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February 9, 1995

Governor Tony Knowles  
P.O. Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Honorable Governor Knowles,

On behalf of ONC we would like to support the following of the  
appointment to the Board of Fisheries.

Trifon  
 Hanson  
 Umphenour

Thank You.

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*Henry Hunter*  
Henry Hunter, Chairman

cc: Senate Resource Committee  
House Resource Committee

2-10-95

Testimony for Senate Confirmation <sup>hearing</sup>  
 also for the House Confirmation <sup>hearings</sup> 2-13-95 ??

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Testimony to <sup>House</sup> Senate Resources Committee  
on the Confirmation of  
Virgil Umphenour  
for the Alaska Board of Fisheries

...by Dick Bishop, Executive Director  
Alaska Outdoor Council

The Alaska Outdoor Council supports the confirmation of Virgil Umphenour's appointment to the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

Mr. Umphenour's most important qualification for the position is a genuine concern for the fish and wildlife of Alaska. His second most important qualification is his respect for the values that various resource users have in relation to their particular interests, be they considered commercial, recreational, personal use, subsistence, or some combination of these and other uses.

Mr. Umphenour has demonstrated his commitment to sound conservation, including wise use, by working hard on the Yukon River Fisheries Development Association and on the Yukon River salmon treaty negotiating group. He has historically worked with all interests to promote sound management and use of fish in the Interior. Mr. Umphenour is also well informed about fisheries issues and management due to his personal and business pursuits.

We believe that Mr. Umphenour has worked constructively as a Fisheries Board member during his first few months as a member. We believe that he will continue to be an asset to the Fisheries Board.

From a personal perspective, I know that Mr. Umphenour is a hard worker who likes to get things done. If anyone needs that perspective, it's a Fisheries Board member.

*PLEASE INCLUDE THIS TESTIMONY IN THE COMMITTEE RECORD.*

*SIGNED,*

*Dick Bishop*

ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL

P.O. Box 73902

FARIBANKS, AK 99707

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**JOHN**

**WHITE**

**4/28/95**



# Alaska State Legislature House of Representatives

Official Business

The Honorable Gail Phillips  
Speaker of the House  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK. 99801-1182


Dear Madam Speaker:

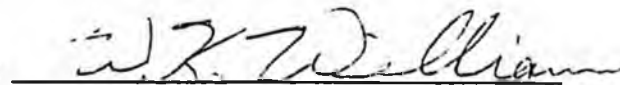
In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the House Resources Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends that appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

## BOARD OF FISHERIES

John R. White

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

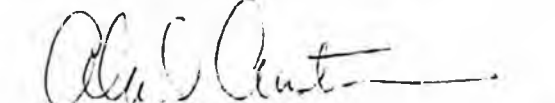
  
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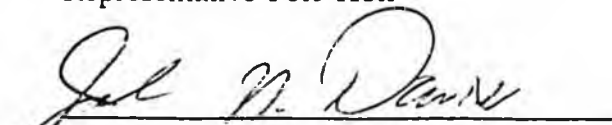
  
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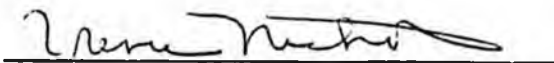
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Representative Pete Kott

  
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Representative Alan Austerman

  
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Representative John Davies

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Representative Eileen Maclean

  
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Representative Irene Nicholia

RESUME FOR DR. JOHN R. WHITE

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

JAN 15 1995

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POSITION DESIRED: APPOINTMENT TO ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

I. ADDRESS: P.O. # 190  
BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

II. COMMUNICATION:

A. TELEPHONE  
1. WORK 907-543-3778  
2. HOME 907-543-2926  
B. FAX 907-543-~~4551~~  
5441

III. PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

A. COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERMAN  
KUSKOKWIM AREA  
1974 TO PRESENT  
B. OWNER, BERING SEA DENTAL CENTER  
P.O. # 190  
BETHEL, ALASKA 99559

IV. HEALTH/AGE/EDUCATION

A. HEALTHY, 47 MALE WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON  
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY.  
B. DATE OF BIRTH: JANUARY 01, 1947  
C. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE: 1965  
CONNERSVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
CONNERSVILLE, INDIANA  
D. COLLEGE GRADUATE: 1964  
B.A. IN BIOLOGY  
GRANVILLE, OHIO  
E. PROFESSIONAL DEGREE: 1973  
DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY  
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

ORIGINAL

V. EXPERIENCE FOR POSITION

- A. TWENTY ONE YEAR RESIDENT OF ALASKA AND YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA. ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL, SUBSISTENCE, AND SPORT FISH HARVEST ALL THOSE SAME YEARS. BACHELORS DEGREE IN BIOLOGY.
- B. PAST MEMBER: LOWER KUSKOKWIM ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- C. PAST MEMBER AND CHAIR: WESTERN ALASKA SALMON COALITION
- D. PRESENT MEMBER AND CHAIR: KUSKOKWIM RIVER SALMON MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP
- E. PAST MEMBER: GOVERNOR COWPER'S BOARD OF FISH REVIEW COMMITTEE
- F. PAST MEMBER AND CHAIR: GOVERNOR COWPER'S ADVISORY GROUP ON ENDING HIGH SEAS SALMON INTERCEPTION
- G. PAST BOARD DIRECTOR OF: BERING SEA COMMERCIAL FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
- H. PRESENT BOARD DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF: SALMON RESEARCH FOUNDATION

VI. REFERENCES

- A. GOVERNOR KNOWLES
- B. CHIEF OF STAFF JIM AYERS
- C. MYRON NANING, PRESIDENT  
ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS  
BETHEL, ALASKA
- D. PRESIDENT, YUKON KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION  
BETHEL, ALASKA
- E. MS. MARY C. PETE  
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, KUSKOKWIM CAMPUS  
BETHEL, ALASKA

ORIGINAL

Alaska Sportfishing Association  
P.O. Box 24-1847  
Anchorage, AK 99524

**Re: Dr. John White's appointment to the Board of Fisheries**

Members of the House and Senate Resources Committees:

We have observed Dr. White at two recent Board of Fisheries meetings. We were pleasantly surprised at his quick grasp of the issues, his thorough thought process, and his ability to keep the entire picture of the fishery at his fingertips; not just the particular portion being addressed at the time. He appeared to be a quick study as he brought forth many salient points at the Kenai River Sockeye Salmon session. This was unanticipated by us as he lives and works on our West Coast and not near the Kenai Peninsula.

It is very apparent that his apprenticeships on local fish advisory and management committees have served him well. His knowledge of the various user groups and differing gear types was shown extensively at the meetings.

We feel that Governor Knowles made an excellent choice for the Board of Fisheries in Dr. White. The Alaska Sportfishing Association urges the confirmation of his appointment.

Phil Cutler, President

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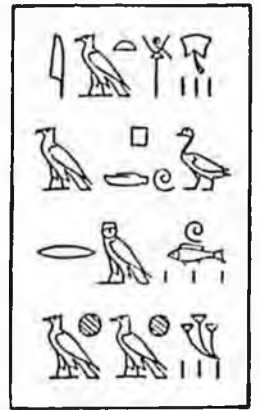
BOARD

OF

GAME

# THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

## ALASKA CHAPTER



April 18, 1996

Representative Joe Green, Co-chair  
House Resources Committee  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Green,

The Wildlife Society is an organization of professional wildlife researchers, managers and administrators dedicated to the sound stewardship of wildlife resources and the environment upon which wildlife and humans depend. The Society is non-profit and has over 8,000 members nationwide.

The Wildlife Society and individual state chapters (such as the Alaska Chapter) take an active interest in policy formation and management decisions that affect wildlife populations and habitats. We are called upon frequently to provide technical and professional advice.

The Alaska Board of Game plays a key role in managing our state's wildlife resources. We support the Board and its difficult and critical work of considering the desires of all Alaskans while properly managing our wildlife resources. As an organization of professional wildlife biologists, we feel that it is important that technical expertise be represented on the Board of Game. All perspectives need to be "brought to the table" during Board deliberations, and professional wildlife expertise is a valuable component.

Ms. Anne Ruggles and Dr. Vic Van Ballenberghe, members of The Wildlife Society, are currently being considered for confirmation to the Board of Game. The Alaska Chapter of The Wildlife Society recognizes both Ms. Ruggles and Dr. Van Ballenberghe as qualified professional wildlife biologists, with many years of education and experience in the wildlife management profession.

The Chapter welcomes the opportunity to be of assistance as needed to the state legislature, and to the Board of Game.

Sincerely,

Ellen G. Campbell, President  
Alaska Chapter, The Wildlife Society  
9399 Rivercourt Way  
Juneau, AK 99801

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# Alaska State Legislature

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nony to the

House Resources  
committee name

dated

April 24, 1996

*from Susan Kernes - 2 pages*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Testifier

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Representing (Optional)

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Address

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Phone No.

MY NAME IS SUSAN KERNES AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE HOMER AIRPORT HABITAT AREA HAS ALMOST UNPRECEDENTED SUPPORT AMONG ALL OF THE ELECTED BODIES AND MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE HOMER CHARTER ASSOCIATION, THE SOUTH PENINSULA SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, AND THE COOK INLET SEINERS ASSOCIATION. SB 198 ALSO HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE HOMER FISH AND GAME ADVISORY BOARD. AND THAT'S NAMING JUST A FEW!

I ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE BODY I SERVE ON, THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL, HAS VOTED NUMEROUS TIMES IN UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THIS CRITICAL HABITAT AREA. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS GIVE THIS CURRENT CONFIGURATION ITS STAMP OF APPROVAL.

YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT ANY OPPOSITION YOU MAY BE HEARING ABOUT IS FROM A SMALL, UNREPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF PEOPLE. I BELIEVE THEIR ISSUE IS NOT BIRDS GETTING CAUGHT IN PROPELLORS, IT'S LAND BEING RESERVED FROM DEVELOPMENT ANY LAND ANYWHERE.

ALTHOUGH YOU ARE HEARING TESTIMONY THIS MORNING FROM THE HOMER MAYOR, HE IS NOT REPRESENTING THE CITY OF HOMER. MORE PROPERLY, THE VIEWS OF THE ELECTORATE ARE REPRESENTED BY THOSE SUCH AS ME, WHO SERVE ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND WHO HAVE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT THE HOMER AIRPORT CRITICAL HABITAT AREA AFTER YEARS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS IN SUPPORT.

FINALLY, THIS LEGISLATION HAS THE FULL SUPPORT OF OUR REPRESENTATIVE, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE GAIL PHILLIPS. SHE HAS TOLD ME IN PERSON AND IN WRITING AND HAS BEEN

QUOTED WIDELY IN THE LOCAL PRESS — THAT SHE UNCONDITIONALLY SUPPORTS THIS BILL.

SO PLEASE PASS IT OUT OF COMMITTEE AND BRING IT TO A FLOOR VOTE — I BELIEVE YOU CAN DO NOTHING LESS THAN HONOR THE 12 YEARS OF EFFORT IT HAS TAKEN TO BRING THIS BILL BEFORE YOU TODAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

(SIGNED) SUSAN KERNES. MEMBER OF THE HOMER CITY COUNCIL

PO Box 984  
Homer, AK 99603



# Alaska State Legislature

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Signed: Tony Russ  
 Testifier

ALASKA CHAPTER OF THE FOUNDATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN  
 Representing (Optional) WILD SHEEP

574 SARAH'S WAY, WASILLA AK 99654  
 Address

907-376-6474

Phone No.

P. 2 of Tony Russ's  
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# MOOSE JOHN OUTFITTERS

P.O. BOX 429 • GIRDWOOD, ALASKA 99587

April 29, 1996

Rep. Joe Green, Chair, House Res. Comm.  
Alaska State Legislature - State Capitol (Ms 3100)  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Green:

I strongly urge you to support Victor VanBallenberghe's confirmation as a newly-appointed member of the Alaska Board of Game.

I've known Dr. VanBallenberghe for almost 20 years - first as employees of ADF&G and later during my term on the Game Board (1986-89). I can assure you there's no one better qualified. Vic is a nationally-respected wildlife researcher, an ardent hunter, and a genuinely good and honorable person - honest and fair in his dealings with people.

Don't be swayed by a few voices within the A.O.C. - extremists who want a Game Board member who can be led around like a sheep and who will always vote a particular way. This is precisely why we need VanBallenberghe at this time! - he is a wildlife scientist, thoughtful, not given to emotion or rash action.

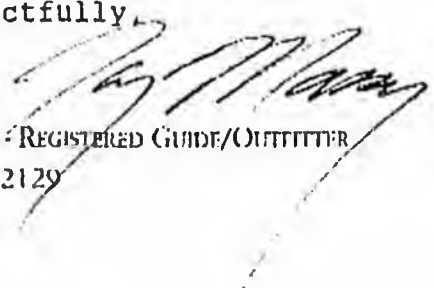
Incidentally, rank-and-file sportsmen in Alaska don't share the views of the A.O.C. leadership - they like VanBallenberghe. As one of the producers of the Great Alaska Sportman Show we've had Vic present lectures at each of the last six shows. His talks on moose behavior and moose hunting always "pack 'em to the ceiling" at the Sullivan Arena - usually the best-attended of the entire sportman show.

Aside from his vast knowledge of Alaska's wildlife, there's another reason we need Vic VanBallenberghe on the Game Board: he's thoroughly familiar with the issue of subsistence. During our terms on the board we spent many long hours wrestling with the rural/non-rural determinations - outnumbered though we were, against four hard-core subsistence advocates.

Incidentally, on Gov. Knowles' proposal for an advisory vote on a constitutional change, I'd urge you instead to press for an advisory vote on changing Title VIII of ANILCA. There's nothing wrong with our Constitution - it's the inherent unfairness of the federal law that needs to be changed. If we sign away equal access to fish and game resources our children and theirs will have to live with this abomination from now on.

How ironic that a few short-sighted individuals are fighting to keep Victor VanBallenberghe off the Game Board. They should be so lucky to have someone as eloquent and knowledgeable, given the issues facing us!

Respectfully,

  
JAY MASSEY - REGISTERED GUIDE/OUTFITTER  
(907) 783-2129

*P.S. Please copy  
other committee  
members. Thanks!*

April 29, 1996

Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol (MS 3100)  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

ATTN: Representative Joe Green, Chairman  
House Resources Committee

Re: Alaska Board of Game Appointment

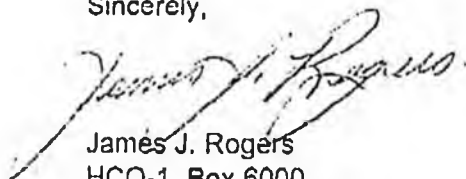
Dear Representative Green:

I urge you to support the conformation of Victor VanBallanberghe to the Alaska Board of Game.

Dr. VanBallenberghe is a nationally respected wildlife researcher, a hunter and is honest and fair in his dealings. His qualifications as a wildlife scientist, who is thoughtful in his decision making process is precisely what this position requires. In addition to his academic qualifications Dr. VanBallengerghes has had first hand experience with the issue of subsistence uses in our state.

It is my understanding that there is a small vocal minority that has opposed Mr. VanBallanberghe's appointment based upon the fact that there may be a conflict of interest due to the fact that he is currently working for the Institute of Northern Forestry. I cannot and do not support this position and urge you to support Mr. VanBallenberghe's appointment to the Alaska Board of Game.

Sincerely,



James J. Rogers  
HCO-1, Box 6000  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

**UCIDA****UNITED COOK INLET DRIFT ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 389 • Kenai, Alaska 99611 - 0389

(907) 283-3600 • FAX (907) 283-3306

April 22, 1996  
Sent via telefax

The Honorable Joseph Green  
House Resources Committee  
Room 24  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Green,

United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents the 585 commercial salmon drift permit holders in Cook Inlet. As commercial fishermen we UCIDA Board members are well aware that Alaska's natural and renewable resources are it's lifeblood. The lifestyle every Alaskan enjoys today can be directly attributed to these resources.

The Alaskan Seafood Industry ranks second only to oil and gas in providing state revenues and is Alaska's largest private sector employer. The harvesting and processing of Alaskan seafood provides in excess of 35 thousand jobs. A study of the Economic Impact of the shoreside processing industry upon Alaska during 1993, compiled by Pacific Associates, shows a total impact of 3.8 billion dollars upon Alaskan communities from fishery resources.

The management and harvest of these valuable fisheries resources is governed by the Board of Fisheries, (BOF). People appointed to this board play a critical role in determining the importance of each fishery to the economy of the state, region and local area in which the fishery is located. It is imperative that the members of this board understand the complexity of the fisheries and govern them accordingly to provide a viable, sustainable resource that will benefit all Alaskans.

At present a great imbalance exists in the BOF concerning area and fishery type representation. We have 3 sport fishing people for Cook Inlet, a commercial fish person for Bristol Bay, a commercial fish person and a processor, sport fish person for Western Alaska/Yukon and a commercial fish person for Southeast. There is no one representing the Aleutians/Bering Sea, Alaska Peninsula, Kodiak or Prince William Sound.

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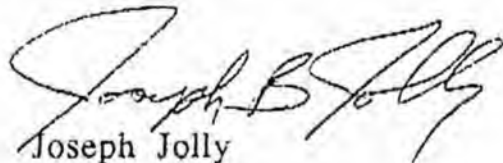
Nor is there anyone very familiar with the shell fishing industry. In addition, five people presently represent in-river fisheries.

The UCIDA Board supports the confirmation of Grant Miller to the BOF because of his background with Aquaculture and diverse knowledge of various fisheries and areas. He has fished troll, seine, longline and gillnet gear. His knowledge of Southeast issues and the Pacific Salmon Treaty would be an asset to the Board.

The UCIDA Board opposes the confirmation of Virgil Umphenour to the BOF because of the representation imbalance in the Board. Mr. Umphenour proclaims to be an avid sport fisherman and guide. With two sportfish seats on the Board and two additional up for confirmation, we cannot support his reappointment. Western Alaska/Yukon already has a representative from Bethel.

The UCIDA Board opposed the confirmation of Dan Coffey to the BOF because of the imbalance of representation of the Board. Also, UCIDA believes a conflict of interest exists because of Mr. Coffey's connection with the F.I.S.H. Initiative and Bob Penney's sportfish caucus. (Please see attachment). Two existing Board members who are in-river sport fishermen already represent Cook Inlet. The appointment of a third member representing the same thing for the same area shows great disregard for the importance of the commercial fisheries to the economy of Alaska. To confirm an appointee who has already made decisions that will have far reaching consequences on the economic well-being of the Kenai Peninsula and Anchorage would be travesty to the voters of Alaska.

Sincerely,



Joseph Jolly  
1st Vice President  
UCIDA

JJ/kmt

Attachment

May 1, 1996

MAY 03 1996

The Honorable Joe Green  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Representative Green;

As you will soon be holding a confirmation vote on appointments to the Board of Game, I wish to introduce myself and clarify any misunderstandings regarding my service on the Board. I was appointed to the Board of Game by Governor Hickle in 1993, confirmed by the legislature and reappointed by Governor Knowles in 1996. The purpose of this letter is to summarize my voting record showing that I have consistently voted for proposals which maintain or increase hunting and trapping opportunity.

\* I have voted to increase opportunities for taking moose, caribou, sheep, goats, deer, elk, foxes, wolves, marten, coyotes, beavers, black and brown bears, waterfowl (including swans), grouse, ptarmagin, walrus and non-indigenous species by lengthening seasons or increasing bag limits. I also voted to allow falconers to take Peregrine falcons from the wild when Peregrines were removed from the endangered species list.

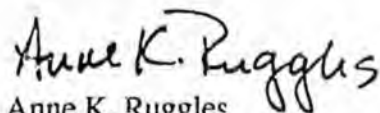
\* When Department of Fish and Game biologists documented conservation concerns for a particular population I along with a majority of Board members have voted to curtail hunting opportunity. On a small number of votes which seem to be the focus of critics the reasons for my vote have included conservation concerns and our inability to measure the effect (for dramatically increasing the number of brown bears taken in GMU 13), concerns of fair chase (same day airborne hunting of caribou and bear baiting), separating user groups where conflicts had become intense (establishing Controlled Use Areas on the Noatak and in GMU 20--both passed by a majority of the board) and managing a population specifically for viewing (McNeil River bears--also passed by a majority of the Board).

\* I voted against establishing bag limits for trapping, to eliminate trapping within city or borough limits, to close areas adjacent to Denali National Park to hunting and trapping, to require mandatory identification tags and trap checks for trapping, and establishing Controlled Use Areas when there were neither a conservation problem or user conflict.

\* I have voted for Intensive Management regulations (GMU 19D, 13, 20A, 20D) when the scientific data indicated that habitat was sufficient to support the population objectives, the actions being considered would likely have the desired impact and the result would be long term.

I hope this letter responds to the concerns which may have been raised regarding my reappointment. I wish to make it clear that I support hunting and trapping of our wildlife resources and wish to ensure that we can continue to do so into the future. Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to discussing these issues with you.

Sincerely



Anne K. Ruggles  
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## ALASKA WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION

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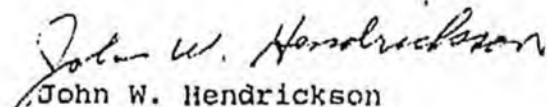
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Representative Joe Green  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Green:

This is to advise that the Alaska Waterfowl Association opposes the confirmation of Anne Ruggles and Victor Van Ballenberghe to the Alaska Board of Game. Van Ballenberghe is a federal biologist and part of his job is to take over state management of fish and game.

Very truly yours,

  
John W. Hendrickson  
President

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NO HARD COPY SENT!

cc: W. Sherwood  
R. Smith Sr.  
R. Smith Jr.  
Mark Akkola



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Resource  
committee name  
committee on Board of Fish, dated 4-22-96  
bill/subject

My Kodiak Seiner was rammed and sank by a tender vessel "Primus". At the Kodiak Harbor Office Dan Coffey was listed as part owner. The vessels local agent "Ebell, Jamn and Belger" mentioned "Dan Coffey" was involved with the boat for years. The "Primus" had no insurance and I might be having to cover some of my loss. I think it was irresponsible for the vessel to not have liability insurance. Can Dan Coffey be impartial to ~~me~~ me when I testify before the board of Kodiak Salmon issues? I doubt it.

Signed: Daniel R. Miller  
Testifier

myself  
Representing (Optional)

Box 2037 Kodiak, AK  
Address

486-5458

To: House Resources

From: Dennis Cox

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To: House Resources Committee  
; Representative Green

Dennis Cox  
P.O. Box 878786  
Wasilla, AK 99687  
April 19, 1996  
(907) 376-4323

To Whom it May Concern:

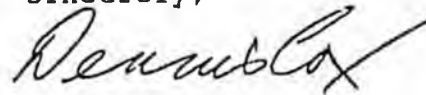
I am vehemently opposed to the seating of Ann Ruggles and Vic Van Ballenberghe on the Game Board (along with many others I have talked to) for the following reasons:

Ann Ruggles has demonstrated that she is more interested in making sure that her own personal value judgements and sense of morality are included in Game Board decisions than she is in sound game management principles. In her capacity as a Game Board member she has voted for additional hunt restrictions and closures where there was biological basis..to support such action. If confirmed to serve another term on the board there is no reason to believe she will not continue to do so.

Vic Van Ballenberghe raises some troubling conflict of interest issues as a federal biologist who, if he is confirmed, would also be entrusted to allocate game animals on Alaska state lands. I feel it would be extremely naive to think Mr. Van Ballenberghe would make unbiased decisions in cases where federal and Alaskan game management objectives conflict. As with Ms. Ruggles, he has shown he places a very low priority on human consumptive uses of game animals as evidenced by his (and Ms. Ruggles) opposition to any form of predator management when a substantial scientific body of evidence exists which indicates predator management can increase ungulate numbers and, in effect, feed more Alaskans.

Please contact me if I can be of further help in explaining my views on this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Dennis Cox



# National Audubon Society

ALASKA - HAWAII REGIONAL OFFICE

308 G STREET, SUITE 217 - ANCHORAGE, AK 99501 • (907) 276-7034 • FAX (907) 276-5069

April 19, 1996

Dear Legislator:

I am writing on behalf of the National Audubon Society, including its 2,500 members in Alaska, to urge that you confirm Dr. Vic Van Ballenberghe's appointment to the Alaska Board of Game. We consider him extremely well qualified for the position, and feel that his talents are critically needed on the board, particularly at this time.

Having worked as a wildlife professional in Alaska for some 22 years, Dr. Van Ballenberghe has become widely respected for his scientific studies in predator-prey relationships and big game population dynamics. This work has taken him into a variety of Alaska rural settings, and to state, national, and international public forums where he has ably presented his findings. In the process, Dr. Van Ballenberghe has developed both an in-depth understanding of the functioning of wildlife communities in Alaska, and a sincere appreciation of the diverse interests of people in the multiple values of wildlife (including aesthetic, scientific, educational, cultural, subsistence, and recreational values). Thus, he fully recognizes that the Board of Game must provide a more meaningful public forum for critical evaluation of proposals put forward by members of the public and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. This is essential to help assure that the state's priorities are the public's priorities.

In addition to getting his facts straight before taking positions, Dr. Van Ballenberghe has demonstrated the ability to avoid getting into polarized situations because of blind allegiance to any one special interest group. Thus, he has a high level of credibility in both the scientific community and the public sector, and is respected even by most of those who disagree with him. As you know, these are indications of a very successful public servant.

Dr. Van Ballenberghe possess the special talents in leadership that are necessary if the Board of Game is to be successful in dealing with the array of increasingly complex and controversial wildlife issues being brought before it. On previous assignments, he consistently used these talents to lead his colleagues in constructive debate and help strike biologically and politically sound compromises. His commitment to the welfare of wildlife resources under the state's stewardship, and his desire to give fair consideration to all viewpoints on wildlife issues, are unshakeable.

Alaska is viewed by millions of people throughout the nation and the world as a last great stronghold for wildlife in a truly magnificent wild setting. It is also seen as a place where people of diverse backgrounds and interests can continue to derive benefits from wildlife without causing lasting damage to the resource. With the stakes so high, the public desires the most scientifically sophisticated and credible wildlife conservation program in the nation. But it will take good public servants like Dr. Van Ballenberghe to move Alaska in the right direction. The alternative will be to witness Alaska continue as a conservation battleground between a majority of citizens seeking more balanced protection and management of our diverse wildlife resources, and those who wish to pursue narrow, self-serving agendas.

We consider Dr. Van Ballenberghe eminently qualified to serve on the Alaska Board of Game. In fact, I personally consider him one of the two most effective members to have served on the board over the last 20 or so years. I'm confident he will prove a great credit to the state of Alaska by helping the board make more responsible and balanced decisions on Alaska wildlife policy.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*David R. Cline for DRG*

David R. Cline  
Regional Vice President, Retired

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**THE DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION  
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- Will prohibit the spending of Fish and Game or Federal Aid funds on fish or wildlife education programs, special area management or planning, endangered species and nongame management, marine mammal management, law enforcement, public information services, and habitat protection.
- Will shift more than \$1 million in expenses to the general fund to cover costs of current programs which can no longer be funded from Fish and Game and Federal Aid funds.
- Contains definitions of "high level of human harvest", "intensive management", and "maximum sustained yield" that are without scientific basis and will result in poor management of fish and wildlife resources.
- Mandates management of wildlife, a "common use" resource belonging to all Alaskans, for a narrow, special interest group.
- Eliminates "methods and means" restrictions as a useful regulatory and management tool (used by all wildlife agencies in all states). The bill would allow a "methods and means" or access restriction to be imposed only when the same restriction is lifted from a nearby area that is 3 times larger in size. No such areas exist.
- Would prohibit any permanent closure of public land to hunting or trapping, including for purposes of public safety, even if endorsed by all regional residents.
- Eliminates all access restrictions to "special management areas," including state sanctuaries, unless the restriction is imposed to protect habitat. This will open up McNeil River, Pack Creek, and Round (Walrus) Island to unlimited and uncontrolled visitation, because current restrictions are for protection of wildlife populations, not for habitat protection.
- Eliminates access restrictions to "controlled use areas" created by the board to meet public demand for high quality hunting areas and to avoid conflicts between various consumptive user groups (e.g., Koyukuk controlled use area, Upper Kuskokwim controlled use area, Holitna controlled use area).
- Hamstrings responsible wildlife management by making public officials liable to lawsuits for proper performance of their jobs.

- 2) As populations of ungulates approach carrying capacity, the number of young successfully added to the population declines. This bill would mandate little or no harvest from such populations, although these animals could sustain a relatively heavy harvest.
- 3) Fixing the harvest at 1/3 of the harvestable surplus could be detrimental to some populations. For instance, small populations that are well below carrying capacity and growing could be limited at low numbers (and hence provide only a low harvest) or even extirpated by this regulation. This level of harvest would also require that predators be held at low numbers or eliminated from everywhere game is managed intensively. We question whether such sweeping and inflexible regulations constitute wise management.
- 4) The bill would exclude changes in bag limits or season lengths as means to intensively manage populations. This would prevent, for example, reducing harvest if it became clear a population was being overharvested.
- 5) This bill clearly does not allow the flexibility necessary for the wise management of wildlife in Alaska. Under some circumstances it even results in an outcome that is contrary to its apparent intent--a high human harvest of big game. We believe that mandating rules that are not scientifically sound is poor management, and this bill commits this error repeatedly.

In summary, Bill 77 is fraught with problems that are likely to lead to the mismanagement of valuable natural resources. We strongly urge you to veto this legislation.

R. Jerry Bayez  
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 Kurt Schwarzgale  
 Richard D. Boone  
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From	Fish Hawk - 907-376-6572

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 Fish Hawk  
 P. Box 877442  
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Thank You Richard [unclear]

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Thank You Donald R. Pahl

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To: Hans Reiersma Committee 907-465-4316  
 From: Matt Terecotte 907-373-5681

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Matt Terecotte  
 P.O. Box 874661  
 U.S. Alaska  
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Thank You, Walter J. Smith

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# FAX TRANSMISSION

TO: *House Resources Committee*  
FAX #: *465-4316*  
DATE: *4-19-96*  
MESSAGE: *Two-page letter to follow*

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April 19, 1996

Representative Joe Green  
Co-chairman  
Resource Committee  
House of Representatives  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative Green,

I was unable to testify in person or by teleconference this morning on the qualifications of three persons for appointment to the Board of Game. I would like to express my opinions on this subject.

As a means of introduction: I came to Alaska in 1958 immediately prior to the enactment of statehood for the purpose of attending graduate school in the field of the Wildlife Sciences at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Following two years at the University, I took a position with the new Alaska Department of Fish and Game as a field biologist. Subsequently, through about fifteen years of tenure with the department in several different parts of the state from Ketchikan to the Alaska Range, I served in the following positions within the department:

Regional Supervisor, Division of Game, Anchorage  
Director, Division of Game, Juneau  
Deputy Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game

Subsequently, I served as the Deputy Regional Director, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska.

Since retiring in Petersburg a few years ago, I have served on the following Boards and Commissions.

Petersburg Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
S.E. Regional F. & G. Council  
Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission  
National Park System Advisory Committee

I have known Dr. Victor Van Ballenberghe since he arrived in Alaska with a new PhD degree in the Wildlife Sciences and in my opinion he is a very competent biologist.

As he testified before your Committee, Victor served a term on the Board in the mid 80's. His performance there was weighted with controversy, and although I was gone from the Dept. by then, I believe most of those differences were of a biological or of a management nature. He apparently recognizes this and has stated that some of his opinions and thinking about some of those matters has changed. He said that he is now 10 years older and has matured somewhat in that time. I have no reason to believe that he is not sincere when he makes those statements.

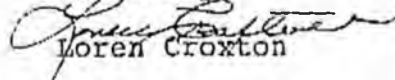
However Victor is not the only thing that has changed in those ensuing years. With the continuing encroachment of the Federal Government into the management of our fish and game resources the entire management picture has changed. I think it would be a mistake and a disservice to both the person and certainly to the State to appoint a Federal employee to the Board of Game, regardless of their qualifications.

Anne Ruggles is a non-consumptive user of the fish and game resources. While I do believe that there is more than one legitimate use of most of our fish and game, Anne has had her turn, I think that it is time for a change there.

I know little about Mr. Rosacea, but before he is confirmed to serve in any position representing the State of Alaska in any capacity on any board or commission it must be certain that he at least knows the provisions of our Constitutions. Most certainly he must know the contents of our State Subsistence Statute if he is to be a productive member of the Board of Game.

I want to thank you for letting me testify in this manner and I hope that my thoughts and comments will be of some value to you and your committee.

Sincerely,

  
Loren Croxton

Anne Kathryn Ruggles  
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Fairbanks, Alaska 99708  
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**Career Goals:** I find myself most satisfied when I am given a share of a project which integrates research with application. I enjoy and am comfortable and effective as an educator and in interacting with the public. I enjoy the challenge of using research results and the needs and wishes of the public to devise ways in which humans can exist in the natural world with minimal impact on natural systems.

### Education

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

### Professional Experience

#### I. Laboratory Research

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

#### II. Field Research

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

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

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

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

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

### III. Teaching

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

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

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

### IV. Policy

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

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

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

### Professional papers/Abstracts/presentations

1. Ruggles, A.K. in prep. Bonaparte's gulls (*Larus philadelphus*) and loon nest success in south central Alaska.
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#### Memberships

The Wildlife Society  
Society for Conservation Biology  
Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology  
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Girl Scouts USA (currently a Brownie leader)

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### WORK HISTORY

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

## EDUCATION

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

## SPECIAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATION

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

## COMMUNITY/AFFILIATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

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

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Date of Birth: November 12, 1943

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

Doctoral

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

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

Past Positions:

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

Present University

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

Affiliate Associate Professor, Department of Wildlife  
Resources, University of Idaho (1984-Present)

Professional  
Society

Memberships: The Wildlife Society, American Society of Mammalogists,  
Alaska Chapter, The Wildlife Society

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# SIGN-IN

Subject of meeting:

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NAME ADDRESS (MAILING) & (ZIP) PHONE REPRESENTING DO YOU WANT TO TESTIFY?

✓ DICK BISHOP	POB 73902, FAI AK 99707	455 4262	AK OUTDOOR COUNCIL	yes
✓ Joel Bennett	15255 Point Louisa Rd	789-1718	SELF	yes
✓ SARAH HANNAH				+

appears Ann 9/16

for that all nominees

strongly endorse Ann 9/16

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LOCATION:MATSU  
~~CONFIRMATION/B~~ MR. NOEL WOODS *oppose Ann & Vic* *both oppose* *sustained by vic* TESTIFY  
~~CONFIRMATION/B~~ MR. TONY RUSS *" " " Fed-Employee* *of Foundation* TESTIFY

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 CONFIRMATION/B MS. DOTTIE LEONARD TESTIFY  
~~CONFIRMATION/B~~ MS. LYNN LEVENGOOD TESTIFY  
 CONFIRMATION/B MR. TOM SCARBOROUGH *oppose vic & Ann* *choosing unit 26* TESTIFY  
~~CONFIRMATION/B~~ MR. MIKE TINKER TESTIFY  
~~CONFIRMATION/B~~ MR. RALPH SEEKINS *oppose vic & Ann* *interior air lockers* TESTIFY  
 Gene Peters

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 ✓ CONFIRMATION/B WILLIAM GOSSWELER *for vic* TESTIFY  
 ✓ CONFIRMATION/B DON SHERWOOD *against vic & Ann* *transport issue* TESTIFY  
 ✓ CONFIRMATION/B MATT SINGER *for both vic & Ann* *sk will life* TESTIFY  
 ✓ CONFIRMATION/B STEPHEN WELLS TESTIFY  
 ✓ CONFIRMATION/B LEO KEELER *vic & Ann* FRNDS MCNEIL RIVTESTIFY  
 ✓ CONFIRMATION/B NICOLE DI PADUA *self* TESTIFY  
 ✓ CONFIRMATION/B ERIC WILLIAMSON *quite out filter* TESTIFY *FGG admin* *comm.*  
 ✓ CONFIRMATION/B CATHERINE DENNERLEIN AUDUBON SOC TESTIFY

TO: House Resources Committee, Chair. Rep. Joe Green Fax 465-4316  
Chair. Rep. Bill Williams Fax 465-3793  
Attention: All members

Senate Resources Committee, c/o Chairman Loren Lemau  
Fax 465-3810 Attention: All members

FROM: Celia M. Hunter, 1819 Muskox Trail, Fairbanks, AK 99709  
(907) 479-2754

RE: Confirmation of Dr. Vic Van Ballenberghe to be a member of the  
Board of Game

I strongly support the selection of Dr. Vic Van Ballenberghe for membership on the Alaska State Board of Game. Dr. Van Ballenberghe is an outstanding biologist, whose presence on the Board of Game will add a vital element of balance among the diversity of viewpoints represented on the board.

Dr. Van Ballenberghe has an excellent record in research on wildlife topics, especially on the question of wolf predation in relation to survival of prey animals. Wildlife management in Alaska arouses strong opinions among most Alaska residents, both those who are hunters and sportsmen and those whose principal "use" of wildlife is to observe it and photograph it. All of these uses are equally beneficial in the overall management of all Alaskan wildlife species, and I feel that Dr. Van Ballenberghe has a lot of wisdom to contribute to these debates.

Sincerely,



Celia M. Hunter

# AVCP

Association of Village Council Presidents  
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April 16, 1996

The Honorable Bill Williams, Co-Chair  
House Resources Committee  
Room 128 State Capital  
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Williams:

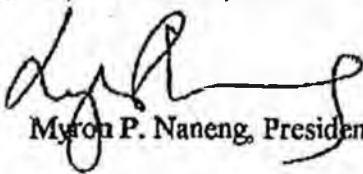
In regard to the upcoming confirmation hearings for Governor Knowles' Board of Game Appointees - Greg Roczicka, of Bethel, Anne Ruggles, of Fairbanks, and Vic Van Ballenberghe, of Anchorage - the Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc., AVCP, in Bethel, would like to extend their firm support for the three Appointees.

The addition of these three individuals would comprise a balance of background and expertise unprecedented in the history of the Alaska Board of Game, which would encompass the full spectrum of Alaska's diverse user groups. They have shown fairness, understanding, and sound judgment of the broad and complex issues surrounding the rules and regulations, which are the responsibility of the Board of Game.

We hereby urge your support for the well-qualified Appointees.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Association of Village Council Presidents, Inc.  
David O. David, Chairman



Myron P. Naneng, President

CC: Senator Pearce, President of the Senate  
Senator Leman, Senate Resources Committee  
Representative Phillips, Speaker of the House  
Representative Green, House Resources Co-Chair

P.O. Box 1185  
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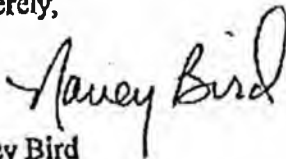
The Honorable Bill Williams  
Co-Chair, House Resources Committee  
Alaska State Senate  
Juneau, AK

Dear Representative Williams:

I am writing to encourage your support for the confirmation of Vic Van Ballenberghe to the Alaska Board of Game. Vic's extensive knowledge and experience on wildlife issues will be a great asset to this Board. He has had a wide range of exposure to Alaska, doing research work both in the Interior and in coastal areas like the Copper River Delta. In addition to offering exceptional research credentials, Vic Van Ballenberghe is open-minded and is a good listener and communicator. He will be an excellent Board member because of his strong commitment to the best interests for all Alaskans in game management issues.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nancy Bird

cc: Members, House Resources Committee

add

My name is Richard Wallen, I live at 2940 Douglas Hwy in Juneau. I was a game biologist with the Alaska Fish and Game Department for about 5 years in the early 1960's. For the last 30 years I have been self employed as an artist and small businessman here in Alaska. I served a three year term on the Alaska Board of Game beginning in 1990.

I am here to urge the confirmation of Ann Ruggles and Vic Van Ballenberg to the Board of Game. In supporting these people I do not intend to imply that I do not support the third candidate. From everything I hear he is a valuable board member. However I do not know him or know much about him. I met both of the other candidates during my time on the board and was impressed with their interest, knowledge of wildlife matters and their competence and dedication to work on issues that come before the board. I believe both of them have fairly represented many diverse interests in wildlife management matters during their previous terms on the board, and will continue to do so in the future. Their judgement and balance is of great value to the board and to Alaskans.

**Sec. 16.05.255. Regulations of the Board of Game.** (a) The Board of Game may adopt regulations it considers advisable in accordance with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) for

(1) setting apart game reserve areas, refuges and sanctuaries in the water or on the land of the state over which it has jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the legislature;

(2) establishing open and closed seasons and areas for the taking of game;

(3) establishing the means and methods employed in the pursuit, capture, and transport of game, including regulations, consistent with resource conservation and development goals, establishing means and methods that may be employed by persons with physical disabilities;

(4) setting quotas, bag limits, harvest levels, and sex, age, and size limitations on the taking of game;

(5) classifying game as game birds, song birds, big game animals, fur bearing animals, predators, or other categories;

(6) methods, means, and harvest levels necessary to control predation and competition among game in the state;

(7) watershed and habitat improvement, and management, conservation, protection, use, disposal, propagation, and stocking of game;

(8) prohibiting the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic game or their eggs;

(9) establishing the times and dates during which the issuance of game licenses, permits, and registrations and the transfer of permits and registrations between registration areas and game management units or subunits is allowed;

(10) regulating sport hunting and subsistence hunting as needed for the conservation, development, and utilization of game.

(b) *[Repealed, § 12 ch 52 SLA 1986.]*

(c) If the Board of Game denies a petition or proposal to amend, adopt, or repeal a regulation, the board, upon receiving a written request from the sponsor of the petition or proposal, shall in addition to the requirements of AS 44.62.230 provide a written explanation for the denial to the sponsor not later than 30 days after the board has officially met and denied the sponsor's petition or proposal, or 30 days after receiving the request for an explanation, whichever is later.

(d) Regulations adopted under (a) of this section must provide that, consistent with the provisions of AS 16.05.258, the taking of moose, deer, elk, and caribou by residents for personal or family consumption has preference over taking by nonresidents.

(e) The Board of Game shall adopt regulations to provide for intensive management programs to restore the abundance or productivity of identified big game prey populations as necessary to achieve human consumptive use goals of the board in an area where the board has determined that

(1) consumptive use of the big game prey population is a preferred use;

(2) depletion of the big game prey population or reduction of the productivity of the big game prey population has occurred and may result in a significant reduction in the allowable human harvest of the population; and

(3) enhancement of abundance or productivity of the big game prey population is feasibly achievable utilizing recognized and prudent active management techniques.

(f) The Board of Game may not significantly reduce the taking of an identified big game prey population by adopting regulations relating to restrictions on harvest or access to the population, or to management of the population by customary adjustments in seasons, bag limits, open and closed areas, methods and means, or by other customary means authorized under (a) of this section, unless the board has adopted regulations, or has scheduled for adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board regulations, that provide for intensive management to increase the take of the population for human harvest consistent with (e) of this section. This subsection does not apply if the board

(1) determines that intensive management would be

(A) ineffective, based on scientific information;

(B) inappropriate due to land ownership patterns; or

(C) against the best interest of subsistence uses; or

(2) declares that a biological emergency exists and takes immediate action to protect or maintain the big game prey population in conjunction with the scheduling for adoption of those regulations that are necessary to implement (e) of this section.

(g) In this section,

(1) "identified big game prey population" means a population of ungulates that is identified by the Board of Game and that is important for providing high levels of harvest for human consumptive use;

(2) "intensive management" means management of an identified big game prey population to enhance, extend, and develop the population to maintain high levels or provide for higher levels of human harvest, including control of predation and prescribed or planned use of fire and other habitat improvement techniques. (§ 3 ch 206 SLA 1975; am § 5 ch 151 SLA 1978; am §§ 10, 11 ch 132 SLA 1984; am §§ 4, 5, 12 ch 52 SLA 1986; am § 1 ch 6 SLA 1989; am § 2 ch 13 SLA 1994)

**Cross references.** — For legislative findings in connection with the enactment of (e)-(g) of this section, see § 1, ch. 13, SLA 1994 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

**Effect of amendments.** — The 1994 amendment, effective July 11, 1994, added subsections (e)-(g).

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## Senate

Date: March 13, 1996  
To: Representative Jeanette James  
From: Senator Bert Sharp  
RE: Ann Ruggles re-appointment to the Board of Game

RECEIVED BY  
MAR 13 1996  
Rep. Jeanette James

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Ann Ruggles record as a Board of Game member is clear. She has consistently been a decenting vote against hunting activities and proposals to increase depressed moose and caribou herd size by active management.

She has supported the elimination of hunting via closing areas, eliminating or reducing open seasons, restricting methods and means of taking and promoting bio-diversity which is keyed to removing human harvest from the equation of beneficial uses of the game resources.

Her philosophy is clearly illustrated by her own words on her resume. "My goal is to devise ways in which humans can exist in the natural world with minimal impact on the natural systems."

She is not qualified to serve as an objective policymaker in the management of game resources as required by the Constitution and laws of Alaska.

I strongly urge Ms. Ruggles NOT be confirmed by the Legislature.



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Alaska State Legislature  
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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: March 25, 1996

TO: Representative Williams, Co-Chair  
Representative Green, Co-Chair  
Resources Committee

FROM: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk *SL*

SUBJECT: Governor's appointments

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointment to the Resources Committee:

**Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation**

Michele Brown - Juneau  
Appointed: 01/24/96

Attached is her resume and a committee report for your use.

Attachments as noted.

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE: Transfer Domestic Wastewater Project to Statewide Public Services

<b>FROM</b>			<b>TO</b>	
AGENCY	_____		AGENCY	_____
BRU	Environmental Quality		BRU	Statewide Public Services
COMPONENT	Wastewater and Water Treatment #1426		COMPONENT	Statewide Public Services #2058

**DESCRIPTION:**  
As part of the DEC re-organization the Domestic Wastewater project originally budgeted in Wastewater and Water Treatment is transferred to Statewide Public Services. The Domestic Wastewater project ensures that wastewater from domestic sources is adequately treated to protect public health and the environment.

Amount	EXPENDITURES	Amount
(497.0)	Personal Services	497.0
(48.1)	Travel	48.1
(282.1)	Contractual	282.1
(13.5)	Supplies	13.5
(9.0)	Equipment	9.0
	Lands & Buildings	
	Grants & Claims	
	Miscellaneous	
(849.7)	Total	849.7
<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>		
(35.0)	1002 Federal Receipts	35.0
	1003 General Fund Match	
(190.7)	1004 General Fund	190.7
(584.9)	1005 GF Program Receipt	584.9
	1037 GF Mental Health	
(39.1)	1061 CIP Receipts	39.1
(849.7)	Total	849.7
<b>STAFFING</b>		
	Permanent Full-Time	
	Permanent Part-time	
	Temporary	

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ADJUSTED BASE**  
Form C4  
Revised 8/1/95

AGENCY Environmental Conservation  
BRU Statewide Public Services  
COMPONENT Statewide Public Services #2058

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## House Of Representatives

Department of Environmental Conservation  
House Finance Budget subcommittee closeout

Subcommittee recommendations from Governor's amended budget:

1. Administrative Services:

- Reduce transfer from Air and Water Director \$13.0 GF
- Reduce transfer from Air Quality \$7.6 GF
- Reduce transfer from Environmental Health Director \$13.3 GF
- Reduce transfer from Animal Industries \$5.0 GF
- Reduce transfer from Laboratory Services \$62.8 GF
- Reduce transfer from Solid Waste \$68.1 GF

2. Statewide Public Services:

- Reduce transfer from Air and Water director \$25.5 GF
- Reduce transfer from Air quality \$15.4 GF
- Reduce transfer from Water Quality \$144.5 GF

3. Air and Water

- Reduce GF in Air Quality \$59.4
- Reduce water contracts \$225.0 GF/PR

4. Environmental Health

- Reduce transfer from Administrative Services \$76.9 GF
- Solid Waste reduction \$1.1 GF Match

5. Spill Prevention and Response

- Contaminated Sites Funding switch from GF to RF for APC clean-up

6. Exxon Restoration

- Fund source change from IA receipts to EVOSS receipts

7. Facility Construction and Operations

- Unallocated reduction \$97.1 GF

## MICHELE D. BROWN

410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 105, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795

### Relevant Experience

- **Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation**  
Juneau, Alaska, Appointed January 24, 1996
- **Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation**  
Juneau, Alaska, January 30, 1995 to January 23, 1996
- **Senior Environmental Advisor, United States Agency for International Development,**  
Moscow, Russia, June 1993 to January 1995
- **Executive Director, Alaska State Legislature's Citizens' Oversight Council on Oil and Other Hazardous Substances**  
Anchorage, Alaska, February 1991 to August 1992
- **Regional Administrator, Southcentral Region, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation**  
Anchorage, Alaska, March 1990 to February 1991
- **Assistant Attorney General, Alaska Department of Law**  
Anchorage, Alaska, October 1978 to February 1990

### Credentials

Published law journal articles on the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill and addressed many conferences on various topics, including environmental development programs in Russia, oil spill response, oil pipeline regulation, and public participation in environmental decision-making.

Law Clerk to Justice Roger G. Connor, Alaska Supreme Court, and to Chief Justice Donald R. Wright, California Supreme Court

J.D. Degree, University of California, Davis, 1977  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; American Jurisprudence Award

A.B. Degree, University of California, Berkeley, 1973  
Honor Society

**CONFIRM  
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**GENE**

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**2/14/95**

HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
Roll Call and Members' Bill Votes

\* (indicates first public hearing)

Room 124, Capitol Bldg.

TUES. 3:00pm.  
~~Mon., Wed., Fri.~~

Date: 2-14-95

Tape# 95-15 Joint \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 3:10 am/pm Time Adjourned: 4:15 am/pm

ROLL CALL:	PRES	ABS	TIME	AR			
Rep. Joe Green	✓				✓		
Rep. Bill Williams	✓				✓		
Rep. Scott Ogan	✓				✓		
Rep. Alan Austerman	✓				✓		
Rep. Ramona Barnes				3:24			
Rep. John Davies							
Rep. Pete Kott							
Rep. Eileen MacLean							
Rep. Irene Nicholia	✓				N		

Other Legislators Present \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA:

Bill No.	Short Title	Action Taken
	Confirmation Robert Horman BGCSB	Advanced
"	" Gene Buerden, Commissioner DEC	Advanced
"	" John Strevely, Commissioner, DNR	Advanced

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Mary Pagenkopf

House Resources Committee  
Confirmation Hearing - Gene Burden  
2-14-95 3:00PM  
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# Alaska State Legislature

## House of Representatives



Official Business

State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182  
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February 14, 1995

The Honorable Gail Phillips  
Speaker of the House  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

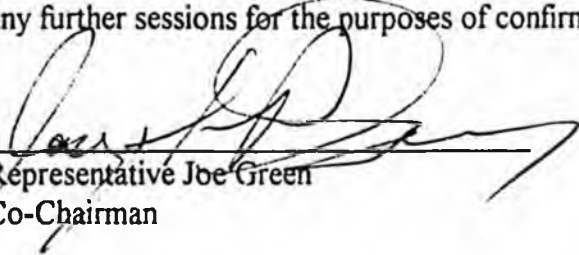
Dear Madam Speaker:


In Accordance with AS 39.05.080, the House Resources Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends that appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

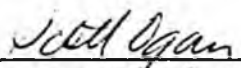
### Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation

Gene Burden

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

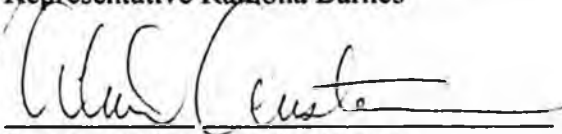
  
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Representative Irene Nicholia

**Resume**

**Gene Burden  
Commissioner-Designee  
Department of Environmental Conservation**

**Personal:**

Date of Birth: August 20, 1948  
Married: Marjorie L. Burden since May 24, 1970  
Children: Son: 18 years old  
Daughter: 14 years old

**Address:** 20320 Philadelphia Way  
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

**Educational Background:**

B.A. University of Texas at Arlington. 1970  
Major: Political Science;  
Minor: Chemistry

M.A. University of Texas at Arlington. 1974  
Major: Government

J.D. St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas. 1983

**Associations/Memberships**

Member of Alaska Bar Association; Texas Bar Association; American Bar Association; Resource Development Council (past Director); past Board member on Alaska Oil & Gas Association; past President of North Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; past President and member of the Board of Cook Inlet Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CICADA); past member of Rotary Club, Kenai; past member of Board of Boys & Girls Club; and volunteer service on initiatives on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage.

**Professional Experience**

**Burden & Associates.** Feb. 94 to Jan. 95 Private law practice and consulting services located at 3000 A Street, Suite 402, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-4040.

**Tescro Petroleum Corporation and Tesoro Alaska Petroleum Company.**  
January 1989 to September 1981 and May 1986 to February 1994. Positions included Senior Vice President Marketing and Operations of Tesoro Alaska with responsibility for marketing, operations (non-refinery related), governmental affairs and environmental program development; Vice President of Administration & Government Affairs; Manager of Human Resources & Administration. During the first tenure with Tesoro served as Corporate Manager of Industrial Relations. Labor negotiations with variety of unions (OCAW, Teamsters, and Coal Workers independent). Resident of Kenai 1986 - 1990. Left Tesoro in 1981 to finish law degree.

Law Office of William McNall; Anchorage. July 1985 to May 1986. My family and I elected to relocate to Alaska during the summer of 1985 following my admission to the Alaska Bar and served as an attorney with the McNall firm which engaged in a general civil practice.

Satelco, Inc.; San Antonio, Texas. September 1983 to July 1995. Served as Vice President of Human Resources and Administration for this public telecommunications company (approximately 500 employees). Also served as legal representative following admission to Texas Bar in 1984.

General Telephone & Electronics; 1975 - 1979. San Angelo, Texas; Brownwood, Texas; and Erie, Pennsylvania. Served as Labor Relations Administrator; Area I Personnel Manager (Texas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico); and Director of Labor Relations (Pennsylvania). Experience in labor contract negotiations; arbitration; and other labor relations activities.

### **Other Experience**

I was employed by the City of Dallas Water Pollution Program and later the Air Pollution Program for approximately 3.5 years from 1970 to late in 1973. During this time I also worked on completing a M.A. from the University of Texas at Arlington. Also experience as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Texas at Arlington, Angelo State University, and at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Courses included Labor Relations, Personnel Management, and Business Law.