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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 25, 1996

TO: Representative James, Chair
State Affairs Committee

FROM: Suzi Lowell *sl*
Chief Clerk

SUBJECT: Governor's Appointment

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointment to the State Affairs 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.



Alaska State Legislature House of Representatives

Official Business

Date: _____

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

Dear Madam Speaker:

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

Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation

Michele Brown

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.

Representative James, Chair

Representative Ogan

Representative Green

Representative Ivan

Representative Porter

Representative Robinson

Representative Willis

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



Office of the Commissioner

This is the chief executive office of the
Department of Environmental Conservation.
It consists of the commissioner, the deputy commissioner,
a paralegal assistant, and secretaries.

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Michele Brown, Commissioner

Michele Brown was appointed commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation on January 20, 1996, by Governor Tony Knowles. Ms. Brown, who previously served as deputy commissioner, replaced Gene Burden, who stepped down earlier in January for family reasons.

Ms. Brown is a former regional administrator of DEC's southcentral region which was headquartered in Anchorage, and a former assistant attorney general in the Alaska Department of Law where she represented and advised the Departments of Environmental Conservation, Natural Resources, Fish and Game, and Community and Regional Affairs. In that position, she worked extensively on the Exxon Valdez spill response to deal with many of its legal, regulatory, and enforcement problems. She was subsequently appointed to a DEC regional administrator position, and later to the position of executive director of the Citizens Oversight

Council for Oil and Hazardous Substances.

In 1993, Ms. Brown was appointed as senior environmental specialist for the USAID Mission in Moscow, where she administered the agency's environmental technical assistance projects to Russia, including sustainable natural resources management, industrial environmental management, and multiple source pollution management in the widespread regions of the country.

Ms. Brown attended college at the University of California, Berkeley, and received her law degree from the University of California, Davis.

Alaska has been Ms. Brown's home since 1977. She is married to Jeff Berliner, and has two children: Larisa, 11, and Brenn, 15.

Ms. Brown has published law journal articles on the Exxon Valdez oil spill and has been an invited speaker at many conferences on issues ranging from environmental development programs in Russia to oil spill response, oil pipeline regulation, and public participation in environmental decision making.



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MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS of 1995 MAJOR OBJECTIVES for 1996

Air & Water Quality Division 1995 Accomplishments

- Resolved a long-standing dispute and previous impasse over Alaska Water Quality Standards. Governor Tony Knowles announced on August 23 resolution of the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund (SCLDF) petition on Water Quality Standard regulations.
- Completed regulations that give the state primary enforcement of the Title V air quality operating permit program in Alaska: a result of the 1990 Amendments to the Clean Air Act and the Alaska Legislature's enactment of Alaska Statutes 46.14.
- Municipality of Anchorage, State DOT & DEC, and EPA entered an innovative memorandum of understanding (MOU) to avoid a "non-attainment" designation for Anchorage. MOU commits to the development of an effective particulate reduction and control strategy which has begun with a modification to winter sanding practices. EPA has lauded the proactive approach.

Statewide Public Service Division 1995 Accomplishments

- In partnership with ARCO, BP Exploration, and the Alaska Support Industry Alliance, created the new Arctic Chapter of the Green Star program. This program assists North Slope oil field service companies reduce wastes and conserve energy.
- As a partner with the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, operated the Alaska Materials Exchange (AME). This statewide program helps businesses recycle and reuse materials, and has saved more than \$400,000 in disposal and equipment replacement costs.
- Helped improve the Fairbanks North Star Borough's opportunity to reduce carbon monoxide pollution from vehicles, through a regulatory enforcement initiative that was fully coordinated with local and state agencies. The resulting enforcement actions for violations of vehicle maintenance and inspection (I/M) rules were supported by the community, and helped reinforce the message that all must follow the same rules, in order to help improve local air quality.
- In Southcentral Alaskan communities, local offices helped local and state organizations provide flood-related assistance and advice to fix problems with drinking water, sewage, solid waste, fuels, and other environmental issues.

Facilities Construction and Operations Division 1995 Accomplishments

The day-to-day effort to administer grant funds and provide operational assistance to municipal and village governments is viewed as our major objective for 1996 as well as our most significant accomplishment in 1995.

The following lists detail work that falls outside of routine activities.

- The formation of and action by the Governor's Council on Rural Sanitation. This council is charged with developing and implementing an action plan designed to solve the dire sanitation conditions found in rural Alaska by 2005.

- Established a working agreement with The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for federal transportation funding of roads built in conjunction with VSW projects. Many rural Alaska communities lack the road systems needed to consider a water/wastewater haul system. A transportation infrastructure broadens the sanitation delivery systems available to these communities.
- Developed a coordinated capital improvements priority list process that includes the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, the Alaska Department of Education, the U.S. Public Health Service, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and RCEDA funding, improving the consistency of project requests.

Environmental Health Division 1995 Accomplishments

- The Palmer Lab analysis of paralytic shellfish poisoning tests it performed on crab viscera allowed DEC to eliminate testing requirements in Southeast Alaska during the winter months. The opilio crab fishery in the Bering Sea is currently undergoing a similar review.
- The PSP testing requirements for all species of shellfish in Kachemak Bay were seasonally adjusted, thus eliminating the requirement for holding the product pending PSP testing. This helps growers get their product to market faster and fresher without compromising public health.
- Two expanded shellfish growing areas have been created by combining several small growing areas - one in Kachemak Bay and one in Southeast. This has greatly reduced the water quality sampling requirements, which reduces both the department's and the growers costs.
- The division has renewed and reinvigorated the working relationship with the seafood processing industry. DEC's Seafood Task Force has been opened to participation by all interested members of the industry and public, renamed the Alaska Seafood Processing Advisory Council, complete with mission statement.
- Recognizing that food-borne illness can be prevented with proper sanitation and handling, we've developed a Management Certification Program for food service facilities, and worked with the University of Alaska Anchorage and the Alaska Cooperative Extension in presenting the course statewide. It's been a big hit.
- To help support the tourism industry and recognizing the need for tourism facilities, we worked with DOT to obtain federal transportation funds to build a centrally located dump station at the Bureau of Land Management site along the Dalton Highway. This will greatly benefit the environment and public health by giving RV-er's travelling the highway a place to dump their holding tanks.
- We jointly investigated a number of epidemiological outbreaks with the Division of Public Health, the most notable of which was traced to Burwash Landing in Canada. Successful resolution of this water system's problem required international cooperation.
- To further ensure the safety of meat and poultry products processed within Alaska, the Animal Industries program developed and implemented a state microbiological monitoring program. Two separate positive lots of product containing listeria monocytogenes were found as a result of the program, and we were able to keep the product from reaching the consuming public.
- For the second year in a row, there have been no reportable disease outbreaks from any public water supply in the state.
- Approximately 715 statewide waivers have been issued to Class A water systems for testing for 7 contaminants. Many of these same systems also received waivers for asbestos, dioxin, and ethylene dibromide (EDB). It's estimated that the latter set of waivers has saved Class A systems \$2.5 million in unnecessary monitoring.
- Work continues to expand the number of contaminants for which we can waive testing requirements for public drinking water systems when the tests are unnecessary. An EPA approved waiver program for all eligible contaminants will facilitate the issuance of waivers, reduce unnecessary monitoring, reduce some monitoring frequency, and thus reduce the costs of operation for both the Public Water

System and the Drinking Water programs.

- Staff also worked with consultants on how to conduct optimum corrosion control studies for the Lead and Copper Rule, showing them how they can use less expensive secondary information to do the required studies. This is estimated to save medium-sized Class A public water suppliers between \$25,000 and \$50,000 PER STUDY.
- Solid waste has worked with the Statewide Public Service division to purchase and supply fiber bags for remote village "solid waste" collection. The bags negate the need for daily cover, keep garbage in its place, and reduces the attractive nuisance for wild animals.

Spill Prevention and Response Division 1995 Accomplishments

- Spill prevention and response contingency plans for tanker operations in Prince William Sound were approved with conditions for improved tanker escort and spill prevention systems.
- DEC reached an agreement with the Alaska Pulp Corporation to cleanup contamination at the Sitka mill site with direct oversight by the Department instead of the more cumbersome and lengthy "Superfund" oversight by EPA.
- Three fixed VHF radio repeaters were installed to provide enhanced communications for emergency response to oil and hazardous substance releases in the Cook Inlet region and expanded coverage in Fairbanks and the surrounding area.
- 148 contaminated site cleanup plans were approved, and 74 contaminated sites were approved for no further cleanup action.
- An agreement was reached with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to identify, assess and remedy contamination on the Pribilof Islands due to previous federal activities.
- The Underground Storage Tank program regulations were revised to include new technology and streamlined procedures for spill prevention, cleanup and financial assistance.
- The Response Action Contractor Registration regulations were revised to streamline the registration process and reduce the number of applications that must be submitted.
- A comprehensive statewide "Master Plan" strategy was developed for resolving Alaska's fuel storage tank problems.
- A major training drill exercise of the Federal/State Plan for Response to Oil and Hazardous Substance spills in Alaska was conducted in May 1995. Local, federal, industry and state agencies responded to a simulated train derailment with diesel fuel and formaldehyde releases in Fairbanks.
- The Certified Tank Worker Exam program was computerized to make exams available on a more frequent basis and in more locations. There are 410 certified tank workers statewide.

Division of Administrative Services 1995 Accomplishments

- Eliminated "split funded" positions by implementing a cost allocation plan for collection of indirect costs, reducing staff time (program and administrative) accounting for multiple funding sources based on arbitrary allocation of costs.
- All department administrative services were centralized, resulting in more efficient use of existing personnel and assumption of new initiatives such as classification and examining.
- Development and publication of a regular department newsletter and a "Home Page" for DEC. Both enhance our communications with the public and provide the start for easier public access to regulations, meeting schedules, and information regarding all department programs.
- Development of department reporting and management systems which are expected to provide

consistent, relevant, timely and accurate information on program status, assisting managers with short and long term financial decisions.

- Centralized department receivables section, with work underway to ensure clear, consistent and timely billings to users. Provide regular, accurate and timely reports on status of billing and collections to department managers.



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Major Objectives for 1996

Air and Water Division 1996 Objectives

- Initiate and complete rule-making process for revisions to the mixing zone regulations in the Alaska Water Quality Standards and complete the technical reports by the established due dates. Actions will include development of guidance on how to approve a mixing zone; guidance will assist DEC permittees, industry, and public interest groups concerned with protection of water quality in Alaska.
- Issue/certify permits for major industrial operations
 - ... mining (Greens Creek, Kensington, Red Dog, Aj (Gold Creek))
 - ... KPC (NPDES and Air)
 - ... Valdez Marine Terminal Ballast Water Treatment Facility
 - ... Seafood Processors (Pribilofs general permit, Akutan, and Dutch Harbor)
 - ... Title V Air permits (KPC elemental chlorine free project),
 - ... Vapor Control project at Alyeska's Valdez Marine Terminal,
 - ... Badami oil field exploration activities, and
 - ... increased electrical production in the City of Dutch Harbor.
- Watershed Management: Implement the watershed management strategy in one urban and one rural watershed area and evaluate the effectiveness of this format for water quality protection programs.
- Compliance/outreach: Provide technical assistance and outreach to operators to help meet compliance with permits, and issue an "honor roll" for facilities with exemplary compliance records (publish in newspapers of general circulation).

Statewide Public Service Division 1996 Objectives

- Carry out the timely engineering reviews of planned subdivisions so that proposed residential septic systems will perform safely and assure that the costs of the program services are appropriately allocated to the beneficiaries of these services.
- Increase the state's current recycling rate of 7.5% to 10% by creating and expanding markets for waste wood, paper, glass, and organic materials and by improving re-use of waste materials.
- Redesign the statewide program to certify safe performance of on-site septic systems so that any system deficiencies are found and corrected when existing residences are sold.

Facilities Construction Division 1996 Objectives

- Achieve passage of state legislation that will allow leveraging of the Alaska Clean Water Fund, extending available low interest loans to more municipalities for the construction of wastewater, non-point source pollution control and solid waste management projects.
- Continue efforts to obtain language in the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act and the Farm Bill that will authorize federal appropriations to match the state's effort to eliminate Alaska's rural sanitation problems.
- Complete and adopt a 10-year action plan by the Governor's Council for improving rural sanitation; continue to define the role of federal agencies in assisting with this strategy.
- Continue innovative technology demonstration projects which test alternative methods of water/wastewater service delivery; and identify and secure alternative funding to support the Remote Maintenance Worker program, thereby reducing dependence on state general funds.

Environmental Health Division 1996 Objectives

- Establish a recognition program for food service facilities and public accommodations which meet the requirements for food safety, sanitation and water/waste water. Issue a Seal of Inspection for food service and public accommodation with their participation in the program.
- Enter into an MOU with the Kachemak Bay Shellfish Growers Association on water testing in growing areas. This will reduce both their and our operating costs. It will be a pilot project, and if successful, we'll look to other areas of the state where we can do the same thing.
- Develop a lodge upgrade program to help remote lodges meet the water and wastewater system requirements.
- Develop a "feedback" form as a follow up to inspections so we can see how we did, how we can improve, or what we're doing right that needs to be shared.

Spill Prevention and Response 1996 Objectives

- Establish a statewide network of local response equipment caches for emergency response actions in remote Alaska communities authorized under agreements with local governments.
- Draft legislation to authorize registration and financial assistance for above ground fuel storage tanks and obtain necessary legislative approvals for program.
- Public notice regulations for investigation and remediation of contaminated sites.
- Complete the review of the oil spill prevention and spill response contingency plan submitted by Alyeska for the Valdez marine terminal.
- Install emergency response communications equipment to link the Cook Inlet two-way radio communications capability with existing networks on the Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound.

Administrative Services Division 1996 Objectives

- Reduce total department allocated costs by 300,000 using efficiencies from centralized management, review and analysis,
- Develop (in cooperation with other Divisions in and out of the Department), distribute and update user friendly administrative policy and procedures in both electronic and hard copy formats by July 1, 1996.
- Prepare "Financial Training Program" by July 1, 1996, with first class offered by August 1, 1996 that will be initially aimed at managers to update their understanding of state financial planning and formats

for budgeting. Also hoped that program will generate improvements and efficiencies in our annual spending plans.

- Develop and provide regular departmental financial reports beginning on a monthly basis on February 1, 1996. These will include reports on each of the funds administered by DEC, such as the Oil and Hazardous Substance Prevention and Response Fund, the Clean Air Protection Fund, the Clean Water Fund, and the Storage Tank Assistance Fund.
- Paperwork reduction. Reduce or eliminate at least ten unnecessary administrative procedures or paperwork requirements that do not merit the staff time required. Examples include elimination of project budget forms, restructuring of the State/EPA agreement to eliminate duplication of the grant award and amendment process, streamline and control services received and cost incurred between DEC and the Department of Law.

For more information contact:

Marti Early, 907-465-5009, MartiE@envircon.state.ak.us

December 21, 1995



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Rep. Jeannette James

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 28, 1996
TO: Representative James, Chair
State Affairs Committee
FROM: Suzi Lowell *sl*
Chief Clerk
SUBJECT: Governor's Appointments

Speaker Phillips referred the following Governor's appointments to the State Affairs Committee:

Board of Game

Greg Roczicka - Bethel
Appointed: 02/23/96 Expires: 01/31/99

Anne K. Ruggles - Fairbanks
Appointed: 01/31/93 Reappointed: 02/23/96 Expires: 01/31/99

Victor Van Ballenberghe - Anchorage
Appointed: 02/23/96 Expires: 01/31/99

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Attached are their resumes and committee reports for your use.

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Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

Official Business

Date: _____

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

Dear Madam Speaker:

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

BOARD OF GAME

Greg Roczicka

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.

Representative James, Chair

Representative Ogan

Representative Green

Representative Ivan

Representative Porter

Representative Robinson

Representative Willis



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Date: _____

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

Dear Madam Speaker:

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

BOARD OF GAME

Anne K. Ruggles

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Representative James, Chair

Representative Ogan

Representative Green

Representative Ivan

Representative Porter

Representative Robinson

Representative Willis



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Date: _____

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

Dear Madam Speaker:

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

BOARD OF GAME

Victor Van Ballenberghe

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Representative James, Chair

Representative Ogan

Representative Green

Representative Ivan

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RESUME'

GREG ROCZICKA
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WORK HISTORY

- 1988 - PRESENT Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), Inc.
PO Box 219, Bethel, AK 99559; P/Fax: (907) 543-3521/3596.
(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 Kwethluk, 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.

References available upon request.

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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

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hunt the same day
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Carbon

Paint River
Bee Hunt

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 (Cochliomvia hominovorax, 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, Cochliomvia hominovorax, 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.

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1. Game Biologist, Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
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 3. Assistant Professor, Department of Wildlife and
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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

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Rep. Jeanette James

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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FAX 465-2381

20 March 1996

Representative Jeannette James
House State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Representative James:

As indicated in the Committee hearing on 19 March, I wish to summarize my remarks in writing and provide you with additional information on my background, training, and views on wildlife issues so that my record is clear during the confirmation process.

I have a strong personal interest in hunting having grown up on a farm and experienced guns, traps, and fishing rods early in life. During the past forty years I have not missed a single year where I did not hunt something somewhere. I have hunted outside Alaska in places like Idaho and South Dakota in addition to Alaska. I hold a current 1996 resident hunting license in Alaska.

I am a professional wildlife biologist with about thirty years experience. I have graduate degrees in wildlife management from the University of Minnesota. I am a certified wildlife biologist, certified to have met certain educational and work experience requirements by the professional organization of wildlife biologists, an international group.

I came to Alaska in 1974 to work as a research biologist for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. This work involved moose and wolf research in the Glennallen area. I lived in Fairbanks from 1977 to 1987 working for ADFG as a statewide furbearer biologist where I had many contacts with trappers in rural areas throughout the state. In 1980 I joined the research branch of the Forest Service to do research on moose, wolves, and predator/prey relationships.

In 1985 Governor Bill Sheffield appointed me to the Alaska Board of Game and I served 1985-1988. The board dealt with issues like subsistence where we made some of the first efforts to deal with rural/nonrural designations and assess customary and traditional use patterns. We dealt with wolf control where I voted for and the board passed a wolf control program in Unit 20B near Fairbanks that involved aerial shooting of wolves by ADFG personnel. We dealt with the land-and-shoot wolf hunting issue; at that time land-and-shoot was fraught with illegal activity and I believe that we curtailed that. We also dealt with many other issues involving hunting and trapping where we tried to balance various uses in a fair and equitable manner.

I feel that we have rich wildlife resources in Alaska adequate to provide for all who have a stake in wildlife management--hunters, guides, tourism interests, or people who just like to watch and experience the presence of wildlife. I look forward to working with the public and other board members to achieve this.

Regarding specific issues, bear-baiting, land-and-shoot wolf hunting, wolf control, and intensive management are in the forefront and I am happy to share my views on these important issues with you.

During my past term on the board we dealt with the bear-baiting regulations which, at that time, were very liberal. During the past ten years there have been major efforts to regulate baiting by requiring hunters to register stations, to clean up the site after the season, etc. My view is that the current regulations represent the end product of a lot of effort to regulate this practice and had I been on the board during its most recent action on baiting I would have voted with the majority to continue the practice.

Similarly, we also dealt with land-and-shoot wolf hunting, trying to improve the illegal activity that often accompanied it. Subsequently, the board voted to eliminate the practice, then re-authorized it, then allowed it only when the hunter moved some distance from the plane before shooting. I think the present regulation represents a compromise and has reduced illegal activity while allowing hunters to take wolves and I support it.

I also want to indicate that I have played no role in the ballot initiative on aerial hunting and take no position on it, preferring to remain neutral as the public votes on this issue.

Regarding wolf control, I feel it is sometimes necessary and desirable, but must be based on sound biological information, have a favorable cost benefit ratio, be broadly supported by the public, and be humanely conducted. If proposed programs meet those criteria, I will support them.

About ten years ago, a number of us involved in the wolf issue concluded that a zone approach to control was most workable. Certain areas would be zoned where human use of moose and caribou was dominant and predators would be kept at low levels. The citizens wolf planning team endorsed this concept and I was a strong supporter. To the extent that the intensive management legislation puts this concept into statute form, I support it. One area that I have a personal and professional interest in, Game Management Unit 13 (the Nelchina basin), has been identified as an intensive management area, and I will fully support measures in this area to provide hunter opportunity and large harvests.

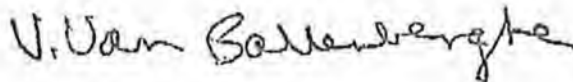
The issue of my federal employment was raised at the confirmation hearing and I want to address it. During my previous term, I had the same federal position as I have now, served out my term, and had no issues raised regarding conflict of interest. I am aware of no provisions in the state or federal ethics acts that prohibit me from serving. I will avoid the appearance of conflicts by abstaining from issues that appear to raise questions, e.g. certain regulations pertaining to the Tongass or Chugach National Forests. I will attend board meetings while on leave from my work duties. My work for the Forest Service is entirely research and has no policy or management ties. I strongly support the concept that the state should have exclusive management authority for resident wildlife. All of these facts taken together should demonstrate that I am able to serve on the board with no conflict of interest as a resident of the state, and as a private citizen well qualified to serve.

I believe that I bring important experience and background qualifications to

the board and I am willing to make whatever personal and professional commitments are necessary to serve as a productive board member. Much of the board's work has a biological basis. As a biologist of long experience, especially with moose and wolves, I will help the board evaluate the biological issues. I am especially interested in working toward broad public participation in the board process, hearing all sides of the issues, and balancing the various uses to accommodate all in a fair and equitable manner. I believe this can be done and am excited to participate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to the committee. If you require more as the confirmation process proceeds, or if you wish me to clarify my views, please contact me.

Sincerely,



V. Van Ballenberghe

ALASKA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

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March 10, 1996

Tony Knowles, Governor
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Dear Governor Knowles:

The Alaska Trappers Association asks, that in the interest of fairness and balance, you withdraw the names of Anne Ruggles and Vic Van Ballenberghe as appointments to the Board of Game.

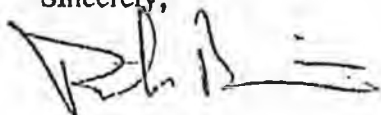
Ms. Ruggles has consistently voted against reasonable proposals that enhance opportunities for consumptive uses of our wildlife and for radical ones suggested by the fringe element of animal rights groups. Ruggles, by her voting record, seems to lack a respect for the values of those wildlife enthusiasts whose uses differ from hers. That is not the type of approach that lends itself to reaching consensus about important wildlife issues.

Mr. Van Ballenberghe's previous record with the Board of Game shows that he cannot be at all objective about issues concerning predator control. If we are ever to solve such thorny problems as subsistence, we will have to start managing game instead of just letting nature run its course. This will in some instances include the temporary reduction of predators such as wolves. Mr. Van Ballenberghe is quick to parrot the Administration's policy on this issue; it is obvious that he cannot be objective.

Governor, as trappers, we are the first ones to suffer from the immediate effects of wolf control work. But we live and work in the wild parts of Alaska and we have an intimate feel for the land and its wildlife. We have seen, time and again, that properly managed wildlife can be "used" and shared by a variety of users with a variety of values. Most of us use wild meat on our tables and know it is important to many Alaskans.

Only by appointing objective people, with respect for other users' values for wildlife, can the Board of Game function as anything but a manipulative political arm of the Governor. Please withdraw these two nominees from consideration.

Sincerely,



Pete Buist, President

ALASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ASSN.

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March 14, 1996

Tony Knowles, Governor
State of Alaska
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Dear Governor Knowles:

As you know, the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Association stands for, and is committed to, a return of abundance of all wildlife in Alaska. This goal can only be achieved by active management and not passive monitoring of our decreasing wildlife populations.

The Alaska Wildlife Conservation Association respectfully requests that you withdraw the names of Anne Ruggles and Vic Van Ballenberghe as appointments to the Board of Game. Ms. Ruggles has only been an Alaskan resident for a relatively few years. She also has a voting record that reflects her as being aligned with animal rights extremists. Her voting record does not support any consumptive uses or opportunities of Alaska's wildlife as mandated in Alaska's constitution.

Similarly, Mr. Van Ballenberghe's previous voting record with the Board of Game is indicative of his nonsupport for sound game management principles. Mr. Van Ballenberghe's professional credentials and personal philosophy mirrors the federal government's non management wildlife policies. The Alaska Board of Game needs persons who will accept the constitutional responsibility to manage wildlife resource for sustained yield. Under the federal government's watchful eye, Denali National Park in the last seventy five years has let wildlife herds decline precipitously to the point where tourists can now only see very few animals which are mostly predators. The federal government's choice to only monitor and perpetuate a predator pit status quo is not an acceptable philosophy for management of wildlife on state lands in Alaska. Mr. Van Ballenberghe's nomination is not acceptable for this reason.

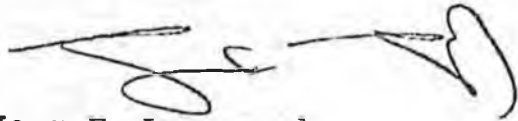
Tony Knowles, Governor

March 14, 1996

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Alaska Wildlife Conservation Association suggests that the nominations of knowledgeable and respected wildlife biologists, Bud Burris, a long standing member of the Fairbanks Advisory Committee to the Alaska Boards of Fish & Game, and Pete Shepard, another longtime and well respected biologist, would be warmly received by the legislature and/or all of Alaska's user groups who have an interest in Alaska's wildlife resources.

Yours Truly,



Lynn E. Levensgood
Executive Director, AWCA

LEL/jk

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March 19, 1996

Chairman of House State Affairs Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska
fax: 258-1261

Dear Chairman,

This is a letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Vic Van Ballenberghe to the State Board of Game. Dr. Van Ballenberghe's expertise, experience, and perspective make him an excellent addition to the Board. We heartily recommend your committee endorse Vic during his confirmation.

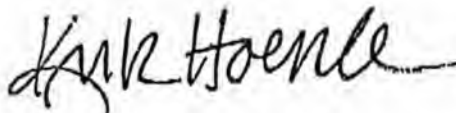
Scientific understanding and perspective is needed on the Board of Game as it tackles difficult management choices and waning public approval. Dr. Van Ballenberghe's research and background in predator/prey relations make him particularly well-suited to the position. The Board will benefit having such a knowledgeable and credible voice.

Vic's experience in the field and with the public give him a unique and pertinent standing from which to weigh and relate management options. His work across the state of Alaska with various agencies and groups makes him a valuable entity in addressing wildlife issues central to Alaskans. His prior experience on the Game Board provides great awareness of the policy building process, helping expedite critical wildlife decisions facing the state.

Having been in the business of inviting visitors to learn about and observe Alaska's wildlife for 20 years, we feel the Board of Game has been less than sensitive, in recent years, of non-consumptive wildlife users. Only recently has this state's large and growing tourism industry been recognized by wildlife managers as a perspective valuable in helping determine wildlife management for Alaska. We support Dr. Van Ballenberghe as an individual responsive to a more diverse range of wildlife users in this state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kirk Hoessle
President

cc: Governor Tony Knowles, Representative Con Bunde, Senator Judy Salo

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March 18, 1996

To: House State Affairs Committee
Subject: Hearings on Appointments to Alaska Board of Game
Dr. Victor Van Ballenberghe

PERSONAL VITAE

I have lived in Alaska for over 30 years, having moved to Juneau in 1960 to work for the U. S. Forest Service. I retired from the Forest Service in 1993 with 37 years as a Research Forester. I have been an avid hunter and outdoor sportsman all my life. For most of my life here in Alaska, there has been game and/or fish in my locker, and over the years, I have enjoyed dining on moose, sheep, goat, caribou, deer, ptarmigan, grouse, duck and geese that I have taken. I enjoy having trophies of those hunts, including a recent Boone & Crockett Barren Ground Caribou, listed in the latest book. So, I very much have the interest of the Alaska sportsman at heart.

In my professional work, I was in charge of the U. S. Forest Inventory and Monitoring program for Alaska from 1980-1992, and I worked in that effort previously from 1960-1975. Some of that involved inventory of wildlife habitat, and I have personally published papers for the Forest Service on wildlife habitat studies our Project conducted in southeast and in the interior for the Forest Service.

SUPPORT FOR DR. VanBALLEMBERGHE

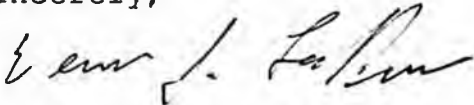
I have only known Dr. VanBallenberghe since the mid-1980s when he moved to join the Anchorage Forestry Sciences Laboratory in conjunction with his moose studies at Denali and in the Copper River Basin. However, I was aware of his work prior to that time. His reputation as an excellent research biologist in Fairbanks preceded him. Given the opportunity to become better acquainted with his research and him on a personal basis, I am very impressed with his professionalism, his ability to discern correctly the needs and critical interactions of the natural resources and to select appropriate courses of management action from a multitude of alternatives.

Although, I am admittedly not a wildlife biologist, I have had considerable exposure to wildlife management concepts both academically and in direct relation to my prior position as a research forester. I am a dues paying member of the Wildlife Society and the Society of American Foresters. In my discussions with Dr. VanBallenberghe, I have found his positions on various aspects of moose and predator management to be totally in sync with what I value and with what I understand to be in the best interest of the resource and in tune to with the interest of the public that the resources are provided for.

In my opinion, the State of Alaska, and it's people would be well served to have Dr. VanBallenberghe's expertise and good judgement in residence as a part of the Alaska State Board of Game. I sincerely urge this Committee to look favorable on Dr. VanBallenberghe's appointment to the State Board of Game.

I would be most happy to answer any questions of the Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Vernon J. LaBau".

Vernon J. (Jim) LaBau

Melody -

2267

Gerald Bennett

Clear - AK

582-2355

Opposes

OK

Gov's appointments

Ruggles

Van Burenburg



Alaska State Legislature

MAR 21 1986

Please enter into the record my testimony to the GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS
 committee name
 committee on GAME BOARD APPOINTMENTS dated 3-19-86
 bill/subject

I am representing the 400+ individual members of the Alaska Chapter of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep. We oppose Ann Ruggels because her actions during her last term show she does not, ^{recently} believe in using hunting as a management tool. Since a primary goal of the Game Board is to manage our wildlife ~~for~~ in the national interest, it is counterproductive to this goal to have a BOARD member who ~~is~~ not ~~the~~ most useful management tool we have.

We also oppose Vic Van Ballenberghe because of his position as a Wildlife Biologist with the Federal Government. ~~Since~~ His employer is directly opposed to →

Signed: Tony Pines
 Testifier

THE FOUNDATION FOR NORTH AMERICAN WILD SHEEP

Representing (Optional)

574 SARAH'S WAY, WASILLA AK 99654

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907-376-6474

Phone No.

our States' ~~own~~ policy in regards to subsistence
and sport hunting in Alaska. We cannot expect Mr.
Ballenbaugh to work in an unbiased manner or
in the best interest of our wildlife or our state
residents. the majority of



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the State Affairs Committee
 committee on Appointments to Game Board, dated 3/19/96.
 bill/subject committee name

*I'm opposed to both Anne Ruggles
 and Victor VAN Ballenberghe being on
 The Game Board.*

Signed: CARL E. BRENT
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the State Affairs Committee
committee name
 committee on Game Board appointment dated 3-18-96
bill/subject

I oppose Ann Ruggles for her past record and anti hunting history.

I oppose Lin Van Baalenbergh because of his Federal status and feel his involvement in the Federal Government is a conflict of interest.

Signed: Harold (Gary) Pelt
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the H S + A
 committee name
 committee on Game Board, dated 3-19-96
 bill/subject

I strongly oppose Anne Ruggles
 I feel she is too anti hunting
 and does not have Alaska in
 her best interest. I have lived
 here 41 years and have hunted and fished
 most of them. I feel we need people
 on the Board that will contrary to
 make it possible to keep my rights
 as a hunter

Signed: Benjamin J. Smith
 Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the STATE Affairs
Board of Game
 committee name
 committee on Board of Game
Governors Appointments, dated 3-19-96
 bill/subject

Oppose ANNE K. Ruggles because she is Anti: Hunting

Oppose Victor VAN Ballew Bergha because he is a Fed employee and the state of alaska has too much Feds input now we as a state need to stand on our own Two Feet

Signed: [Signature]
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HSTA
 committee name
 committee on board of Game operators, dated 3/19/96
 bill/subject

I oppose Anne Russles because of her
 strong anti hunting feelings

I oppose vic van Ballenberse
 because we don't need federal
 employees on the board

Signed: Deane Clary
 Testifier

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 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the State Affairs Committee
 committee name
 committee on Board of Game appointments dated 3-19-96
 bill/subject

It is my belief that neither Anne Ruggles or Vic Van Ballenberghe should be appointed to the Board of Game.

Ms Ruggles seems more interested in dictating her own sense of morality than in sound game management principles. After hearing her testimony, I announced she would pursue an anti hunting agenda.

Mr. Van Ballenberghe seems more interested in the opinions and threatened boycott of non residents than he does in the interests of residents. It is also my belief that no federal employee such as Mr. Van Ballenberghe should serve on the Board of Game because of obvious conflict of interests reasons. Thank you for your consideration.

Signed: Wendy
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House State APPRAIS
 committee name
 committee on Game Board PPP, dated 3-19-91
 bill/subject

I Ed Reedy Kee ^{AMM}
 very much against the appointment
 of Anne K Ruggles - Fairbanks
 and Victor Van Bollenburghe - Anchorage
 to the Board of Game,
 I think it will be very bad for
 the Game management of the state
 and control.

Signed: Ed Reedy Kee
 Testifier

MY SELF AS AN ALASKAN Hunter
 Representing (Optional) and a combination

HBO 1 Box 2316
 Address

Palmer 99645 3746289
 Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS
 committee on BD. OF GAME, dated MAR 19, 1996.
 bill/ subject

I URGE YOUR REJECTION OF MR. VAN BALLEMBERGHE
 TO THE BOARD OF GAME. WE NEED REPRESENTATION
 FROM THE EASTERN INTERIOR OF ALASKA, REPRESENTATION
 THAT IS UNBIASED AND OPEN MINDED RELATIVE
 TO BIOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES. MR VAN BALLEMBERGHE
 HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED THESE CHARACTERISTICS
 IN THE PAST. PLEASE REJECT THIS CANDIDATE.
 I FAVOR SUE ENTSWINGER FOR THIS POSITION.

THANK YOU.

Signed:

DON QUARBERG
 Testifier
SELF
 Representing (Optional)
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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE _____
 COMMITTEE ON Fish & Game Board DATED 3/19/96 COMMITTEE NAME
 BILL SUBJECT

of oppose Ann Ruggles re appointment to the Fish & Game board on several points:

#1 - Ms. Ruggles voted against hunting Black Bear over bait because it unfairly takes advantage of a bear's appetite. By this logic, we may lose our ability to fish using bait or lure. By this same logic, we may also lose most hunting opportunities, because a method may use a "low call" to a ~~bull~~ moose, deer or other game animal, unfairly taking advantage of another bear instinct.

#2. Ms. Ruggles has a strong opposition to intensive game management and with a growing problem with allocation, she is an extremely poor choice for hunters.

SIGNED Paul Fox
 TESTIFIER

REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)
815 6th Avenue, Ft. 99701
 ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

PLEASE ENTER INTO THE RECORD MY TESTIMONY TO THE _____
 COMMITTEE ON Fish & Game Board DATED 3/19/76 COMMITTEE NAME
 BILL/SUBJECT

I submit written testimony against the reappointment to the Van Belleberg.

Mr. Van Belleberg has voiced continuous opposition to wolf control in times of low or depressed wildlife populations.

With continued wildlife game allocation, habitat destruction are given fewer and fewer hunting opportunities, and wolf control is often called for - yet opposed by many on the Game Board. This includes Mr. Van Belleberg.

I also oppose this appointment because Mr. Van Belleberg is employed by the Forest Service - Alaska agency outside jurisdiction had continuous opposition to many wildlife issues.

SIGNED Robert Ford
 TESTIFIER

Sold
 REPRESENTING (OPTIONAL)

315 6th Ave Ft. Collins 9970j
 ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER

gk



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House State Affairs
committed name
 committee on confirmation hearings dated 19 March 1996
bill/subject

I oppose the confirmation of both Vic Van Ballenberg & Ann Ruggles to the Board of Game for their anti-hunting opinions. As a reminder the Board of Games purpose is only to regulate game for consumption not how or where we hunt. The appointing of Board of Game Members should be taken away from the Governor and be elected by the citizens.

Signed: Eric Beckmann
Testifier

ERIC & BARBARA BECKMANN
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

House State Affairs

Please enter into the record my testimony to the BOARD OF GAME
committee on BALLENBERG/RUGGLES committee name
dated 3-18-96
bill/subject

I wish to state my vehement opposition to having either VIC VAN BALLEMBERG OR ANN RUGGLES on the Board of Game or having any connection to the board of Game!

Signed: Cas Gadomski CAS GADOMSKI
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
PO BOX 878431 WASILLA, AK. 99687
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Phone No. _____



Alaska State Legislature

House State Affairs

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Board of Game
committee name
committee on confirmations, dated 3/18/96
bill/subject

I am against the appointment of Anna Reggias
because of her stand on airborn wolf hunting.
Also her voting record on the last 3 years
on the AEB: doesn't support good game management

Signed: *Patrick O'Connor* (Patrick O'Connor)
Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

House State Affairs

Please enter into the record my testimony to the

Board of Game
committee name

committee on confirmations, dated
bill/subject

3/15/96

I am against the appointment of Vic Van Bollenbarger because #1 he is opposed to hunting. This based on his record on how he voted when he was on the A.C.B. 1986 on whether resident of mile 216 - 309 Parks highway were ~~and~~ rural or no rural there for we lost our hunting rights to lands related the Denali National Park.

#2 I cannot understand how a person working for the Federal government could vote on state issues with all the problems between the State & Federal hunting regulation

Signed:

Testifier

Patrick O'Connor Patrick O'Connor

Representing (Optional)

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FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO		DATE: <u>March 19, 1996</u>
COMPANY: <u>House</u>		FROM: <u>Pete Shepherd</u>
ATTENTION: <u>Jeanette James</u>		PAGE <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> (INCLUDES COVER)
FAX NUMBER:		
RE: <u>Board of Game appointees</u>		

MESSAGE:

I strenuously object to the appointments of Ann Ruggles and Victor VanBallenberge to the State Board of Game. A review of their past actions on the board of game strongly suggests to me that both are ideologically aligned with the biocentrist philosophy. This view holds that human beings are no more important than other living things and that the best way to preserve nature is to leave it alone. Consequently both appointees are not committed to objective review and action on biologically sound proposals involving consumptive human use or intensive management of wildlife populations. This attitude is not compatible with the principle of sustained yield and consumptive use of renewable resources. I recommend you not confirm the above appointees.

Thank You,

Peter Shepherd
 Peter Shepherd

Submitted by: Senator Bert Sharp

Mar. 14, 96 *OK*

Senator Sharp

I as a 36 yr. Resident of Alaska
am against The Appoint to The
Fish & Game Board of Vick Van Balleghie
and Ann Ruggles to This Board.

These people in the past has
showed Their colors when it comes
to management of Fish & Game in Alaska.
I fear They will not represent ~~me~~
me & other Alaskans who hunt, fish &
trap in Alaska.

Please inform other
Legislators of my fear if They are
appointed -

Thank You
Keep up The Good work

Sam Snyder

Sam Snyder
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Fairbanks, AK.
99709

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the State Affairs Hearing
committee name
 committee on Appointment to Game Board dated 3/19/96
bill/subject

I strongly oppose the appointment of Ann Ruggles and Vic Van Vollenberg to the game board. With their pro-environmentalist stands, I feel their presence on the board would be detrimental to sustained-yield wildlife management in Alaska. I also strongly support SB-77 - Intensive Sustained Yield game management. Thank you.

Signed:

Dave Sullivan

Testifier

Dave Sullivan

Representing (Optional)

2425 Brooke Dr., Anch 99517

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Phone No.

Ms. Sandra Hughes
16955 Pt Lena Lp

Juneau AK, 99801 000-0000

self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I OPPOSE MICHELLE BROWN FOR THE POSITION OF
COMMISSIONER FOR DEC.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Clemens Clooten
1163 Linda Lou Ln

Fairbanks AK, 99712 457-7604

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MR. VIRGIL
UMPHENOUR TO THE BOARD OF FISH. HIS FAST KNOWLEGE OF THE
INTERIOR FISHERIES IS MUCH NEEDED ON THE BOARD. THE INTERIOR
RESIDENTS NEED A STRONG VOICE TO IMPLEMENT THEIR CONCERNS.
THANK YOU.

DISTRIBUTION: 10

Mr. David Martin
Hc-2 Box 860

Clam Gulch AK, 99568 567-3306

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: GOV. KNOWLES HAS GONE AGAINST A MAJOR CAMPAIGN
PROMISE BY APPOINTING 3 BOARD OF FISHERIES MEMBERS THAT WILL
TAKE ACTION ON COOK INLET FISHERY PROPOSALS WITHOUT BEING
CONFIRMED BY THE LEGISLATURE. THIS IS A BLATANT ACTION BY THE
GOVERNOR TO APPOINT BIASED SPECIAL INTEREST PERSONS TO
ACHIEVE HIS GOAL OF POLITICALLY ALLOCATING COOK INLET SALMON.
THIS ACTION TOTALLY DISCREDITS THE BOARD OF FISH PROCESS AND
PURPOSE.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Kathy Becker
PO Box 3225

Soldotna AK, 99669 262-7984

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF COFFEY TO THE FISHERIES BOARD. I REQUEST MY ELECTED OFFICIALS ONLY APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGEABLE IN KEEPING STOCKS HEALTHY FOR ALL USER GROUPS. COFFEY IS NOT QUALIFIED AND HE IS FLAGRANTLY IN PENNY'S AND KNOWLES' VOTE/POCKET.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Samuel Brow
PO Box 1161

Soldotna AK, 99669 262-3225

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BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF COFFEY TO THE FISHERIES BOARD. I REQUEST MY ELECTED OFFICIALS ONLY APPROVE AN APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL KNOWLEDGEABLE IN KEEPING STOCKS HEALTHY FOR ALL USER GROUPS. COFFEY IS NOT QUALIFIED AND HE IS FLAGRANTLY IN PENNY'S AND KNOWLES' VOTE/POCKET. I REQUEST THAT THE BOARD MEETING FOR COOK INLET BE POSTPONED UNTIL A QUALIFIED MEMBER CAN BE APPOINTED.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Chris Kempf
PO Box 521

Kenai AK, 99611 283-9511

self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED IN THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTING DAN COFFEY TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES. HOW COULD A LEADER IN PUSHING THE FISH INITIATIVE AND BOB PENNEY'S LAWYER BE OPEN-MINDED ON THE ISSUES? PLEASE OPPOSE THIS APPOINTMENT.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. William B. Sullivan Jr.
PO Box 943

Kenai AK, 99611 283-8447

self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: GOVERNOR KNOWLES MADE A CAMPAIGN PLEDGE TO COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN IN NOVEMBER OF 94 WHERE HE SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE NON-CONFIRMED BOARD OF FISHERIES MEMBERS ACTING ON PROPOSALS. DAN COFFEY, A CO-AUTHOR OF THE FISH INITIATIVE AND FORMER, IF NOT PRESENT, LAWYER FOR BOB PENNEY, CANNOT POSSIBLY BE PRESENTED AS UNBIASED. PLEASE OPPOSE THIS APPOINTMENT.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mrs. Georgia Johansen
PO Box 931

Kenai AK, 99611 283-9300

self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I AM AGAINST DAN COFFEY'S APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES. HE DOES NOT HAVE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL YET AND IS ONE OF THE FIVE PEOPLE WHO WROTE THE FISH INITIATIVE.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Brian Johansen
2405 Watergate Wy

Kenai AK, 99611 283-9387

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I AM A LIFELONG ALASKAN AND A COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN.
WE ARE CONCERNED WITH THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DAN
COFFEY TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES. REF THE MEETING TO CONVENE
NEXT WEEK: I UNDERSTAND THAT HIS VOTE WILL COUNT ALTHOUGH
MR. COFFEY HAS NOT HAD LEGISLATIVE CONFIRMATION OF HIS
APPOINTMENT. VOTE NO ON MR. COFFEY'S CONFIRMATION.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. John McCombs
PO Box 87

Ninilchik AK, 99639 567-3334
self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I DO NOT THINK THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE
BOARD OF FISHERIES TO HAVE DAN COFFEY AS A MEMBER. I THINK
THAT HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE FISH INITIATIVE INDICATES HIS BIAS
AND I QUESTION HIS ABILITY TO BE FAIR. I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE
PROPER AVENUE FOR MANAGEMENT; IT SHOULD BE BASED STRICTLY
ON BIOLOGY, NOT POLITICS OR ALLOCATION.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Leland Todd
PO Box 466

Soldotna AK, 99669 262-4234
self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DISSATISFACTION WITH GOVERNOR
KNOWLES AT THE APPOINTMENT OF DAN COFFEY TO THE FISH BOARD.
IN LIGHT OF MR. COFFEY'S INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FISH INITIATIVE, I
WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER VOTING AGAINST HIS CONFIRMATION.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Susan Wells
955 Cetacea Ln

Kenai AK, 99611 283-6283

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: DAN COFFEY HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL. HE HAS A CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST AND I AM PROTESTING HIS APPOINTMENT. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIS APPOINTMENT WITHDRAWN.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. James Showalter

PO Box 352

Soldotna AK, 99669 000-0000

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BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I PROTEST THE APPOINTMENT OF DAN COFFEY TO THE FISH BOARD BECAUSE HE HAS HELPED WRITE THE FISH INITIATIVE.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Carl Dixon

2463

Anchorage AK, 99508 274-2710

Riversong Adventures

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: CARL DIXON OF RIVERSONG ADVENTURES SUPPORTS GOVERNOR KNOWLES' NOMINATION OF DAN COFFEY TO THE FISHERIES BOARD IN INTEREST FOR SPORTFISHING FAIRNESS AND REPRESENTATION. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL VOTE IN SUPPORT OF HIS NOMINATION.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. David Watson

HCR2 Box 510

Clam Gulch AK, 99568 262-5596

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE OUR LEGISLATURE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS OF THE 3 NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES. I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO NOT SUPPORT THE CONFIRMATION OF DAN COFFEY OBVIOUSLY BECAUSE OF HIS BACKGROUND. WE NEED REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE. THIS WOULD MAKE THE BOARD TOO POLITICAL BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE HE (COFFEY) IS TIED IN WITH.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Ms. Dawnita Watson
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Clam Gulch AK, 99568 262-5596

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT AN IMMEDIATE DECISION BY THE LEGISLATURE TO DISAPPROVE DAN COFFEY'S NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF FISHERIES.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Steve Klaich
PO Box 5042

Nikolaevsk AK, 99556 235-4109

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I URGE YOU TO REJECT THE THREE NOMINEES FOR THE GAME BOARD MADE BY GOVERNOR KNOWLES. PLEASE REJECT THE NOMINATION OF ANN RUGGLES, REJECT THE NOMINATION OF VIC VANVALLENBERGHE AND REJECT THE NOMINATION OF GREG ROCZICKA.

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Mr. Leo J Keeler
PO Box 190647

Opposed

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Anchorage AK, 99519 248-9916
Friends of McNeil River
Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL IS AGAINST THE BOARD OF
GAME APPOINTMENTS. AOC MAY WANT A SPECIAL SESSION TO REJECT
THE NOMINATIONS. NEXT BOG MEETING IS IN MARCH. NOMINEES ARE
MODERATES, NOT EXTREMISTS TIED TO ANY GROUP. THEY DESERVE A
CHANCE TO ACT DURING THE MARCH MEETING BEFORE ANY
CONFIRMATION ACTION IS TAKEN.

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Mr. Patrick Bookey
PO Box 55194

North Pole AK, 99705 488-9890

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO NOT CONFIRM GREG ROCZICKA,
AND VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME. THANK YOU.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Approved

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Mr. Steve L. Klaich
PO Box 5042

Nikolaevsk AK, 99556 235-4109

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO URGE ALL LEGISLATORS TO REJECT
GOVERNOR KNOWLES THREE NOMINEES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF
GAME. PLEASE REJECT ALL THREE NOMINEES.

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Mr. Marvin Ray Park
HC67 Box 1222

Anchor Point AK, 99556 235-8125
Alaskan Bowhunters Assn.

Approved

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: WE WOULD OPPOSE VAN BALLEMBERGH TO THE BOARD OF GAME. HAVING REPUTATION FOR CONFLICT AND HARD TO WORK WITH. BEING A FEDERAL BIOLOGIST HE HAS NO PLACE ON STATE BOARD OF GAME. THE GOVERNOR HAS STATED, WE MUST GET FISH AND GAME MANAGEMENT BACK IN STATE HANDS. CERTAINLY NOT WITH A FEDERAL BIOLOGIST.

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Mr. Marvin Ray Park
HC67 Box 1222

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Anchor Point AK, 99556 235-8125

Alaskan Bowhunters Assn.

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: OPPOSE GREG ROCZIKA AT THIS TIME TO THE BOARD OF GAME. THE STATE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE A SUBSISTENCE PRIORITY. WE DON'T FEEL A PERSON WITH ROCZIKA'S STRONG SUBSISTENCE TIES AND OBLIGATIONS IS A GOOD CHOICE FOR STATE BOARD OF GAME. SEND HIM TO THE FEDERAL BOARD.

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Mr. Gary Hull
PO Box 1964

Kenai AK, 99611 262-5661

self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I ENCOURAGE YOU OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENTS OF ANNE RUGGLES AND VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME.

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Mrs. Beatrice Klaich
PO Box 5042

Nikolaevsk AK, 99556 235-4109

Opposed

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE YOU NOT TO SUPPORT THE NOMINATED MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF GAME: ANN RUGGLES, VIC VANVALLENBERGHE AND GREG ROCZICKA.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

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Mr. Brian Johansen
2405 Watergate Way

Kenai AK, 99611 283-9317

self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: WHY WAS DAN COFFEY ABLE TO VOTE AT THE BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING IN ANCHORAGE WITHOUT BEING CONFIRMED BY THE LEGISLATURE BEFORE HE WAS NAMED TO THE BOARD? I AM INTERESTED IN KNOWING HOW EACH OF YOU WILL VOTE DURING THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mr. Lance Domonoske
PO Box 554

Sterling AK, 99672 262-7671

self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENTS OF VIC VANBALLEBERGHE AND ANNE RUGGLES TO THE BOARD OF GAME. I FEEL THAT THESE PEOPLE HAVE AGENDAS AND THEOLOGIES OF GAME MANAGEMENT THAT ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE WANTS AND NEEDS OF MOST ALASKANS. THEIR MENTALITY AND MOTIVATION FOR MANAGEMENT IS BASED ON EMOTION AND PERSONAL BIAS RATHER THAN BIOLOGICAL DATA, COMMON SENSE AND FAIRNESS.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Opposed

OK

Mr. Justin Moore
112 Binkley St

Opposed
Soldotna AK, 99669 262-2881

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE RUGGLES AND VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME. *OK*

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Mr. Marvin R. Park

HC67 Box 1222

Anchor Point AK, 99556 235-8125

Alaskan Bowhunters Legislative V.P.

Non Constituent

Opposed
BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: WE WOULD OPPOSE ANNE RUGGLES TO BOARD OF GAME. IN HER LAST TERM SHE HAS CONSISTENTLY FAVORED RESTRICTING HUNTING AND TRAPPING OPPORTUNITIES. SHE ALSO LETS HER PERSONAL VALUES DICTATE HER DECISIONS RATHER THAN CONSIDERING THE WHOLE PICTURE. *OK*

DISTRIBUTION: 60

Mrs. Elaina Spraker

PO Box 2534

Soldotna AK, 99669 262-9592

Non Constituent

BILL#:

Opposed
SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME. WITH FEDERAL TAKE OVER OF OUR FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES, IT IS NOT PRUDENT TO APPOINT A FEDERAL BIOLOGIST TO A STATE BOARD. I ALSO OPPOSE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE RUGGLES. SHE IS A DETRIMENT TO GOOD SOUND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AS HER VOTING RECORD REFLECTS. IT ALSO REFLECTS HER PERSONAL BIASES TO THE NONCONSUMPTIVE USER. WHEN YOU TURN OFF THE LIGHTS, SHE GLOWS GREEN. *OK*

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Mr. Steven K. Meyer

PO BOX 7531

Nikiski AK, 99635 776-8265

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I AM OPPOSED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE RUGGLES AND VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE PERIOD. (BOARD OF GAME)

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Mr. Larry Smith
1510 Fathom Dr

Kenai AK, 99611 283-5293

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I AM AGAINST THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE RUGGLES AND VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME. I THINK THAT YOU CAN APPOINT BETTER QUALIFIED PEOPLE.

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Mr. Vincent Gonzales
PO Box 3567

Kenai AK, 99611 283-7907

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I AM OPPOSED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE RUGGLES AND VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO BOARD OF GAME.

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Mr. Terry Reid
19005 Chichagof Lp

Eagle River AK, 99577 271-2542

Non Constituent

BILL#:

Opposed

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Opposed

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Opposed

OK

Support for

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I WOULD LIKE TO CALL TO GIVE ME SUPPORT FOR VIC VANVALLENBERGHE AS THE NEW MEMBER OF THE GAME BOARD. BECAUSE HE IS A HUNTER AND A BIOLOGIST I TRUST HIS JUDGEMENT IN GAME MANGEMENT. AS A HUNTER I'VE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE GAME BOARD NOT FINDING MORE MIDDLE GROUND ON ISSUES WHEN POSSIBLE.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

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Opposed

Mr. Charles Daniel
PO Box 238
Kenai AK, 99611 000-0000

Non Constituent
BILL#:
SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I AM OPPOSED TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE RUGGLES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME, AND ASK YOU NOT TO CONFIRM THEM.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

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Mr. Al Mervin
General Delivery
Nikiski AK, 99635 776-5253

Opposed

Non Constituent
BILL#:
SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I AM OPPOSED TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF ANNE RUGGLES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME, AND ASK THAT YOU NOT CONFIRM THEM.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

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Mr. Wayne Maner
322 N Fireweed
Soldotna AK, 99669 262-8513

Non Constituent
BILL#:
SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

opposed

MESSAGE: I AM OPPOSED TO THE CONFIRMATION OF ANNE RUGGES AND VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME.
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Mr. Paul Arlie Smith
PO Box 7471

Nikiski AK, 99635 000-0000

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I URGE YOU NOT TO CONFIRM ~~THE~~ APPOINTMENTS OF VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE AND ANNE RUGGES TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME. MY OWN BACKGROUND AS A UAF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT GRADUATE, FORMER ADF&G EMPLOYEE AND INFORMED CITIZEN, LEADS ME TO CONCLUDE THAT THEIR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO PROGRESSIVE, COOPERATIVE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT IN ALASKA.

DISTRIBUTION: 60

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opposed

Mr. Bill Thinnes
1308 Kaknu Way

Kenai AK, 99611 283-3388

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: MYSELF AND OTHER SPORTSMEN IN THE AREA ARE OPPOSED TO THE CONFIRMATION OF VIC VAN BALLEMBERGHE AND ANNE RUGGES TO THE BOARD OF GAME OR ANY OTHER BOARDS THAT DEAL WITH HUNTING OR FISHING. BOTH OF THESE PEOPLE ARE ANTI-HUNTERS AND WE DON'T NEED THEM TO PASS ANY REGULATIONS THAT DEAL WITH HUNTING AND/OR FISHING.

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opposed

Mrs. Carol Bruner
PO Box 1271

Kenai AK, 99611 283-1969

Non Constituent

opposed

BILL#:
SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE RUGGLES AND VIC
VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME AND URGE YOU TO DO
THE SAME.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

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Mr. Mike Ables
PO Box 1425

Kenai AK, 99611 776-5587

opposed

Non Constituent
BILL#:
SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE RUGGLES AND VIC
VAN BALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME AND URGE YOU TO DO
THE SAME.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

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Mr. Mark A. Bruner
PO Box 1271

Kenai AK, 99611 283-1969
self

opposed

Non Constituent
BILL#:
SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I ADAMANTLY OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE
RUGGLES & VIC VANBALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

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Mr. Robert E. Brown
PO Box 3448

Soldotna AK, 99669 262-2227
self

opposed

Non Constituent
BILL#:
SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None
MESSAGE: I AM ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE
RUGGLES AND VIC VANBALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME. AS A

OK

20-YEAR RESIDENT, MY RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AS A HUNTER WOULD
BE JEOPARDIZED BY THEIR APPOINTMENT.
DISTRIBUTION: 60

Approved
Mr. Kelly Johnson
161 Trumpeter Ave

Soldotna AK, 99669 262-2578

self

Non Constituent

BILL#:

SUBJECT: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS None

MESSAGE: I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE
RUGGLES AND VIC VANBALLEMBERGHE TO THE BOARD OF GAME.

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Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS

Please enter into the record my testimony to the BOARD committee name
committee on BOARD OF GAME CONFIRMATIONS, dated 3-19-96
bill/ exhibit

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The Delta Junction Fish and Game Advisory Committee opposes the confirmation of VIC VAN BALLEMBERG to the State of Alaska Game Board. With the removal of Sue Entsminger of Tok from the Game Board, Governor Knowles has left the Eastern Interior and rural Alaska with diminished representation. Sue Entsminger was the only State Game Board member to actually send questionnaires Statewide to poll ~~various~~ committees about State game issues. Sue recognized the importance of local knowledge and experience!

^{NO US} It appears that Governor Knowles wishes to appoint a 'global' urban biologist who is more interested in being politically correct than biologically sound. We doubt that he recognizes the importance of understanding that we have ecosystems within each of our game management areas, and that each must be dealt with individually. Intensive Management actually is the maintaining of all species, predator and prey alike, and of their environments, in each given area to provide an optimum growth rate, which should automatically provide for optimum harvest, as well as optimum viewing for Alaska residents.

We believe that local game advisory committees know and understand the game and predator populations of their local area better than State Game Board members and biologists who are unfamiliar with local areas. The Alaska Board of Game needs representation from all areas of the State, including our area, and members who are sensitive to what advisory committees have to say.

Please do not disenfranchise us!

Signed:

NAT GOOD

Testifier Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Representing (Optional) Box 827 - Delta Junction, AK 99737

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Phone No.

March 20, 1996

Representative Jeannette James
AK House of Representatives
Interdepartmental Mail Stop: 3101
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
FAX #: (907) 465-2381

Dear Representative James:

This letter regards recent appointments to the State of Alaska Game Board.

We oppose Ann Ruggles' appointment to the Game Board. She was the only member of the Board to recently vote For banning bear baiting. This followed person after person testifying in support of Bear Baiting. Instead of voting for the strong majority of people who testified, she stated she thought it was unethical to bait for bears and voted her personal conviction, not the conviction of the majority voice. She has a record of rarely, if ever, voting yes on motorized issues, and this again was done regardless of the testimony. This, again, demonstrates that she votes her personal opinion instead of listening and then voting in favor of what she hears. Two very strong and important words — listening and hearing! Ann Ruggles has demonstrated she doesn't do either one very well. Please do not approve her nomination and instead give the people someone who will listen to the public, hear what they say, and then vote accordingly.

We also oppose Mr. Van Ballenberg's appointment

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Representative James From Burkhart

to the Game Board. He is against any type of predator control and has demonstrated he is very closed minded on the issue. We cannot understand how game can be properly managed without predator control. This gentleman has also stated that he will support or not support a particular issue and then will completely change his position whenever it appears a "politically correct" issue. An issue over ground base trapping demonstrated this. This man is a Federal Wildlife Biologist. We don't need any Federal influence on our State Board and our State Staff has more than adequate biologist representation. He also has previously been a Board member. Surely there are enough qualified people in this great state of ours that we can have new blood on these Boards! Please consider this appointment and give us someone fresh and open-minded on the issues.

Thank you for your time and consideration you give this request.

Yours truly,

Roy J. Burkhart

E. June Burkhart

Roy J. and Elizabeth June Burkhart
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I adamantly object to the appointment of Anne Ruggles to the Sate Game Board. Her anti-hunting position will continually harm the current make-up of the board. I personally do not see where a balance can be agreed upon in the rules and regulations with anti-hunting opinions so prominent on the board.

I came to Alaska twenty years ago with the concept of having freedom to enjoy the wondrous outdoors this state has to offer. Conservation, hunting and fishing are parts of this freedom that go hand in hand with accountability to future generations. Now that I have children, I have been able to pass along the same fondness and rights to them. I have taught them the importance and have given them an understanding about the balance of nature and the role man has in harvesting game as a healthy and proper management tool.

This balance will be greatly disrupted with the addition of Ms. Ruggles to the Board. I also feel strongly that her anti-hunting cynicism will and has had a drastic effect on the rules and regulations responsible hunters and conservationists abide by.

It scares me to think what the future of hunting in this great state will have in store with the inclusion of Ms. Ruggles to the board. I see my rights as a hunter and the freedom to provide for my family being taken away little by little. The right of passage to my children of a tradition I hold dear will be uprooted if I remain quiet. With this in mind, I must sound out loudly in protest and hope that you as the lawmakers hear me and my children.

Thank you for listening.

Respectfully,

Robert E. Brown



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HSTA
 committee name
 committee on BOARD OF GAME CONF., dated 3-19-96
 bill/subject

Signed: Robert Brown
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Myself
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FAX TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO		DATE: <u>March 19, 1996</u>
COMPANY: <u>House</u>		FROM: <u>Pete Shepherd</u>
ATTENTION: <u>Jeanette James</u>		PAGE <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u> (INCLUDES COVER)
FAX NUMBER: _____		
RE: <u>Board of Game appointees</u>		

MESSAGE:

I strenuously object to the appointments of Ann Ruggles and Victor VanBallenberge to the State Board of Game. A review of their past actions on the board of game strongly suggests to me that both are ideologically aligned with the biocentrist philosophy. This view holds that human beings are no more important than other living things and that the best way to preserve nature is to leave it alone. Consequently both appointees are not committed to objective review and action on biologically sound proposals involving consumptive human use or intensive management of wildlife populations. This attitude is not compatible with the principle of sustained yield and consumptive use of renewable resources. I recommend you not confirm the above appointees.

Thank You,

Peter Shepherd
Peter Shepherd