, an active sportsman, and an individual very much concerned about the proper management of our game resources, I give my full and unconditional support for Mr. Bennett's reappointment.

I have known Joel for at least a dozen years and have followed his activities on the Board of Game. He is an active hunter and, from his experience as a wildlife photographer, he has firsthand knowledge of Alaskan wildlife. I know of no other single individual better suited for a position on the Board of Game.

He has already served two terms, having been nominated by both Governor Hammond and Governor Sheffield. His eight year tenure on the Board has been during a period great change in which the Board of Game has considered many controversial issues. Mr. Bennett has always, to my knowledge, conducted himself in a non-partisan manner.

Now I have heard that his re-nomination by Governor Cowper is being challenged by highly partisan interests. Mr. Bennett has proven himself to be fair and objective, time and again, despite intense pressure from many different interests over a wide range of issues. Should action by your committee jeopardize his reappointment, this can only be interpreted by myself and the public as a response to political pressure rather than to the merits of the nominee.

Sincerely,



Peter M. Metcalfe

FAIRBANKS FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1676 Taroka Drive,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709
March 12, 1987

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Honorable Senator Jack Coghill
Chairman Senate Resources Committee
P.O. Box V,
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator;

You are already aware of the dissatisfaction over the reappointment of the same members to the Game Board. Governor Cowper stated prior to his election, he would correct the situation the Sheffield administration had created. It is now apparent this promise has been renegeed on.

Consequently, the only way we see now to place members on the Game Board which will make regulations based on sound biological advice rather than the present method of political bias, is to have the legislature reject the unacceptable Cowper appointments.

I would therefore like to request that hearings be held in Fairbanks and other areas of the state as soon as possible so we Sportsman and other interested public will have an opportunity to have input into the confirmation process.

It appears Fairbanks will be without a Game Board member as Vic Van Ballenberghe is being transferred to Anchorage by his employer. This should taken in to account on the appointment of new Game Board members.

Sincerely,

Thomas N. Scarborough
Thomas N. Scarborough, Chairman

*cc file
from file*

Tok Cutoff-Nabesna Road
Advisory Committee
S. R. Box 380
Gakona, Alaska 99586
February 1, 1987

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Senator Coghill &
Representative Shultz
Pouch U
Juneau, Alaska 99802

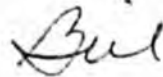
Dear Jack and Dick:

The Tok Cutoff-Nabesna Road Advisory Committee met on January 24, 1987 in a general meeting. We have a couple of items we would like you as our legislators to address.

1. We would like to see the requirement for a trophy tag on wolves only after the hunter has been successful. We believe the hunter would not mind paying the trophy fee after the animal had been killed. Most hunters only see wolves occasionally, but would welcome the opportunity to go ahead if the tag was or could be purchased when the animal was killed.
2. We would like to make sure the legislature does not raise the cost of resident/non-resident hunting licenses and trophy tags. We would like them to remain the same even though the revenues of the state are declining.
3. We would like to see both of you draft legislation requiring qualifications for Board of Game and Fisheries members. We believe these people should have first hand and/or other experience when dealing with our resources.

Hope you can assist our committee with some of this or at least make sure it doesn't get slipped in somewhere else.

Sincerely,



Bill Ellis, Chairman
822-3426

P. S.

If you have any questions, please call Thelma at 822-3426.



**WILDLIFE
FEDERATION
OF ALASKA**

The Alaska Affiliate of the
National Wildlife Federation

DATE: May 1, 1987

TO: Lloyd Jones
Member, Senate Resources Committee

RE: Confirmation of Board of Game Appointments

I am writing on behalf of the Wildlife Federation of Alaska. We are the state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation, the largest conservation organization in the world, with over 4.5 million members nationwide (8,000 of whom are Alaskans.) This is to inform you that we strongly support the reappointment of Joel Bennett to the Alaska Board of Game. Although our membership is composed primarily of hunters and fishermen, we think it is important to have representation on the Board that reflects the broad interests of all Alaskans, including nonconsumptive users. Mr. Bennett, a respected naturalist and cinematographer, has proven himself to be an excellent representative of nonconsumptive users (as well as consumptive users--Mr. Bennett is an avid hunter), and has time and again demonstrated a fair-minded approach to the complex wildlife management issues that have confronted the Board.

We strongly urge you to confirm Mr. Bennett's appointment to the Alaska Board of Game.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann L. Rothe', written in a cursive style.

Ann L. Rothe
President

STATE OF ALASKA

STEVE COWPER, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

P.O. BOX 3-2000
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99802-2000
PHONE: (907) 465-4110

DIVISION OF BOARDS

April 29, 1987

The Honorable Henry Springer
Alaska State Legislature
P. O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

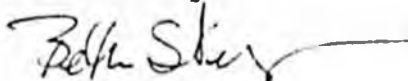
Dear Representative Springer:

Your staff has asked for the number of days Board of Game members have missed during Game Board sessions. We have compiled that information for the years 1982-1987. Earlier records are archived and could not be retrieved and compiled in the time frame requested.

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Number of Days Possible 1982 - 1987</u>	<u>Number of Days Missed</u>
Joel Bennett	157	6
Clint Buckmaster	22	0
Kirk Gay	88	19
John Hansen	42	0
Dick Hensel	22	0
Sam Harbo	81	1
Sidney Huntington	157	22
Nick Jackson	115	6
Brenda Johnson	135	0
Jay Massey	37	1
Jim Reardon	22	0
Sarah Scanlan	115	1
John Shively	20	7
Vic Van Ballenberghe	76	3

I hope that this information will suffice. If you have any questions about the information, we will be happy to answer them.

Sincerely,



Beth Stewart
Director

cc: House Resources Committee
Board of Game Members

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: BOB MITCHELL

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 212 W. 9TH STREET

CITY: JUNEAU

ZIP: 99801

PHONE: 465-4803

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: JOEL BENNETS CONF TO BOARD OF GAME

MESSAGE: I THINK JOEL BENNET SHOULD BE RETAINED. I THINK HE HAS DONE A GOOD JOB.

POMID: 03131309

DATE: 05/01/87

TIME: 13:13:09

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

COPIES: REPRESENTATIVES SENATORS

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DAVIDSON
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ELIASON
FISCHER
JONES
STURGULEWSKI
ZHAROFF

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: CLIFF EAM'S
TITLE: ALASKA CENTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
ADDRESS: 700 H STREET #4
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99501
PHONE: 279-3969

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: BOARD OF GAME

MESSAGE: JOEL BENNETT HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB ON THE BOARD OF GAME.
MR. BENNETT'S RETENTION ON THE BOARD IS ESSENTIAL IF AT LEAST
A SEMBLANCE OF BALANCE IS TO BE MAINTAINED. PLEASE VOTE TO CONFIRM.

FORMID: 03141045

DATE: 04/30/87

TIME: 14:10:45

LOCATION: ANCHORAGE LIO

COPIES: REPRESENTATIVES SENATORS

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JONES
STURGULEWSKI
ZHAROFF

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: MARY KIMM
TITLE:
ADDRESS: MILE 1314 ALASKA HWY.
CITY: DELTA JCT. ZIP: 99737
PHONE: N/A-
BILL NO:

SUBJECT: BOARD CONFIRMATION
MESSAGE: AS THE WIFE OF A HUNTER AND TRAPPER, I TOTALLY SUPPORT GOVERNOR
COMPER'S REAPPOINTMENT OF JOEL BENNETT TO BOARD OF GAME. JOEL IS A HUNTER HIM-
SELF AND OFFERS AN INTELLIGENT BLEND OF PERSPECTIVES CONCERNING WILDLIFE ISSUES
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTH HUNTERS AND NON-CONSUMPTIVE USERS IN THEIR CONCERNS
FACING OUR WILDLIFE.

POMID: 02093948
DATE: 05/01/87
TIME: 09:39:48
LIONAME: DELTA JUNCTION LIO

COPIES: REPRESENTATIVE

COTTEN

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: MARY BODDE
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 11155 ASHLEY PARK LANE
CITY: EAGLE RIVER ZIP: 99577
PHONE: 694-5301
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: BOARD HEARINGS-CONFIRMATIONS
MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT JOE BENNETT ON THE RESOURCE
COMMITTEE.

POMID: 03101500
DATE: 05/01/87
TIME: 10:15:00
LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PHILLIPS	HALFORD
COTTEN	KELLY
DAVIDSON	DUNCAN
HERRMANN	ELIASON
HOFFMAN	FISCHER
NAVARRE	JONES
PEARCE	STURGULEWSKI
SHULTZ	ZHAROFF
SPRINGER	
SUNO	

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: STEVE NELSON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 757

CITY: JUNEAU

ZIP: 99802

PHONE: 586-3529

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I'M IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING JOEL BENNETT'S POSITION ON THE GAME BOARD
I THINK HE'S ONE OF THE BEST VOICES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT WE CAN
HAVE IN THERE. I THINK WE'RE LUCKY TO HAVE HIM. HE AND HIS WORK ARE
INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN AND WE NEED HIS CONSCIENCE AND HIS VOICE ON THE GAME
BOARD.

POHID: 00104738

DATE: 05/01/87

TIME: 10:47:38

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: GREG HUEBSCHEN
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 17713 GLACIER HWY
CITY: JUNEAU ZIP: 99801
PHONE: 789-2842
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: STATE BOARD OF GAME
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT JOEL BENNETT ON THE STATE BOARD OF GAME.

POMID: 00130544
DATE: 05/01/87
TIME: 13:05:44
LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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STURGULEWSKI
ZHAROFF

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: CAROLYN S. GORTMAKER
TITLE:
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1194
CITY: DELTA JCT. ZIP: 99737
PHONE: 895-4601
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: GAME BOARD CONFIRMATION
MESSAGE: PLEASE CONFIRM JOEL BENNETT TO THE BOARD OF GAME.

POMID: 02095040
DATE: 05/01/87
TIME: 09:50:40
LIONAME: DELTA JUNCTION LIO

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HOFFMAN	JONES
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PEARCE	ZHAROFF
SHULTZ	
SPRINGER	
SUND	

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: BARBARA RUDIO

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 1711 HILL BAY #1

ZIP: 99615

CITY: KODIAK

PHONE: 486-8369

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOEL BENNETT TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME. MR. BENNETT HAS PROVEN TO BE AN EXCELLENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTH THE NON-CONSUMPTIVE AND THE CONSUMPTIVE USERS. PLEASE CONFIRM HIS APPOINTMENT.

POHID: 09141908

DATE: 05/01/87

TIME: 14:19:08

LOCATION: KODIAK LIO

COPIES: REPRESENTATIVES SENATORS

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FISCHER
JONES
STURGULEWSKI
ZHAROFF

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: COLE AND CRISTY ELLIS

TITLE:

ADDRESS: SR BOX 1400

CITY: SLANA

ZIP: 99586

PHONE: N/A-

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE: WE FEEL JOEL BENNETT HAS NOT MANAGED GAME ON A SUSTAINED YIELD BASIS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFIRMED BY THE LEGISLATURE AS A BOARD OF GAME MEMBER.

POMID: 01142041

DATE: 05/01/87

TIME: 14:20:41

LIQNAME: GLENNALLEN LIO

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ADAMS	BARNES	ABOOD
BOUCHER	BOYER	BENNETT
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DAVIDSON	DAVIS	ELIASON
DOHLEY	ELLIS	FAHRENKAMP
FRANK	FURNACE	FAIKS
GOLL	GRUENBERG	FISCHER
GRUSSENDORF	HANLEY	WALFORD
HERRMANN	HOFFMAN	HENSLEY
HUDSON	KOPONEN	JONES
LARSON	MARTIN	JOSEPHSON
MENARD	MILLER	KELLY
NAVARRE	PEARCE	KERTTULA
PETTYJOHN	PHILLIPS	RCDEY
POURCHOT	RIEGER	STURGULEWSKI
SHULTZ	SPRINGER	SZYHANSKI
SUND	SWACKHAMMER	UEHLING
TAYLOR	ULMER	ZHAROFF
WALLIS	ZAWACKI	

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: CATHLEEN ALDEN

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 1117 GALENA STREET

CITY: FAIRBANKS

ZIP: 99709

PHONE: 474-0611

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION HEARINGS

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT JOEL BENNETT'S CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF GAME.

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POMID: 07133823

DATE: 05/01/87

TIME: 13:38:23

LIONAME: FAIRBANKS LIO

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FRANK
KOPONEN
MILLER

BENNETT
FAHRENKAMP
DUNCAN
ELIASON
FISCHER
JONES
STURGULEWSKI
ZHAROFF

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: KAREN / ALMER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 517 NELSON ST.

CITY: JUNEAU, AK

ZIP: 99801

PHONE: 463-3520

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF JOEL BENNETT TO GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO CONFIRM JOEL BENNETT AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE GAME BOARD.

POMID: 00102518

DATE: 05/01/87

TIME: 10:25:18

LOCATION: JUNEAU LIO

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JONES
STURGULEWSKI
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: BARBARA ERSKINE
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 2608 NATHENIAL COURT
CITY: ANCHORAGE ZIP: 99517
PHONE: 344-4744
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION TO BOARD OF GAME
MESSAGE: PLEASE SUPPORT MR. JOEL BENNETT FOR CONFIRMATION TO BOARD OF GAME.
HE WOULD REPRESENT A BALANCED VOICE ON THE BOARD.

POMID: 03085455
DATE: 05/01/87
TIME: 08:54:55
LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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NAVARRE	STURGULEWSKI
PEARCE	ZIAROFF
SHULTZ	
SPRINGER	
SURD	

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: JEFF SLOSS
TITLE: WILDERNESS GUIDE
ADDRESS: 740 5TH STREET
CITY: JUNEAU
PHONE: 586-4275

ZIP: 99801

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF GAME BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE: I HAVE HUNTED WITH JOEL BENNETT. HE IS ESSENTIAL TO THE GAME BOARD.
I URGE YOU TO CONFIRM HIM TO THE GAME BOARD.

POMID: 00080348

DATE: 05/01/87

TIME: 08:03:48

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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DURCAN
ELIASON
FISCHER
JONES
STURCULEWSKI
ZHAROFF

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: GEORGE & RUTH R. POLLARD

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 40

CITY: KASLOF

ZIP: 99610

PHONE: 262-5496

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: REAPPOINTMENT OF JOE BENNETT

MESSAGE: WE SUPPORT GOVERNOR COWPERS REAPPOINTMENT OF JOE BENNETT TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME. IN OUR OPINION, MR. BENNETT HAS ALWAYS BROUGHT BADLY NEEDED BALANCE TO THE BOARD OF GAME

POMID: 13161652

DATE: 04/30/87

TIME: 16:16:52

LIONAME: SOLDONIA LIO

COPIES: REPRESENTATIVES SENATORS

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JONES
STURGOLEWSKI
ZHAROFF

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: KEN PAULLIN

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 2884

CITY: KODIAK

ZIP: 99615

PHONE: 486-6991

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD CONFIRMATION

MESSAGE: I'M OPPOSED TO THE CONFIRMATION OF JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD.

POUID: 09141910

DATE: 04/30/87

TIME: 14:19:10

LIONAME: KODIAK LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: GEORGE HUNT
TITLE:
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 683
CITY: TOK ZIP: 99780
PHONE: 883-5101
BILL NO:

SUBJECT: JOEL BERNETT'S APPOINTMENT TO FISH AND GAME
MESSAGE: THE ALASKA FISH AND GAME IS GOING THROUGH A CRITICAL TIME. GAME
MANAGEMENT IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER AS TO PROTECT THE STATE
FISH AND GAME AS WELL AS THE RIGHTS OF THE ALASKA HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN. I
STRONGLY OPPOSE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOEL BERNETT.

PHID: 02092429
DATE: 04/28/87
TIME: 09:24:29
LIONAME: DELTA JUNCTION LIO

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	BROWN	CATO	BINKLEY
	COLLINS	COTTEN	DUNCAN
	DAVIDSON	DAVIS	ELIASON
	DONLEY	ELLIS	FAHRENKAMP
	FRANK	FURNACE	FAIKS
	GOLL	GRUENBERG	FISCHER
	GRUSSENDORF	HANLEY	HALFORD
	HERRMANN	HOFFMAN	HENSLEY
	HUDSON	KOPONEN	JONES
	LARSON	MARTIN	JOSEPHSON
	MEHARD	MILLER	KELLY
	NAVARRE	PEARCE	KERTTULA
	PETTYJOHN	PHILLIPS	RODEY
	POURCHOT	RIEGER	STURGULEWSKI
	SHULTZ	SPRINGER	SZYMANSKI
	SUND	SHACKHAMER	UEHLING
	TAYLOR	ULMER	ZHAROFF
	WALLIS	ZAWACKI	

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: JOEL MCINTOSH
TITLE:
ADDRESS: PO BOX 3394
CITY: PALMER ZIP: 99645
PHONE: N/A-
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: JOEL BENNETT
MESSAGE: I AM AGAINST TO HAVE JOEL BENNETT ON THE GAME BOARD.

POMID: 03162646
DATE: 04/24/87
TIME: 16:26:46
LTNAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: PETE BUIST
TITLE:
ADDRESS: BOX 1561
CITY: FAIRBANKS
PHONE: 457-7189
BILL NO:

ZIP: 99707

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD NOMINATION
MESSAGE: PLEASE VOTE AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF JOEL BENNETT. HIS RECORD SHOWS THAT HE CANNOT SUPPORT SUSTAINED YIELD OF WILDLIFE AS CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED. HIS PROPENSITY FOR ONLY NON-CONSUMPTIVE USES OF WILDLIFE IS UNFAIR TO RURAL PEOPLE AND OTHER LEGITIMATE USERS. WE NEED OBJECTIVE PEOPLE ON THE GAME BOARD. THANK YOU. ED/AN

POHID: 07111554
DATE: 04/27/87
TIME: 11:15:54
LIONAME: FAIRBANKS LIO

COPIES: REPRESENTATIVES SENATORS

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NO RESPONSE REQUIRED

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: FRANK O'BRIEN
TITLE:
ADDRESS: SR 2131 D
CITY: WASILLA
PHONE: N/A-

ZIP: 99687

BILL NO:
SUBJECT: FISH BOARD
MESSAGE: I DON'T THINK JOEL BENNET SHOULD BE REAPPOINTED TO THE GAME BOARD.
CONTACT ME IF YOU WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. I DON'T FEEL HE DEALS
EFFECTIVELY WITH RESIDENTS.

POMID: 03164030
DATE: 04/24/87
TIME: 16:40:30
LIONAME: ANCHORAGE LIO

COPIES: REPRESENTATIVES REPRESENTATIVES SENATORS

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: H. C. "BUD" WIESE

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 1426 2ND AVE.

CITY: FAIRBANKS

ZIP: 99701

PHONE: 452-2046

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MESSAGE: MOOSE ARE ON THE DECLINE HERE IN THE INTERIOR. NO MANAGEMENT FOR THE LAST 5 YEARS. BELIEVE JOEL BENNETT IS THE LEADER OF MANAGEMENT OPPOSITION.

POMID: 07115825

DATE: 04/27/87

TIME: 11:58:25

LIONAME: FAIRBANKS LIO

COPIES: REPRESENTATIVE SENATORS

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: GARY SORENSEN
TITLE:
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 172
CITY: HEALY ZIP: 99743
PHONE: 683-2493
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: BOARD OF GAME
MESSAGE: I AM AGAINST JOEL BENNETT BEING REAPPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF GAME.
EOM/AN

POMID: 07125531
DATE: 04/27/87
TIME: 12:55:31
LIONAME: FAIRBANKS LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: MIKE PEARSON
TITLE: CHAIR: CLEAR-HEALY FISH & GAME ADV. BOARD
ADDRESS: BOX 469
CITY: CLEAR ZIP: 99704
PHONE: 585-6295
BILL NO:
SUBJECT:
MESSAGE: WE DO NOT SUPPORT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE NOMINATIONS.

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POMIO: 07152045
DATE: 04/24/87
TIME: 15:20:45
LIONAME: FAIRBANKS LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: FRANK AND SUE ENTSMINGER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: MILE 91 TOK CUTOFF

CITY: TOK

ZIP: 99780

PHONE: 883-2033

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: JOEL BENNETT HAS FAVORED LOW GAME POPULATIONS IN UNIT 20E RATHER THAN SUSTAINED YIELD. HE WOULD LIKE HIM REPLACED ON THE GAME BOARD.

POMID: 01091503

DATE: 04/28/87

TIME: 09:15:03

LIONAME: GLENMALLEN LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: ROBERT REYNOLDS
TITLE:
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 34374
CITY: JUNEAU ZIP: 99803
PHONE: N/A-
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO GAME BOARD
MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD.

POMID: 00112936
DATE: 04/30/87
TIME: 11:29:36
LIONAME: JUNEAO LIO

COPIES: REPRESENTATIVES SENATORS

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: KEITH GLOBIS
TITLE:
ADDRESS: GENERAL DELIVERY
CITY: SLANA ZIP: 99586
PHONE: N/A-
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: GAME BOARD MEMBERS
MESSAGE: I DO NOT FAVOR THE CONFIRMATION OF JOEL BENNETT TO GAME BOARD.

POMID: 01132108
DATE: 04/30/87
TIME: 13:21:08
LIONAME: GLENNALLFN LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: LENORA CONKLE
TITLE:
ADDRESS: SR BOX 350
CITY: GAKONA ZIP: 99586
PHONE: 822-3427
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: GAME BOARD MEMBERS
MESSAGE: I DO NOT FAVOR THE CONFIRMATION OF JOEL BENNETT TO GAME BOARD.

POHID: 01131925
DATE: 04/30/87
TIME: 13:19:25
LIONAME: GLENNALLEN LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: BRUCE BOWLER
TITLE: CITIZEN
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 244
CITY: JUNEAU
PHONE: N/A-

ZIP: 99802

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD. HE IS UN-RESPONSIVE TO THE PUBLIC AND DOES NOT RESPOND TO PROFESSIONAL GAME MANAGERS.

POMID: 00082827

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 08:28:27

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: LARRY CARLSON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: BOX 407

CITY: DOUGLAS

ZIP: 99824

PHONE: 465-2975

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I AM OPPOSED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOEL BENNET TO THE GAME BOARD. I BELIEVE HE SERVES HIS SELF INTEREST AND SPECIAL INTERESTS.

POHID: 00082954

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 08:29:54

LOCATION: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: MIKE HILLAR
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 4510 PROSPECT WAY
CITY: JUNEAU
PHONE: 78'-9345

ZIP: 99801

BILL NO:
SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF JOEL BENNETT TO GAME BOARD
MESSAGE: PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD. HE IS SELF-SERVING, DOES NOT LISTEN TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES, REGIONAL COUNCILS, OR OUR PROFESSIONAL GAME MANAGERS, AND HE IS SELDOM IN RESIDENCE IN THE STATE.

POMTO: 00083058
DATE: 04/29/87
TIME: 08:30:58
LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: BILL MORRIS

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 332

CITY: DOUGLAS

ZIP: 99824

PHONE: 789-9281

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION HEARINGS-GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I BELIEVE THAT JOEL BENNETT DOESN'T LISTEN TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.
ALSO, I BELIEVE THAT HE IS SELF-SERVING, AND I DON'T THINK THAT HIS APPOINTMENT
WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE STATE.

POHID: 00083908

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 08:39:08

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: GEORGE IMBSEN

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 2113 SECOND ST.

CITY: DOUGLAS, AK

ZIP: 99824

PHONE: 364-2242

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION TO GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER DISFAVOR TO JOEL BENNETT'S CONDUCT AND ASK THAT HE NOT BE CONFIRMED BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BEEN BRINGING FORWARD THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE SPORTSMEN IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA AND HE HAS NOT BEEN LISTENING TO THE VIEWS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

POMID: 00084159

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 08:41:59

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: FRANK MURPHY

TITLE:

DRESS: 8353 RIVER PLACE

CITY: JUNEAU

ZIP: 99801

PHONE: 789-0487

LL NO:

BJECT: GAME BOARD CONFIRMATIONS

SSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE RESO'RCE
MITTEES DO NOT CONFIRM GEOL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD. HE IS EXTREMELY
F-SERVING, HE DOES NOT LISTEN TO THE LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD OR THE REGIONAL
HCIL, AND HE DOES NOT CONSIDER GAME MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

POMID: 00085934

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 08:59:34

ONAME: JUNEAU LIO

OPIES: REPRESENTATIVES SENATORS

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: RON TORGERSON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 1644 GLACIER AVE

CITY: JUNEAU, AK

ZIP: 99801

PHONE: 586-6769

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION FOR POSITION ON GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY OPPOSITION TO THE CONFIRMATION OF JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD. I BELIEVE THAT MR. BENNETT'S PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACH TO GAME MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS IS CONTRARY TO THE BEST INTEREST OF MOST ALASKANS WHO FAVOR REASONABLE CONSUMPTIVE USE OF GAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOUND, SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES. MR. BENNETT DOES NOT LISTEN TO THE ADVICE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN HIS OWN RESIDENCE AREA OR ADFG ADVICE.

FOIID: 00090255

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 09:02:55

LIIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: MAL LINTHWAITE

TITLE:

ADDRESS: BOX 558

CITY: DOUGLAS

ZIP: 99824

PHONE: 364-4256

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONF. OF JOEL BENNETT TO GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM JOEL BENNETT TO THE BOARD OF GAME BECAUSE HE PROMOTES SPECIAL INTEREST, HE IS OUT OF THE STATE MOST OF THE YEAR, AND HE VOTES AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES, REGIONAL COUNSELS, AND FISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS.

POMID: 00092226

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 09:22:26

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: KARL MIELKE

TITLE:

ADDRESS: BOX 321

CITY: DOUGLAS

ZIP: 99824

PHONE: 364-3332

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MESSAGE: PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD BECAUSE HIS ACTIONS USUALLY REFLECT HIS OWN SPECIAL INTERES: S RATHER THAN THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

POMID: 00094148

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 09:41:48

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: GREG YOUNG
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 9719 TRAPPER'S LANE
CITY: JUNEAU ZIP: 99801
PHONE: 789-2639
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION HEARINGS-GAME BOARD
MESSAGE: RE: JOEL BENNETT -- I WOULD ASK THAT YOU NOT CONFIRM BASED ON HIS
POOR ATTENDANCE RECORD AND HIS DISREGARD FOR PROFESSIONAL GAME MANAGEMENT
VIEWS.

POMID: 00085052
DATE: 04/29/87
TIME: 08:50:52
LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: GREG YOUNG

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 9719 TRAPPER'S LANE

CITY: JUNEAU

ZIP: 99801

PHONE: 789-2639

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION HEARINGS-GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: RE: JOEL BENNETT -- I WOULD ASK THAT YOU NOT CONFIRM BASED ON HIS POOR ATTENDANCE RECORD AND HIS DISREGARD FOR PROFESSIONAL GAME MANAGEMENT VIEWS.

POMID: 00085052

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 08:50:52

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: DAVID HUNT
TITLE: CONCERNED CITIZEN
ADDRESS: 2328 MEADOW LANE
CITY: JUNEAU, AK
PHONE: 789-4245

ZIP: 99801

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF MR. BENNETT

MESSAGE: PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM MR. BENNETT BECAUSE IN THE PAST HE HAS SEEMED TO
HAVE A POOR ATTITUDE TOWARDS HUNTING. HE HAS TAKEN AN ANTI-HUNTERS STANCE IN
THE PAST AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT HE FITS THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS. THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.

POHID: 00100214

DATE: 04/29/87

TIME: 10:02:14

LOCATION: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: MIKE MCKINNON
TITLE: CITIZEN
ADDRESS: 4030 RIDGEWAY
CITY: JUNEAU
PHONE: 364-4206

ZIP: 99801

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONF OF JOEL BENNETT TO GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I APPRECIATE JOELS EFFORTS, BUT I WOULD RATHER HAVE A HUNTER ON THE BOARD THAN SOMEONE WHO'S PRIMARY EMPHASIS IS NOT HUNTING. I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF JOEL'S CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF GAME.

POMIO: 00103122

DATE: 09/29/87

TIME: 10:31:22

LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: FRED THORSTEINSON
TITLE: V-CHAIR, GASTINEAU CHANNEL FISH AND GAME
ADDRESS: BOX 210404
CITY: AUKE BAY ZIP: 99021
PHONE: 789-9136

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONF OF JOEL BENNET TO GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I OBJECT TO CONF OF JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD BECAUSE HE DOESN'T SUPPORT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

POMID: 00104016
DATE: 04/29/87
TIME: 10:40:16
LIONAME: JUNEAU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: JOSEPH S. JOHNSON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 469

CITY: JUNEAU

ZIP: 99802

PHONE: 586-5624

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF GAME BOARD MEMBERS

MESSAGE: PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD. THE REASONS:
HE PROMOTES SPECIAL INTEREST. HE IS SELF SERVING. HE DOES NOT LISTEN TO THE AD-
VISORY COMMITTEES. IN FACT AT ONE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HE APPEARED AND
SPOKE FOR AN ISSUE WHICH I FELT IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR A MEMBER OF THE
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: DENNIS GELLHOUSE

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 3044 WOOD DUCK AVE

CITY: JUNEAU

ZIP: 99801

PHONE: 465-2861

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONF OF JOEL BENNETT TO GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I OPPOSE ANY CONFIRMATION OF JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD. I HAVE WRITTEN TO THE GAME BOARD OF SOME OF MY CONCERNS, AND HAVE NOT RECIEVED ANY HINT THAT MY CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED. I BELIEVE THAT HE ACTS ONLY IN HIS OWN SEIF INTEREST.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: STEVE LEE
TITLE: CITIZEN
ADDRESS: 912 SECOND ST.
CITY: DOUGLAS, AK
PHONE: 364-2486

ZIP: 99824

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF PERSON TO GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO GO ON RECORD AS OPPOSING JOEL BENNET'S CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME BOARD BECAUSE HE SEEMS TO BE OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE HE REPRESENTS. THIS IS ADDITIONALLY EVIDENCED BY HIS VERY POOR ATTENDANCE AT GAME BOARD MEETINGS AND THAT HE IS SELDOM IN RESIDENCE IN THE STATE. THANK YOU.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: AL RISLEY
TITLE:
ADDRESS: 4405 SESAME STREET
CITY: JUNEAU
PHONE: 789-0544

ZIP: 99801

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONF OF JOEL BENNETT TO BOARD OF GAME
MESSAGE: JOEL BENNETT'S CONFIRMATION TO THE GAME BOARD IS NOT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF SOUTH EAST. IN THE PAST HE HAS HAD A TENDANCY TO GO AGAINST THE FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAMES RECOMMENDATIONS. HIS REPRESENTATION APPEARS TO BE STRONGLY FOR SPECIAL INTEREST.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: DON BLACK

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 11607 AUKE ST.

CITY: JUNEAU

ZIP: 99801

PHONE: 789-2610

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE: I DON'T THINK JOEL BERNETT SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO THE GAME BOARD BECAUSE HE PROMOTES SPECIAL INTEREST AND HE'S NOT ALWAYS AROUND FOR THE MEETINGS, HE'S OUT OF TOWN A LOT. HE DOESN'T ALWAYS CONCUR WITH THE ADF&G RECOMMENDATIONS.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: ROBERT CARTMILL

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 210294

CITY: AUKE BAY

ZIP: 99821

PHONE: 789-9407

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: JOEL BENNETT'S CONFIRMATION

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO OBJECT TO JOEL BENNETT BEING CONFIRMED TO THE BOARD OF GAME. I FEEL HIS PAST RECORD HAS NOT BEEN IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE AS HE HAS LEANED TOWARD THE INTERESTS OF SPECIAL GROUPS OF PEOPLE.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

YEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: HARRY KELLER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 2442

CITY: JUNEAU, AK

ZIP: 99803

PHONE: 789-7218

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION ON GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD. HE HAS A HISTORY OF IGNORING THE ADVICE OF THE ADVISORY BOARDS AND REGIONAL COUNCILS AND ALSO USING HIS POSITION ON THE BOARD TO PROMOTE HIS OWN SPECIAL INTEREST.

POMID: 00094652

DATE: 04/29/87

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: LILLIAN BOLTJES

TITLE:

ADDRESS: 9470 NORRIS PLACE

CITY: JUNEAU

ZIP: 99801

PHONE: 465-2975

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONF OF JOEL BENNETT TO GAME BOARD

MESSAGE: I AM AGAINST CONFIRMING JOEL BENNETT. HE IS NOT LISTENING TO OUR PROFESSIONAL GAME MANAGERS. HE PROMOTES SPECIAL INTEREST.

POMID: 00103649

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

YEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: PAUL MULLETT
TITLE:
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 442
CITY: TOK ZIP: 99780
PHONE: 883-5342
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION OF GAME BOARD SEAT
MESSAGE: I URGE YOU NOT TO RECONFIRM JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD AS HE IS
ANTI-GAME MANAGEMENT.

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TIME: 12:14:31
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: DAVID PARKER

TITLE:

ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 382

CITY: TOK

PHONE: 883-5372

ZIP: 99780

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: GAME BOARD CONFIRMATION HEARING

MESSAGE: PLEASE DO NOT RECONFIRM JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD. HIS INTERESTS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE CONSISTENT WITH SOUND MANAGEMENT GAME PRINCIPLES.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: AL AND JOAN REYERSE
TITLE:
ADDRESS: BOX 470
CITY: GAKONA ZIP: 99586
PHONE: 822-3427
BILL NO:
SUBJECT: GAME BOARD MEMBERSHIP
MESSAGE: WE OPPOSE CONFIRMATION OF JOEL BENNETT TO THE GAME BOARD.

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DATE: 04/28/87
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TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS

FROM TOK CUTOFF NABESNA RD ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONFIRMATION OF BOARD OF GAME MEMBER JOEL BENNETT

Our advisory committee has watched Joel Bennett ignore Advisory Committees and Regional Councils recommendations about predator control continuously. The Alaska Constitution mandates the State to manage game on a sustained yield. Evidently, Mr. Bennett does not intend to manage the game for sustained yield. He has ignored testimony from the State Fish and Game Biologists and made recommendations that are nothing but emotional and political. During the meantime our game seasons are getting shorter and permit hunts have had to be implemented.

His voting record speaks for itself. He has served 7 years on the Game Board. The seasons were much longer 7 years ago than they are now. Joel Bennett's voting record shows lack of active game management. Statistics have proven with active game management, game can and will be abundant.

The Alaskan voters elected a new governor because they wanted a positive change in the administration including the Game Board. When the new Governor reappointed Joel Bennett, the majority of the consumptive users were devastated. We were looking forward to working with members who wanted to manage game. Joel Bennett was not our choice. We know there was an abundant amount of opposition to his reappointment.

We have no objection to a non-consumptive user on the Game Board, but we feel this member should be there to manage game on a sustained yield. Our area has lower moose populations than ever before. If a non-consumptive representative would work towards active game management, tourists and other user groups would benefit alike. The consumptive user, both resident and non-resident, bring a lot of revenue to the state. The guiding industry brings in a lot of revenue. Guides, local transporters, hotels, lodges, license vendors, and taxidermists are just some who receive revenue from the consumptive user. This money stays in the state. License fees are matched by federal funds whereby ADF&G receives more money for research and management.

We respectfully request you not confirm Joel Bennett to the Board of Game.

Box 80522
College, Alaska 99708
March 23, 1987

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Senator John Coghill, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee
P. O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Coghill:

As Interior vice-president of the Alaska Outdoor Council, I am writing on behalf of many local members of the Council. Our concern has to do with the reappointment of Joel Bennett to the Alaska Board of Game.

Proper management of our local moose populations is of importance to us. The subunit 20A moose population, for example, numbers about 8,000 animals and is stable in size or is decreasing. The current hunter harvest from that population is about 400 moose with more restrictive seasons and a decreased take likely for this next year. The population objectives for that moose population call for at least 12,000 animals. If the 20A moose population were to attain that level, and if it were kept in a healthy and productive condition, hunters could harvest between 2,500 and 3,000 moose annually. Such an increase in harvest would be worth in excess of 4 million dollars annually. In addition, fewer Fairbanks hunters would hunt moose in the outlying areas, thus decreasing any conflicts that might exist with hunters in more rural areas.

We believe more intensive management and utilization of our local moose populations is very desirable. However, such will not occur unless the Board of Game and the Department of Fish and Game undertake vegetation manipulation (through fire management, including prescribed burning) and through predator management involving black and grizzly bears and wolves.

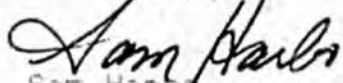
We believe such management will not occur if Joel Bennett is reappointed to the Board of Game. His previous actions on the Board, and his public pronouncements concerning wolf management, clearly indicate that he would oppose the kind of moose management that we think is necessary locally.

A further concern of ours has to do with the fact that Fairbanks soon will have no representative on the Board of Game. Our current Fairbanks member, Dr. Vic Van Ballenberghe, has just had his job position with the Forest Service moved to Anchorage, and presumably Vic will relocate shortly.

Because of our concern regarding proper wildlife management, we are requesting that your Committee hold hearings in Fairbanks regarding the reappointment of Joel Bennett to the Alaska Board of Game.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Harbo".

Sam Harbo
Interior Vice-president.

cc. Executive Director, AOC
President, AOC

Outdoors

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Wolf control: a battle with politics and science

Sportsmen urge return to predator control

By CHRISTOPHER BATIN
Correspondent

Predator control must be reestablished in the Interior and an active management program implemented if Interior moose populations are to fully recover, say spokesmen from the area's leading sportsmen's groups.

"Unit 20A has the potential of being the most important moose population in the state," says Sam Harbo, retired professor of biometrics at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and former game board member. "But it'll never happen unless predator control—as part of a total management plan—is implemented."

Harbo, who also is Interior vice-president of the Alaska Outdoor Council, said the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has the capability of increasing moose harvests in the Tanana Flats—an area currently suffering from low moose populations due to wolf predation—by at least 2,000. The current harvest is 400 animals.

"Local game biologists realize the importance of properly managing wolves and moose in the interior," he said "but their hands are politically tied."

"I think the system was initially structured so the Board of Game could make the determination of what the important uses of game are. Once they decide, it's up to the department to establish the management regime to satisfy those objectives.

"As far as wolf management is concerned, some of that management authority has gradually shifted over to the board. They now make all the determinations regarding wolf control reductions. They've started to impinge on what I think is the authority of the department. It's very clear in many areas of the interior that consumptive use of moose and caribou is the priority use. But the board doesn't allow the department to initiate predator management that would optimize some of those moose and caribou populations."

According to Bruce Campbell with the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association, the Game Board's stand on wolf control is well known.

"Board member Joel Bennett was quoted by the Associated Press as saying that 'this is a new era for controlling wolves in their last strong hold in the country.' In the November 26, 1985 story, Bennett acknowledged that the approach will mean greater fluctuations in big game populations," and said "people are just going to have to get used to the idea." Because of this political climate, Harbo said the department has had difficulties in advocating what they considered proper wildlife management.

Campbell believes that when the local game department advocates wolf control, they are viewed as a far right, radical group.

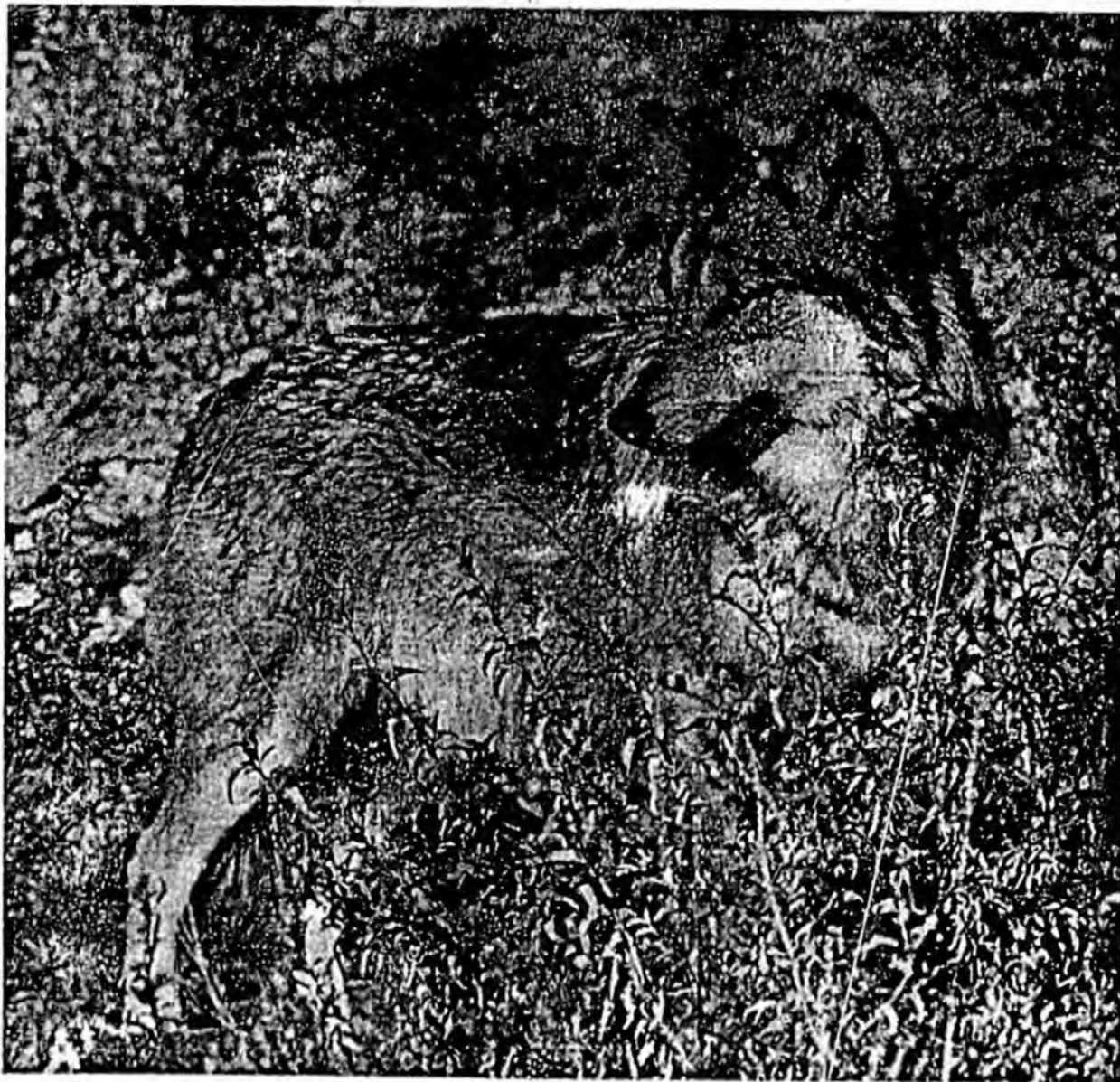
"They become the target for easy budget cutting, especially when tough choices are being made," he said. "It's how the upper ranks of the department get rid of their problems, by cutting budgets."

"This region has been chastized, economically and budgetwise, based on their stand that we need wolf control in order to rehabilitate our depressed moose populations," says former regional game coordinator Bud Burris. "I sat on meetings with Director of Game Lew Pamplin and other regional supervisors. They said we have to get off this (wolf control) because these anti-hunters are killing us budgetwise, and so we're not going to support wolf control. A few days later, they sent word down in memo form that we will not advocate management strategies regarding wolf control to the public or at Game Board meetings."

"In the past, the Board of Game, the Director of Game and the Commissioner of Fish and Game have told the department not to advocate wolf control or any other management technique."

He said that while working for the department, word came down from ADF&G headquarters that biologists would present only circumstances and present options and alternatives, rather than management plans based on their research and expertise.

"This drives the biologists up the wall," said Burris. "They've even been told that they can't respond to direct questions regarding habitat



CONTROVERSIAL CANINE—The wolf in Alaska, long an object of heated debate across the nation, receives a lot of political attention in the state where the wolf is seen by some as the last test of man's ability to effectively manage predators.

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manipulation or any other management technique."

"The board is in a great dilemma," says Harbo. "They think the public is so opposed to any reduction in wolf numbers that they are not willing to go along with any program that substantially reduces wolf numbers and allows priority uses of moose and caribou to be satisfied. The board certainly will not agree to any aerial shooting of wolves. Yet at the same time, they are not willing to enhance any of the trapper education programs they've implemented as a substitute means of controlling wolves."

Has the trapper program been a success? "No," says biologist Dave Kellyhouse of Tok. "We managed to teach trappers enough so that they increased their take of wolves in some areas, but so far, it hasn't controlled overall wolf numbers."

Kellyhouse gives several reasons why the trapping program hasn't been effective.

- Wolves are wary and difficult to capture.
- Even when wolves are abundant, they are relatively scarce compared to other furbearers.
- Wolf trapping is a lot of work. It takes lots of time and preparation to make trap sets.
- The cost of wolf traps are expensive. They cost about \$50 and up; out of the reach of most bush trappers.
- Preparing a wolf for market is a lot of hard work. The fur requires a lot of care.
- Wolf pelts aren't worth much money; about \$200 per pelt. That's the equivalent of two or three marten or half of a lynx—animals that take much less effort and expense to trap.

According to Harbo, there are other possible reasons for the dismal success of the wolf trapping program.

"The board determined they wouldn't supply information to the trappers, telling them where wolf populations were densest. They also weren't willing to turn over radio collar information. While there may be some legal restrictions there, the board could also be held legally at fault for not provid-

ing that information. The point is, the board hasn't made any effort to start legislation to change things."

Burris was concerned that hunters were blamed for the current decline of moose in 20A.

"Since statehood, hunter take in the Tanana Flats area has been minimal, with the exception of three years. Then the population was going down and the harvest was going up. From 1972-74, hunters may have taken as much as 19 percent of the population.

"Game Board member Vic Van Ballenberghe would like to attribute hunting as the cause of the major decline. However, when you look at studies of the population base that we kept since statehood, by 1972, we were already down to 1/4 of what the population was at one time, so the population had already declined by 75 percent or more.

"If the department had known this decline was taking place, they wouldn't have allowed such a large harvest," Burris said. "Even without those large harvests, the population was still crashing. If the action had been taken to stop it, it would have made the difference with the population bottoming out at 4,000 moose rather than 2,800; not significant to the recovery at all. It's very misleading to say hunter take caused that population to crash."

"We're not advocating that we just have wolf control in Unit 20," says Harbo. "We feel the population needs to be managed in total over there. It's going to include some vegetation manipulation, allowing wildfires to burn and restrictive burning. Some of the biologists feel strongly that predator management is needed also. Black and grizzly bears may be influencing moose calf survival, and of course, we've adequately documented that wolves take their toll on moose, year round."

In one area, studies show that a pack of 10 wolves killed a moose or caribou every 1.2 days during a 45-day period in late winter. In Denali National Park, biologist Gordon Haber estimated wolf packs of 5 to 24 killed an average of one moose or

Dall sheep every 2.9 days throughout the year. Of the 156 wolves trapped or harvested in the Tanana Flats area from 1975-79, 55 percent of the stomachs contained moose, 12 percent caribou, two percent sheep and three percent snowshoe hare.

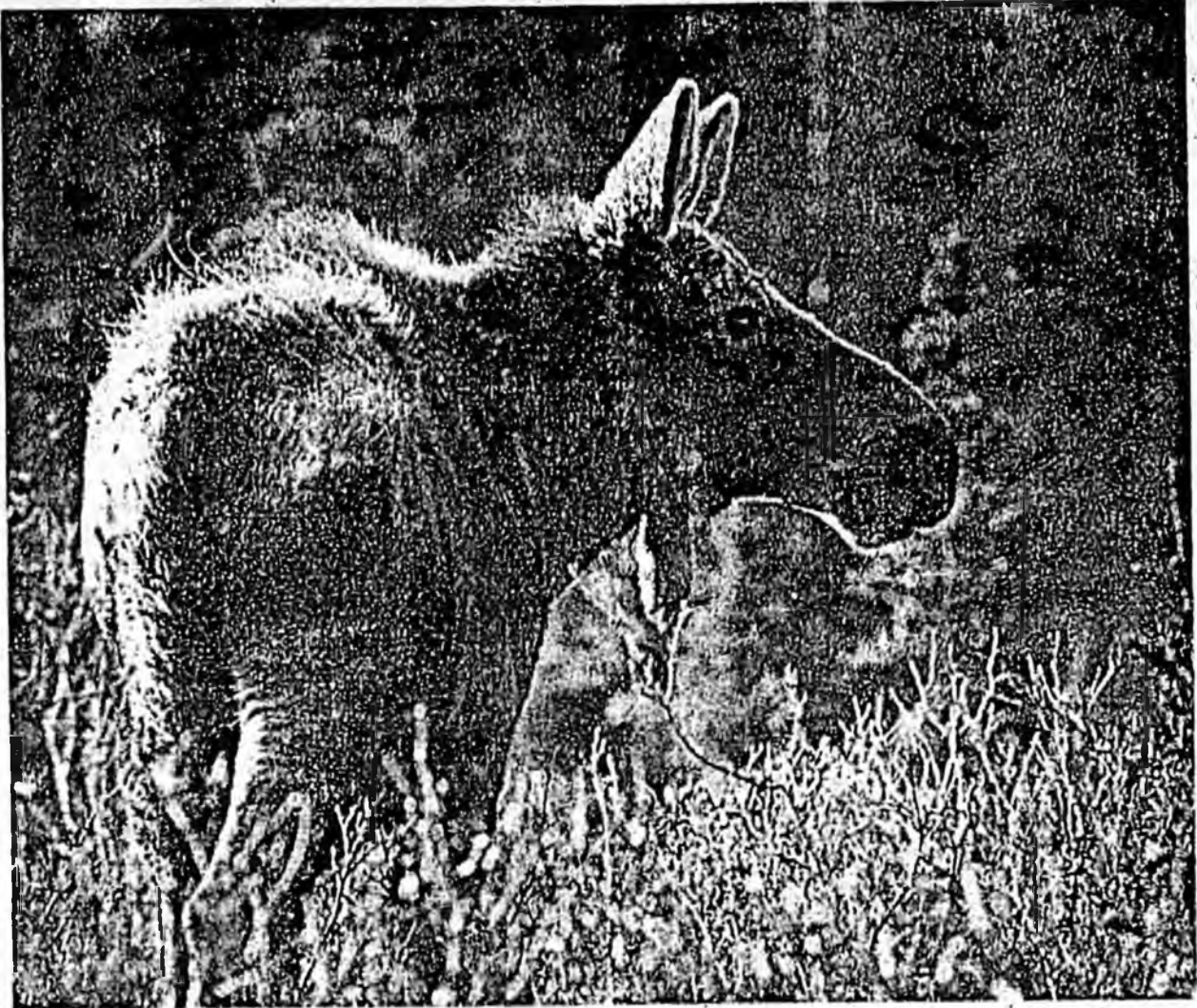
Based on a 1975-76 study, at least 23 wolf packs inhabited the Tanana Flats study area. Biologists calculated that each pack would kill one moose or caribou every 3 or 6 days. This would make an average of 35 to 70 kills, respectively, that would have been made per pack during the 7-month winter period. This

equals a total kill of 800 to 1,600 animals killed by 23 packs. Supporting their findings, biologists found that of those wolves harvested in the study area, 75 percent contained moose in their stomachs.

Weather can also severely limit predator-suppressed moose populations. "We don't know the status of the moose population in Unit 20," said Harbo. "In some areas it seems to be increasing. If it's stationery, we'll be cutting back on human take of moose. The department has already proposed to reduce the 1987 season by five days. Yet, a severe winter could wipe out

half of the remaining moose population. And the wolf population now in the area is as large as it was before we started wolf control in 1975. Cutting back on hunter harvest is delaying slightly the same problems we had in 1975. In other words, the problem doesn't get solved."

"Wolf control doesn't imply the wholesale elimination of wolves," he said. "It's simply one way of managing wolves to produce long-term, vigorous moose and caribou populations. Only after ungulates have reached larger population numbers can they better withstand occasional predator reduction."



PREY OF MANY—Bolstering moose and caribou populations is the goal of those in favor of wolf control programs. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game estimates the average moose yields 700 pounds of meat at \$2.74 per pound. *News-Miner library*

Moose and caribou peaked in 1960s

By CHRISTOPHER BATIN
Correspondent

Moose and caribou populations increased following a wolf reduction program in the 1950s and reached peak abundance in the 1960s. Deep snow and heavy browsing caused an initial crash of moose in 1965-66. Moose continued to decline until 1976, primarily due to deep snow, harvest by man, and predation by wolves. The latter removed an estimated 13 to 34 percent of the moose during winters 1973-74 and 1974-75.

Spothunting was stopped in 1973, yet predation continued to limit the population. Following a 61 percent reduction of wolves in 1976, survival of calf and yearling moose increased two-to-fourfold. The moose population grew from 3,500 animals in 1978 to about 6,000 in 1982. Caribou populations also increased.

The level of harvest that wolf populations can sustain varies considerably, depending on food supplies and productivity. However, it appears

that harvest rates greater than 30 to 40 percent are usually required for wildlife managers to reduce wolf numbers.

Intensive surveys of moose and wolves in 1976 persuaded Division of Game biologists that reduction in wolf numbers was essential if moose numbers were to recover to meet moose harvest demands. Hunting had already been almost eliminated.

Aerial shooting and conventional trapping methods were used by department personnel and members of the public to reduce the wolf population. In the first year, approximately 143 of 239 wolves in 23 packs were killed in the Tanana Flats management area. Continued wolf removal from 1977 through 1979 maintained wolves at about this same level.

After 1979, however, wolves began to increase in numbers because fewer were killed. In May, 1982, ADF&G suspended its wolf removal program in the study area.

Cost of management must be evaluated

By CHRISTOPHER BATIN
Correspondent

When Gov. Steve Cowper said recently that wolf control was "too expensive" for the benefit received, he drew fire from sportsmen's groups across the state.

"The many members of the Alaska Outdoor Council feel strongly about the recent statements released regarding the cost of wolf control," said Interior vice president Sam Harbo. "We feel that the proper approach to look at the cost of any management strategy is to evaluate the cost of that strategy in terms of how well you achieve your goals. This is what the cost of wolf control is evaluated against, whether or not it's worthwhile to spend \$30,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000 to get \$4 million back."

"The Alaska Department of Fish and Game estimates the average moose yields 700 pounds of meat at \$2.74 per pound," said Tom Scarborough, chairman of the Interior Alaska Fish and Game Advisory Committee. "If 500 additional moose could be harvested, this would inject more than \$1 million into the economy. And this doesn't take into consideration economic benefit from expenditures for hunting and camping equipment, transportation, and gasoline."

"It's unfortunate that Gov. Cowper made the public announcements that he did, saying wolf control was too expensive," said Harbo. "He completely misses the point. The aerial take of wolves may be the most cost-effective way to replenish some of our moose and caribou populations. With proper management, we can probably increase the harvest from several hundred to 2,000 animals, creating an economic benefit in excess of \$4 million."

According to former game biologist Bud Burris, the department has to needlessly spend money allocated for wolf control to recover the carcasses. "It cost two to three times as much to retrieve the wolf as it does to shoot it," he said. "We can justify some expense of retrieving the animals, because of their research value. However, those costs have been struck from the program and are now called control, but they're basically research."

Scarborough says that the necessary predator control can be accomplished within the current ADF&G regulations, and at no cost to the State of Alaska.

"The last state administration said that only state employees could be trusted to perform predator control," he said. "This control by ADF&G personnel proved to be very costly, because it incorporated not just control, but also research. The public has shown they can control wolves very effectively, if allowed to do so by state government."

He said that Subunit 20A is critical to the success of moose and caribou populations in all of Alaska, and worthy of whatever expense necessary to maintain their welfare."

"The oral report given to my committee by ADF&G staff was not very bright," he said. "The wolf population is back to somewhere over 200 animals (approximately 26 packs). This is close to the level prior to any wolf control in the middle seventies. Moose and caribou can't cope with this increased predation."

"The area is important to consumptive and nonconsumptive users also because it can be reached by air, ground and water. It's utilized by many hunters. As time passes, the area will get more important as the population of Fairbanks increases. And Fort Wainwright will have a big impact as the new troops arrive."

Trends indicate that hunters are dissatisfied with extremely low moose numbers in the interior, and have been traveling farther afield during hunting season in order to bag a moose.

"Hunters are traveling to the Nowitna and the Koyukuk and the Yukon," said registered guide Pete Shepherd. "These additional hunters are creating conflicts with residents in these areas, who also depend on moose for food, and who have wolf control problems of their own. The department and the Board of Game need to act on the matter, now!"

Cowper says control 'legit' but expensive

By CHRISTOPHER BATIN
Correspondent

In a recent interview, Ron Clarke of KUAC-FM asked Gov. Steve Cowper his stand on wolf control. Sources say Cowper doesn't understand the complexity of the wolf control issue, and lost credibility by commenting on it.

Clarke—How do you decide when to get real specific with different aspects of these agencies' budgets? I mean, you went right into ADF&G and dealt with wolf control, which is a real small part. What prompts you to do something like that?

Cowper—Well, you know wolf control is an emotional issue that's existed since I came to Alaska. About every two years, the state says, okay, we're gonna go out and reduce the wolf population, do predator control, and we do. We go out and shoot a few wolves, and there's a great howl from all over the place and there are 49 lawsuits filed and it turns out that we always back away. We say okay, we won't do it anymore and I just don't want to repeat that anymore. I think that predator control is something that's uh, that is legit, but I don't want to go through all that stuff. I mean, I've got enough things to attend to without having to become a party to 12 or 15 lawsuits that people file because we're controlling the wolf population. Now as it turns out, it probably is not gonna be something that is absolutely necessary in any event this year.

Clarke—Too controversial to deal with the public or . . .

Cowper interrupts—S'not worth fooling with. When you compare the results with the cost, the overall cost to the state of wolf control programs, you find out that it just isn't cost effective. We just thought we had enough on the plate this year for us to do without having to wrestle with wolf control.

Clarke—Seems like more and more though, all the easy questions are gone and the . . .

Cowper interrupts—Oh yeah, lawsuits and complaining and people claiming they are gonna get ya in the next election and all that stuff. Basically, we've just taken the position that we got four years here to do a job and we're just gonna do it the best way we know how and make the best decisions that we know how to make. Sometime I suppose, three years from now, we'll look up and maybe run a poll to see if anybody wants us around anymore and if they, you know, (laugh) if they do, maybe we'll give it another shot. If they don't we'll just pass into history. But I can tell ya, we're gonna do the job that's required. I think that's why I was elected.

Clarke—Back to wolves, though. Why not leave that up to Fish and Game and let them mess with it?

Cowper—Cause Fish and Game isn't the only party that has to deal with it. The Attorney General's office has to deal. The Governor has to deal with it. Um, everybody has to deal with it, and it wasn't apparently so critical that in this particular year that, you know, we regarded it as being absolutely necessary.

According to inside sources, Cowper's comments on wolf control may have been sparked to life by a letter from Wayne Hall, Director of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Excerpts from that letter are as follows:

"We would like to follow up on a few wildlife related issues discussed between you and the Alaska Environmental Political Action Committee.

"According to the notes and recollections of the participants at the AEPA meeting and Cindy Lowry of Greenpeace USA, you stated that you were opposed to aerial wolf control. In a time of declining General Fund revenues (wolf control must come out of the General Fund) and when all Departments and programs are being cut, including more than a million dollars from other programs in ADF&G, we feel that the aerial wolf control program, considered an 'increment' in the ADF&G budget request, should not be funded.

"Other notes from the meeting also indicate that you favor balance on

the Board of Game. There is not now, nor has there ever been, a balance on the board with respect to . . . the consumptive and non-consumptive users. We urge you to consider the appointment of a non-consumptive user . . .

"It seems there is a possibility that you may be appointing Mr. Sam Harbo. We do not believe this is consistent with your opinions on wolf control and a balanced Board of Game. At a time when the wolf control controversy has subsided somewhat, it would seem the best way to plunge the state and the administration right back into the wolf control fire would be to appoint Mr. Harbo. We hope you will not take this initiative."

As a consequence, Cowper publicly denounced the wolf control program as "too expensive." The wolf predation control plans were suspended, and the funds reallocated for other projects.

According to a memo from Director of Game Lew Pamplin, \$30,000 earmarked for the project were redistributed as follows:

- Intensive wolf surveys in 20B \$11,000
- Wolf Surveys in 20A \$3,000
- Caribou calving surveys east of Sagavanirktok River \$9,000
- Revise trapper questionnaire/data analysis \$3,000

Pamplin also noted that he was "placing \$4,000 back into Headquarters' operating budget to help pay for report publication costs in this fiscal year."

J. Demmert Jr.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

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Position for which I am applying:

ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

Please list any other Board or Commission on which you serve:

Name JOSEPH DEMMERT JR.		Previous Name applied under
Mailing Address 2724-4 TH AVE	Residence Address 2724-4 TH AVE.	
City, State and Zip Code KETCHIKAN, AK, 99901		
Home Telephone 907 225 5376	Business or Message Telephone 225 5376	

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AS 39.05.100 requires that a person appointed to a board or commission be a registered voter before the last general election:

Are you a registered voter? YES NO

Voter Registration Number (Optional)

Social Security Number (Optional)

535-18-4261

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

If "YES", explain the circumstances on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. A conviction is not necessarily grounds for disqualification. The number of convictions, nature, recency and relationship to the board position applied for will be evaluated and a determination will be made after a review of all relevant facts.

A policy in the Governor's Office pertaining to boards and commissions is that a member attend at least 75% of the meetings. Are there any circumstances in either your professional or personal life which would prevent you from participating at the required authorized meetings? YES NO

If "YES", explain on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.

This position may require that the member travel to either urban or rural (or both) areas. Are there any circumstances which would prevent you from participating? NO.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Certain Boards and Commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.60.010. If required for the Board or Commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so? YES NO

Could you or any member of your family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the Board or Commission for which you have applied?

YES NO If "YES", explain. I AM A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN, BOAT-OWNER OPERATOR. I HAVE FISHED COMMERCIALY SINCE 1937 AND BOAT OWNER SINCE 1950.

The Office of the Governor will not discriminate against an applicant for a Board or Commission based on Sex, Age, National Origin, Marital Status, Pregnancy, Handicap, Religion or Parenthood.

TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: (If résumé attached, it is not necessary to complete items A-D)

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

I AM A PERMIT HOLDER IN THE ALASKA POWER TROLL FISHERY, S.E. ALASKA SALMON PURSE-SEINE FISHERY, S.E. ALASKA HERRING PURSE-SEINE BAIT AND FOOD FISH FISHERY, S.E. ALASKA HERRING SAC-ROE PURSE-SEINE FISHERY AND HALIBUT LONG LINE FISHERY.

B. List both formal and informal education and training experiences: (Use additional paper if necessary)

GRADUATED - SHELDON JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL - SITKA - MAY 1944
 COMPLETED BOATBUILDING COURSE - MT. EDGE CUMBE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN 1948.

C. List any community service positions, municipal government positions, state positions held, and list any awards received. These include both compensated and uncompensated positions (for example, president of a service organization or a mayor). Also include length of time served in the positions.

SERVED AS SGT-AT-ARMS, TREASURER, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDENT; ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD CAMP 14 - KETCHIKAN - MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING SINCE 1952, MEMBER TINGIT-HAIDA CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR EIGHT-TWO YEAR TERM PRESIDENT - KETCHIKAN INDIAN CORP. 1978-1979. MEMBER AK. BOARD OF FISH & GAME - 1970 THRU DEC. 1974. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD 1972, 1973 & 1974. MEMBER KETCHIKAN FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMM. 1975 THRU 1981 VOTING MEMBER - NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

D. Employment work history: paid, unpaid or voluntary: (Use additional paper if necessary)

1980 THRU 1983. MEMBER SEALASKA CORP. BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1983 THRU PRESENT TERM WHICH EXPIRES IN 1988. SERVED AS AN ADVISOR IN THE U.S. - CANADA SALMON TREATY NEGOTIATIONS FROM 1971 CONTINUOUSLY TILL THE SALMON TREATY WAS SIGNED. PRESENTLY SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SEALASKA TIMBER CORP., A POSITION I'VE HELD SINCE 1985.

The Office of the Governor and the State of Alaska have an Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity Program. To assist in the program, you are asked to voluntarily answer the following questions to provide the information necessary for reporting purposes. Under State and Federal law, the information you provide will not be used to illegally discriminate against you.

SEX Male Female
 ETHNIC BACKGROUND White Black Hispanic Alaska Native Asian or Pacific Islander American Indian

Date of Birth

10-03-26

Military Service (if applicable, give dates)

U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE DEC-1944 THRU 5-46 ^{U.S. ARMY} 8-46 THRU 6-47

CERTIFICATION: I swear that 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 employers or other persons who know me to obtain 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.

Signature in Ink

Joseph R. Demme Jr

Date

JAN 23, 1987

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FROST GUIDE SERVICE, INC.

P.O. BOX 112449 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99511

January 3, 1983

Resume of: Stanley (Stan) Frost

Personal: Master Alaskan Guide
Born in Toronto, Canada Nov.1, 1924
U.S.Citizen April 4,1944
Alaska resident since March 1954
Wife Marta plus four children- Konstanze, Karen,
Cathy & Candace
Pilot since 1962
World War II served in E.T.O. Combat Engr. 1943-46

Business:

1965-present Pres.: Frost Guide Service, Inc.
1970-present Owner operator: Farewell Lake Lodge
1966-1969 Owner operator: Frost Refrigeration, Anchorage (sold)
1960-1966 Owner operator: Domestic Appliance Service Anch. (sold)
1954-1960 Owner operator: Alaskan T.V. Service, Palmer AK (moved to Anchorage 1960)
1954 Service manager: American T.V. Anchorage
Serviceman: Tom's Radio, 4th Ave., Anchorage

Organizations:

Served three terms as president, Alaska Professional Hunters Assn., 1975,76,77. Ten years on board of directors, also as secy, treasurer, and vice pres.

Board of Directors, 76-77, Citizens for Mgmt. Alaskan Lands.

Board of Directors, 1980, Safari Club International

Member: Alaska Professional Hunters Assn, National Rifle Assn.
International Professional Hunters Assn., Safari
Club International, Game Conservation International,

Also Editor of THE ALASKA PROFESSIONAL HUNTER magazine 1978-79

M. Haggren

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Alaska Groundfish Data Bank

April 28, 1987



Sen. John Coghill, chairman
Senate Resources Committee

RE: Board of Fish confirmation hearing

Dear Sen. Coghill:

I regret that I will be unable to participate in the May 2 Senate Resources teleconference confirmation hearing for Fisheries, Game, Guides and Marine Pilot Boards.

Our organization is specifically concerned with the Board of Fisheries and we want to let the Senate Resources Committee know that we are in complete support of confirming the nominees to the Board of Fish.

We are familiar with all the nominees and have found them to be men of honor and integrity with the knowledge of the Alaskan fishing industry necessary for Board of Fish members.

Mike Haggren of Kodiak we know well and feel his diverse background and hands on experience in longline, trawl and salmon fisheries, along with his humility, sense of humor, commitment to the board process and ability to listen to people to be a valuable asset to the Board of Fish.

Thank you for including our testimony in the public hearing package.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Blackburn".

Chris Blackburn, director
Alaska Groundfish Data Bank

CC: Sen. Paul A. Fischer
Sen. Lloyd Jones
Sen. Arliss Sturgulewski
Sen. Jim Duncan
Sen. Fred Zharoff
Sen. Richard Elisson



907-486-3910
Box 991

Kodiak, Alaska
99615

Sen. Jack Coghill, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee

RE: Board of Fish confirmation hearings

Dear Senator Coghill:

Other commitments make it impossible for me to be present to testify during the May 2 Senate Resources Committee legislative confirmation hearing for the Board of Fish.

I hope you will accept this written testimony as part of the public record.

Alaska Dragger's Association's members support the confirmation of the Board of Fish members. I've personally worked with all the nominees during my ten years as executive director of the Alaska Dragger's Association and feel they bring experience and credibility to the Board of Fish.

Their work since their appointment by Gov. Steve Cowper has been, in my opinion, excellent.

Mike Haggren is a Kodiak resident and our association feels particularly good about Mike's appointment. He asks questions, thinks and has always been concerned with finding equitable solutions to problems. Anything Mike takes on he gives a total commitment to and does well.

We hope the confirmation of the new board will go smoothly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Al Burch".

Al Burch, executive director
Alaska Dragger's Association

CC: Sen. Paul A. Fischer
Sen. Lloyd Jones
Sen. Arliss Sturgulewski
Sen. Jim Duncan
Sen. Fred Zharoff
Sen. Richard Eliason

Harvesting Alaskan Shrimp and Whitefish

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: MR. & MRS. JOE KOSKI

TITLE:

ADDRESS: BOX 342

CITY: SOLDOTNA

ZIP: 99669

PHONE: N/A-

BILL NO:

SUBJECT: CONFIRMATION

MESSAGE: PLEASE DOB CONFIRM GARY SLAVIN AND JOE DEMMERT FOR FISHERIES BOARD.

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: SENATOR COGHILL

NAME: DOUG AS CROOKSTON

TITLE:

ADDRESS: RT 1 ; BOX 115

CITY: KENAI

ZIP: 99611

PHONE: N/A-

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MESSAGE: I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR JERRY SLAVIN AND JOE DEMMERT. I DON'T WANT YOU TO SUPPORT SENATOR BENNETT'S PROPOSED FISH AND GAME CUTS.

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Position for which I am applying:
Board of Fisheries

Please list any other Board or Commission on which you serve:
Board of Fisheries
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Name Mike Haggren		Previous Name applied under
Mailing Address P.O. Box 3151	Residence Address 1609 Monashka Circle	
City, State and Zip Code Kodiak, Alaska 99615		
Home Telephone 486-5477	Business or Message Telephone 486-5477	

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AS 39.05.100 requires that a person appointed to a board or commission be a registered voter before the last general election:

Are you a registered voter? YES NO

Voter Registration Number (Optional) **4395215** Social Security Number (Optional) **541-60-7252**

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

If "YES", explain the circumstances on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. A conviction is not necessarily grounds for disqualification. The number of convictions, nature, recency and relationship to the board position applied for will be evaluated and a determination will be made after a review of all relevant facts.

A policy in the Governor's Office pertaining to boards and commissions is that a member attend at least 75% of the meetings. Are there any circumstances in either your professional or personal life which would prevent you from participating at the required authorized meetings? YES NO

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CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Certain Boards and Commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010. If required for the Board or Commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so? YES NO

Could you or any member of your family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the Board or Commission for which you have applied?
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TRAINING & EXPERIENCE: (If resumé attached, it is not necessary to complete items A-D)

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

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5 1/2 years college

C. List any community service positions, municipal government positions, state positions held, and list any awards received. These include both compensated and uncompensated positions (for example, president of a service organization or a mayor). Also include length of time served in the positions.

D. Employment work history: paid, unpaid or voluntary: (Use additional paper if necessary)

Commercial fisherman,
Board of directors, Western Fishboat Owners Assoc. 3 years.
Board of Directors, Alaska Dragger's Assoc. 3 years.
Conference Board International Halibut Commission 1 year
NPFMC Crab-Trawl workgroup for Kodiak Is. waters 1986
Kodiak advisory board Crab-Trawl workgroups whenever available
Have been involved in the following fisheries: King crab-Kodiak, Tanner crab Kodiak
Dungeness crab Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Drift gillnet salmon Cook Inlet, attached page

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SEX
 Male Female
ETHNIC BACKGROUND
 White Black Hispanic Alaska Native Asian or Pacific Islander American Indian

Date of Birth
6-27-52

Military Service (if applicable, give dates)

CERTIFICATION: I swear that 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 employers or other persons who know me to obtain 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.

Signature in Ink

Mike Haggren

Date

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Kodiak shrimp trawl fishery, the food/bait Herring trawl fishery Kodiak.

Been involved in joint venture trawl operations around Kodiak Island and have been involved with the domestic shore-based bottom fisheries for the past three winters. I also have participated in the Halibut fishery for several years.

On the West coast, I fished for Albacore tuna for several years, spent a short time in the salmon troll fishery, fished for Dungeness crab, and gill-net salmon on the Columbia River.

I am currently employed in the Tanner crab pot fishery, Kodiak Island, will be changing over into domestic trawl bottom fish fishery soon, will participate in the Halibut longline openings, operate in Cook Inlet this summer as a salmon drift fisherman, and most likely fish the food/bait Herring season in Kodiak during 1987.

Concerning the meeting attendance percentage: I would like to say I could give 100% of my time and effort to the position. I have taken the steps to have an alternate skipper run the vessel I own and operate while I would be away. This then would be in theory, able to leave me free. Though the people I have employed are stable, responsible adults, I cannot say that a situation could not arise that I would be called upon to remedy for the short term. Specific example, something unexpectedly happening to my skipper, health, family, etc. The fall is no problem, the vessel is normally in maintenance. On the other hand, March is presently the peak month for trawling. April again is a slow month.

I don't want to make it sound like I expect something to happen because I don't. However, I can not say that there are no circumstances because in the fishing business, anything is possible.

S. Huntington

~game~

HUNTINGTON
Brd Game

RESUME

Sidney Huntington

Birthdate: May 10, 1915

Education: Grades 1 through 4

Family: Raised 14 children, adopted 1 child now 4 years old.

Occupational

Activities: Hunted and trapped over 50 years, full and part time.

Built roads to Hogatza mining and built 40 man permanent camp.

Foreman building mining dredge.

Foreman Morrison Knutson Construction, 3 years.

Foreman carpenter for Air Force, 12 years.

Manage own business for over 20 years, still have it.

Civic

Activities: Member/Chairman of Huslia School Board, 1958-1962.

Member of Galena School Board, 1963 to present.

Member of Alaska Board of Game, 1974 to present.

No jail record.

Non drinker.

Outdoors

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Wolf control: a battle with politics and science

Sportsmen urge return to predator control

By CHRISTOPHER BATIN
Correspondent

Predator control must be reestablished in the Interior and an active management program implemented if Interior moose populations are to fully recover, say spokesmen from the area's leading sportsmen's groups.

"Unit 20A has the potential of being the most important moose population in the state," says Sam Harbo, retired professor of biometrics at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and former game board member. "But it'll never happen unless predator control—as part of a total management plan—is implemented."

Harbo, who also is Interior vice-president of the Alaska Outdoor Council, said the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has the capability of increasing moose harvests in the Tanana Flats—an area currently suffering from low moose populations due to wolf predation—by at least 2,000. The current harvest is 400 animals.

"Local game biologists realize the importance of properly managing wolves and moose in the interior," he said "but their hands are politically tied."

"I think the system was initially structured so the Board of Game could make the determination of what the important uses of game are. Once they decide, it's up to the department to establish the management regime to satisfy those objectives.

"As far as wolf management is concerned, some of that management authority has gradually shifted over to the board. They now make all the determinations regarding wolf control reductions. They've started to impinge on what I think is the authority of the department. It's very clear in many areas of the interior that consumptive use of moose and caribou is the priority use. But the board doesn't allow the department to initiate predator management that would optimize some of those moose and caribou populations."

According to Bruce Campbell with the Tanana Valley Sportsmen's Association, the Game Board's stand on wolf control is well known.

"Board member Joel Bennett was quoted by the Associated Press as saying that 'this is a new era for controlling wolves in their last strong hold in the country.' In the November 26, 1985 story, Bennett acknowledged that the approach will mean greater fluctuations in big game populations," and said "people are just going to have to get used to the idea." Because of this political climate, Harbo said the department has had difficulties in advocating what they considered proper wildlife management.

Campbell believes that when the local game department advocates wolf control, they are viewed as a far right, radical group.

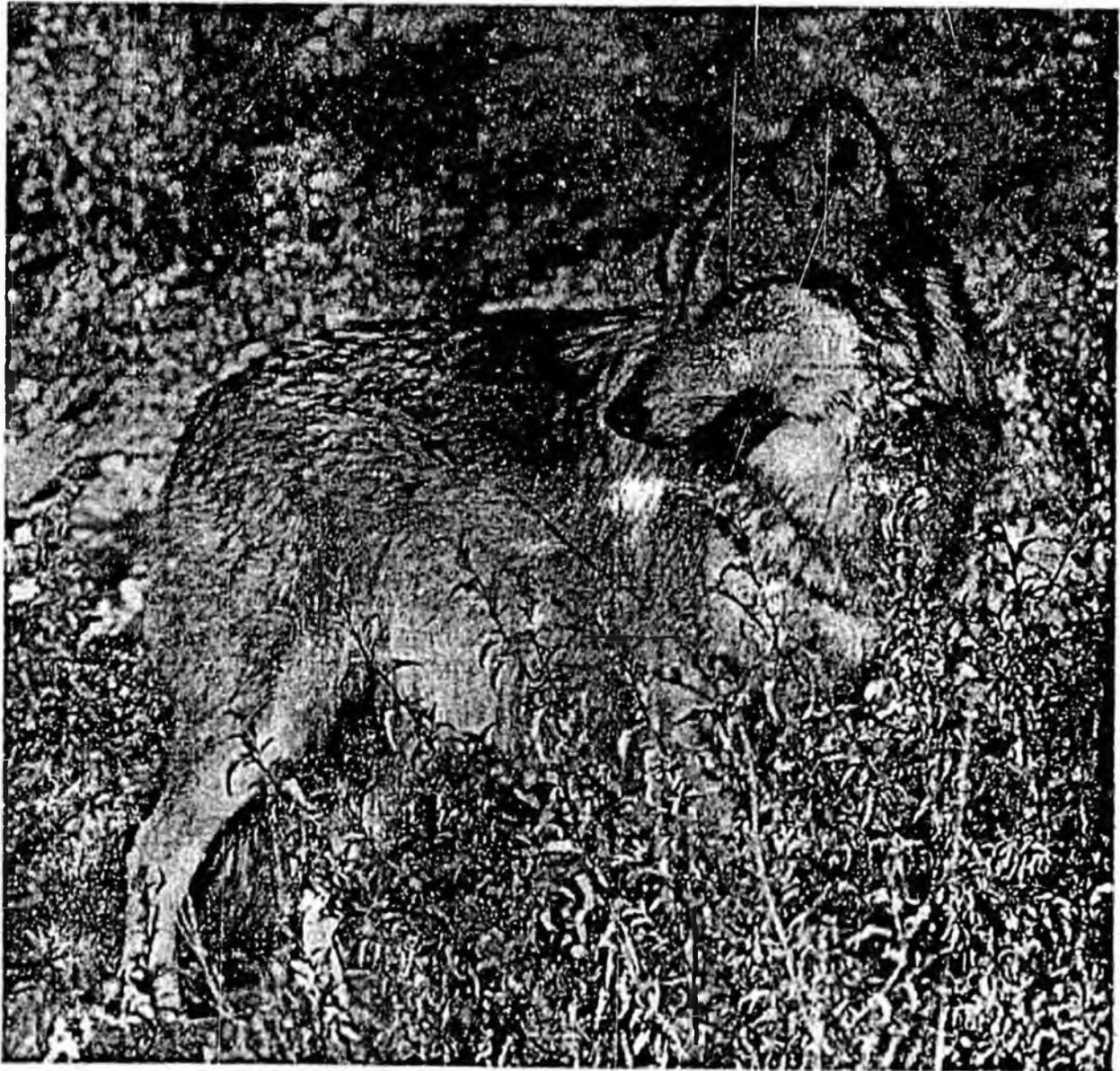
"They become the target for easy budget cutting, especially when tough choices are being made," he said. "It's how the upper ranks of the department get rid of their problems, by cutting budgets."

"This region has been chastized, economically and budgetwise, based on their stand that we need wolf control in order to rehabilitate our depressed moose populations," says former regional game coordinator Bud Burris. "I sat on meetings with Director of Game Lew Pamplin and other regional supervisors. They said we have to get off this (wolf control) because these anti-hunters are killing us budgetwise, and so we're not going to support wolf control. A few days later, they sent word down in memo form that we will not advocate management strategies regarding wolf control to the public or at Game Board meetings."

"In the past, the Board of Game, the Director of Game and the Commissioner of Fish and Game have told the department not to advocate wolf control or any other management technique."

He said that while working for the department, word came down from ADF&G headquarters that biologists would present only circumstances and present options and alternatives, rather than management plans based on their research and expertise.

"This drives the biologists up the wall," said Burris. "They've even been told that they can't respond to direct questions regarding habitat



CONTROVERSIAL CANINE—The wolf in Alaska, long an object of heated debate across the nation, receives a lot of political attention in the state where the wolf is seen by some as the last test of man's ability to effectively manage predators.

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"The board is in a great dilemma," says Harbo. "They think the public is so opposed to any reduction in wolf numbers that they are not willing to go along with any program that substantially reduces wolf numbers and allows priority uses of moose and caribou to be satisfied. The board certainly will not agree to any aerial shooting of wolves. Yet at the same time, they are not willing to enhance any of the trapper education programs they've implemented as a substitute means of controlling wolves."

Has the trapper program been a success? "No," says biologist Dave Kellyhouse of Tok. "We managed to teach trappers enough so that they increased their take of wolves in some areas, but so far, it hasn't controlled overall wolf numbers."

Kellyhouse gives several reasons why the trapping program hasn't been effective.

- Wolves are wary and difficult to capture.
- Even when wolves are abundant, they are relatively scarce compared to other furbearers.
- Wolf trapping is a lot of work. It takes lots of time and preparation to make trap sets.
- The cost of wolf traps are expensive. They cost about \$50 and up; out of the reach of most bush trappers.
- Preparing a wolf for market is a lot of hard work. The fur requires a lot of care.
- Wolf pelts aren't worth much money; about \$200 per pelt. That's the equivalent of two or three marten or half of a lynx—animals that take much less effort and expense to trap.

According to Harbo, there are other possible reasons for the dismal success of the wolf trapping program.

"The board determined they wouldn't supply information to the trappers, telling them where wolf populations were densest. They also weren't willing to turn over radio collar information. While there may be some legal restrictions there, the board could also be held legally at fault for not provid-

ing that information. The point is, the board hasn't made any effort to start legislation to change things."

Burriss was concerned that hunters were blamed for the current decline of moose in 20A.

"Since statehood, hunter take in the Tanana Flats area has been minimal, with the exception of three years. Then the population was going down and the harvest was going up. From 1972-74, hunters may have taken as much as 19 percent of the population.

"Game Board member Vic Van Ballenberghe would like to attribute hunting as the cause of the major decline. However, when you look at studies of the population base that we kept since statehood, by 1972, we were already down to 1/4 of what the population was at one time, so the population had already declined by 75 percent or more.

"If the department had known this decline was taking place, they wouldn't have allowed such a large harvest," Burriss said. "Even without those large harvests, the population was still crashing. If the action had been taken to stop it, it would have made the difference with the population bottoming out at 4,000 moose rather than 2,800; not significant to the recovery at all. It's very misleading to say hunter take caused that population to crash."

"We're not advocating that we just have wolf control in Unit 20," says Harbo. "We feel the population needs to be managed in total over there. It's going to include some vegetation manipulation, allowing wildfires to burn and restrictive burning. Some of the biologists feel strongly that predator management is needed also. Black and grizzly bears may be influencing moose calf survival, and of course, we've adequately documented that wolves take their toll on moose, year round."

In one area; studies show that a pack of 10 wolves killed a moose or caribou every 1.2 days during a 45-day period in late winter. In Denali National Park, biologist Gordon Haber estimated wolf packs of 5 to 24 killed an average of one moose or

Dall sheep every 2.9 days throughout the year. Of the 156 wolves trapped or harvested in the Tanana Flats area from 1975-79, 55 percent of the stomachs contained moose, 12 percent caribou, two percent sheep and three percent snowshoe hare.

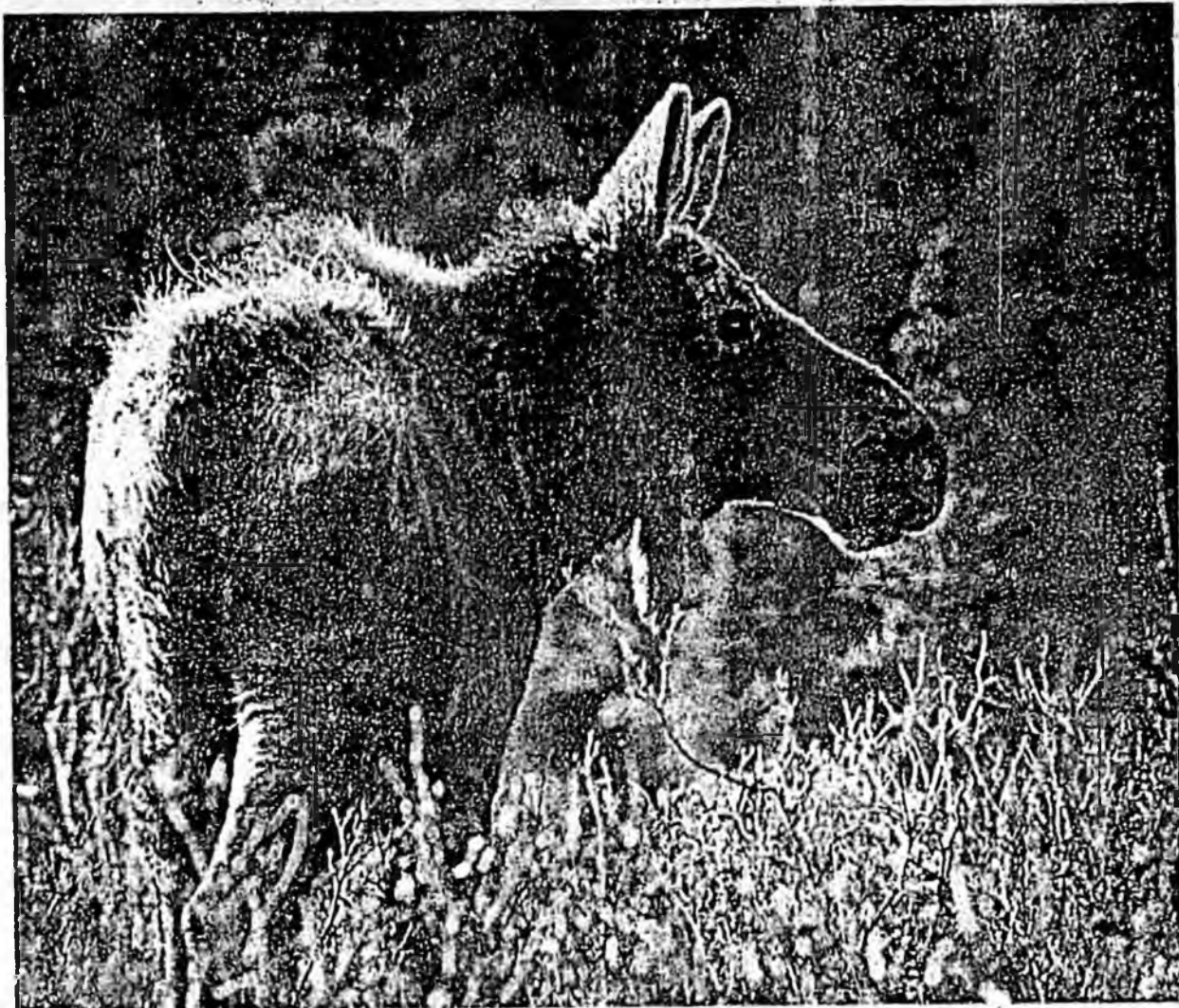
Based on a 1975-76 study, at least 23 wolf packs inhabited the Tanana Flats study area. Biologists calculated that each pack would kill one moose or caribou every 3 or 6 days. This would make an average of 35 to 70 kills, respectively, that would have been made per pack during the 7-month winter period. This

equals a total kill of 800 to 1,600 animals killed by 23 packs. Supporting their findings, biologists found that of those wolves harvested in the study area, 75 percent contained moose in their stomachs.

Weather can also severely limit predator-suppressed moose populations. "We don't know the status of the moose population in Unit 20," said Harbo. "In some areas it seems to be increasing. If it's stationery, we'll be cutting back on human take of moose. The department has already proposed to reduce the 1987 season by five days. Yet, a severe winter could wipe out

half of the remaining moose population. And the wolf population now in the area is as large as it was before we started wolf control in 1975. Cutting back on hunter harvest is delaying slightly the same problems we had in 1975. In other words, the problem doesn't get solved."

"Wolf control doesn't imply the wholesale elimination of wolves," he said. "It's simply one way of managing wolves to produce long-term, vigorous moose and caribou populations. Only after ungulates have reached larger population numbers can they better withstand occasional predator reduction."



PREY OF MANY—Bolstering moose and caribou populations is the goal of those in favor of wolf control programs. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game estimates the average moose yields 700 pounds of meat at \$2.74 per pound. *News-Miner library*

Moose and caribou peaked in 1960s

By **CHRISTOPHER BATIN**
Correspondent

Moose and caribou populations increased following a wolf reduction program in the 1950s and reached peak abundance in the 1960s. Deep snow and heavy browsing caused an initial crash of moose in 1965-66. Moose continued to decline until 1976, primarily due to deep snow, harvest by man, and predation by wolves. The latter removed an estimated 13 to 34 percent of the moose during winters 1973-74 and 1974-75.

Sport hunting was stopped in 1973, yet predation continued to limit the population. Following a 61 percent reduction of wolves in 1976, survival of calf and yearling moose increased two-to-fourfold. The moose population grew from 3,500 animals in 1978 to about 6,000 in 1982. Caribou populations also increased.

The level of harvest that wolf populations can sustain varies considerably, depending on food supplies and productivity. However, it appears

that harvest rates greater than 30 to 40 percent are usually required for wildlife managers to reduce wolf numbers.

Intensive surveys of moose and wolves in 1976 persuaded Division of Game biologists that reduction in wolf numbers was essential if moose numbers were to recover to meet moose harvest demands. Hunting had already been almost eliminated.

Aerial shooting and conventional trapping methods were used by department personnel and members of the public to reduce the wolf population. In the first year, approximately 143 of 239 wolves in 23 packs were killed in the Tanana Flats management area. Continued wolf removal from 1977 through 1979 maintained wolves at about this same level.

After 1979, however, wolves began to increase in numbers because fewer were killed. In May, 1982, ADF&G suspended its wolf removal program in the study area.

Cost of management must be evaluated

By CHRISTOPHER BATIN
Correspondent

When Gov. Steve Cowper said recently that wolf control was "too expensive" for the benefit received, he drew fire from sportsmen's groups across the state.

"The many members of the Alaska Outdoor Council feel strongly about the recent statements released regarding the cost of wolf control," said Interior vice president Sam Harbo. "We feel that the proper approach to look at the cost of any management strategy is to evaluate the cost of that strategy in terms of how well you achieve your goals. This is what the cost of wolf control is evaluated against, whether or not it's worthwhile to spend \$30,000, \$50,000 or \$100,000 to get \$4 million back."

"The Alaska Department of Fish and Game estimates the average moose yields 700 pounds of meat at \$2.74 per pound," said Tom Scarborough, chairman of the Interior Alaska Fish and Game Advisory Committee. "If 500 additional moose could be harvested, this would inject more than \$1 million into the economy. And this doesn't take into consideration economic benefit from expenditures for hunting and camping equipment, transportation, and gasoline."

"It's unfortunate that Gov. Cowper made the public announcements that he did, saying wolf control was too expensive," said Harbo. "He completely misses the point. The aerial take of wolves may be the most cost-effective way to replenish some of our moose and caribou populations. With proper management, we can probably increase the harvest from several hundred to 2,000 animals, creating an economic benefit in excess of \$4 million."

According to former game biologist Bud Burris, the department has to needlessly spend money allocated for wolf control to recover the carcasses. "It cost two to three times as much to retrieve the wolf as it does to shoot it," he said. "We can justify some expense of retrieving the animals, because of their research value. However, those costs have been struck from the program and are now called control, but they're basically research."

Scarborough says that the necessary predator control can be accomplished within the current ADF&G regulations, and at no cost to the State of Alaska.

"The last state administration said that only state employees could be trusted to perform predator control," he said. "This control by ADF&G personnel proved to be very costly, because it incorporated not just control, but also research. The public has shown they can control wolves very effectively, if allowed to do so by state government."

He said that Subunit 20A is critical to the success of moose and caribou populations in all of Alaska, and worthy of whatever expense necessary to maintain their welfare."

"The oral report given to my committee by ADF&G staff was not very bright," he said. "The wolf population is back to somewhere over 200 animals (approximately 26 packs). This is close to the level prior to any wolf control in the middle seventies. Moose and caribou can't cope with this increased predation."

"The area is important to consumptive and nonconsumptive users also because it can be reached by air, ground and water. It's utilized by many hunters. As time passes, the area will get more important as the population of Fairbanks increases. And Fort Wainwright will have a big impact as the new troops arrive."

Trends indicate that hunters are dissatisfied with extremely low moose numbers in the interior, and have been traveling farther afield during hunting season in order to bag a moose.

"Hunters are traveling to the Nowitna and the Koyukuk and the Yukon," said registered guide Pete Shepherd. "These additional hunters are creating conflicts with residents in these areas, who also depend on moose for food, and who have wolf control problems of their own. The department and the Board of Game need to act on the matter, now!"

Cowper says control 'legit' but expensive

By CHRISTOPHER BATIN
Correspondent

In a recent interview, Ron Clarke of KUAC-FM asked Gov. Steve Cowper his stand on wolf control. Sources say Cowper doesn't understand the complexity of the wolf control issue, and lost credibility by commenting on it.

Clarke—How do you decide when to get real specific with different aspects of these agencies' budgets? I mean, you went right into ADF&G and dealt with wolf control, which is a real small part. What prompts you to do something like that?

Cowper—Well, you know wolf control is an emotional issue that's existed since I came to Alaska. About every two years, the state says, okay, we're gonna go out and reduce the wolf population, do predator control, and we do. We go out and shoot a few wolves, and there's a great howl from all over the place and there are 49 lawsuits filed and it turns out that we always back away. We say okay, we won't do it anymore and I just don't want to repeat that anymore. I think that predator control is something that's uh, that is legit, but I don't want to go through all that stuff. I mean, I've got enough things to attend to without having to become a party to 12 or 15 lawsuits that people file because we're controlling the wolf population. Now as it turns out, it probably is not gonna be something that is absolutely necessary in any event this year.

Clarke—Too controversial to deal with the public or . . .

Cowper interrupts—S'not worth fooling with. When you compare the results with the cost, the overall cost to the state of wolf control programs, you find out that it just isn't cost effective. We just thought we had enough on the plate this year for us to do without having to wrestle with wolf control.

Clarke—Seems like more and more though, all the easy questions are gone and the . . .

Cowper interrupts—Oh yeah, lawsuits and complaining and people claiming they are gonna get ya in the next election and all that stuff. Basically, we've just taken the position that we got four years here to do a job and we're just gonna do it the best way we know how and make the best decisions that we know how to make. Sometime I suppose, three years from now, we'll look up and maybe run a poll to see if anybody wants us around anymore and if they, you know, (laugh) if they do, maybe we'll give it another shot. If they don't we'll just pass into history. But I can tell ya, we're gonna do the job that's required. I think that's why I was elected.

Clarke—Back to wolves, though. Why not leave that up to Fish and Game and let them mess with it?

Cowper—Cause Fish and Game isn't the only party that has to deal with it. The Attorney General's office has to deal. The Governor has to deal with it. Um, everybody has to deal with it, and it wasn't apparently so critical that in this particular year that, you know, we regarded it as being absolutely necessary.

According to inside sources, Cowper's comments on wolf control may have been sparked to life by a letter from Wayne Hall, Director of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Excerpts from that letter are as follows:

"We would like to follow up on a few wildlife related issues discussed between you and the Alaska Environmental Political Action Committee.

"According to the notes and recollections of the participants at the AEPA meeting and Cindy Lowry of Greenpeace USA, you stated that you were opposed to aerial wolf control. In a time of declining General Fund revenues (wolf control must come out of the General Fund) and when all Departments and programs are being cut, including more than a million dollars from other programs in ADF&G, we feel that the aerial wolf control program, considered an 'increment' in the ADF&G budget request, should not be funded.

"Other notes from the meeting also indicate that you favor balance on

the Board of Game. There is not now, nor has there ever been, a balance on the board with respect to . . . the consumptive and non-consumptive users. We urge you to consider the appointment of a non-consumptive user . . .

"It seems there is a possibility that you may be appointing Mr. Sam Harbo. We do not believe this is consistent with your opinions on wolf control and a balanced Board of Game. At a time when the wolf control controversy has subsided somewhat, it would seem the best way to plunge the state and the administration right back into the wolf control fire would be to appoint Mr. Harbo. We hope you will not take this initiative."

As a consequence, Cowper publicly denounced the wolf control program as "too expensive." The wolf predation control plans were suspended, and the funds reallocated for other projects.

According to a memo from Director of Game Lew Pamplin, \$30,000 earmarked for the project were redistributed as follows:

- Intensive wolf surveys in 20B \$11,000
- Wolf Surveys in 20A \$3,000
- Caribou calving surveys east of Sagavanirktok River \$9,000
- Revise trapper questionnaire/data analysis \$3,000

Pamplin also noted that he was "placing \$4,000 back into Headquarters' operating budget to help pay for report publication costs in this fiscal year."

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Honorable Senator Jack Coghill
Chairman Senate Resources Committee
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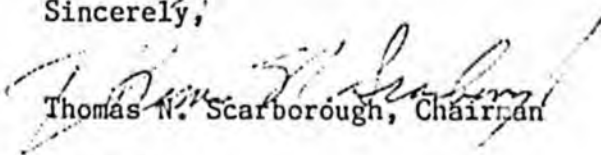
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Sincerely,


Thomas W. Scarborough, Chairman

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Erin Haley*

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Honorable Governor Steve Cowper
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Dear Governor;

I recieved a response to my letter to you dated February 9, 1987 from Commissioner Collinsworth (ADF&G). I would rather have heard from you. The attitude of the leadership of ADF&G is already well known. It has been known for several years because it was established by the Sheffield Administration. We Sportsmen had hoped that a new Administration would at least attempt to correct the political manipulation we are so sick of. At least that is what you led us to believe during your campaign.

Unit 20A is critical to the Interior of Alaska. Most of our wildlife resources depend on sound biological management of this area. The leadership of ADF&G and your (do as they are politically instructed) Board of Game has determined these resources be managed for priority use by four legged predators. This practice violates sound wildlife management practices and quite possibly the State Constitution. Of course your Attorney Generals staff assigned to ADF&G believes it is legal until a Court of law declares it otherwise. This is a very sorry situation to be in. Now you perpetuate it by reappointing the same members back on the Board of Game. We Sportsmen certainly have no quarrel with Sidney Huntington but Nick Jackson and Joel Bennett are something else. They have a proven record of putting politics above biological management. I recomend you withdraw these nominations as soon as possible as they are only going to bring more embarressment to your administration.

It dismays me to have to write this letter but I have no choice. The wildlife of the Interior (they are renewable resources) are too important to simply ignore. Wildlife is a resource enjoyed by all and vital to the health of the Interior and many other parts of the State. To continue the mismanagement of the past four years is simply intolerable.

Please do not expect us to believe that decisions on predator control are to be made by the Board of Game when you personally killed the only program we had in the Interior. As clearly stated in your interview printed in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Thursday, March 5, 1987 you made a purely political decision on wolf control. Yet you attempt to tell us you are interested in developing Alaska's renewable resources. Are we the public supposed to believe you on other issues?

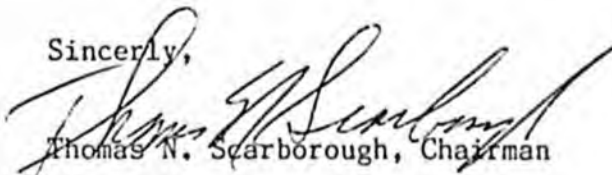
If this is how you intend to manage, your professional wildlife biologists should be told so they can go find work where they might be more useful. If their advice is to be continued to be ignored there is no need to have them on the payroll.

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I and my committee will continue to work closely with the Interior Regional Staff of ADF&G. However, it is clear that the Headquarters Staff are not concerned with the welfare of Interior wildlife resources or the welfare of the Interior hunters. Our top priority is the wildlife resource and not special political interests. If the Game Board and the Commissioner were truly concerned with the welfare of our Interior moose and caribou populations, they would not have advised you to drop our remaining program to rehabilitate moose populations. In addition, they would have scheduled the matter for Board action and arranged to conduct the Board meeting in Fairbanks,

I look forward to your future actions. I had sincerely hoped that we would be marching forward together but unless you change directions that will clearly not be the case.

Sincerely,



Thomas N. Scarborough, Chairman

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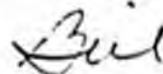
Dear Jack and Dick:

The Tok Cutoff-Nabesna Road Advisory Committee met on January 24, 1987 in a general meeting. We have a couple of items we would like you as our legislators to address.

1. We would like to see the requirement for a trophy tag on wolves only after the hunter has been successful. We believe the hunter would not mind paying the trophy fee after the animal had been killed. Most hunters only see wolves occasionally, but would welcome the opportunity to go ahead if the tag was or could be purchased when the animal was killed.
2. We would like to make sure the legislature does not raise the cost of resident/non-resident hunting licenses and trophy tags. We would like them to remain the same even though the revenues of the state are declining.
3. We would like to see both of you draft legislation requiring qualifications for Board of Game and Fisheries members. We believe these people should have first hand and/or other experience when dealing with our resources.

Hope you can assist our committee with some of this or at least make sure it doesn't get slipped in somewhere else.

Sincerely,



Bill Ellis, Chairman
822-3426

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If you have any questions, please call Thelma at 822-3426.