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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 24, 1996

Dear Governor Knowles:

The Board of the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association would like to express support for your recent appointments to the Alaska Board of Game. We appreciate your efforts to bring a greater balance of interests and backgrounds to the Board. You had several good candidates, and you made good choices.

In particular we think Vic VanBallenberghe is an excellent appointment. His strong scientific background, his prior experience with the Board process, and his past support for balancing non consumptive and other uses of wildlife will make him a valuable addition to the Board.

We also thank you for your serious consideration of Nicole Whittington-Evans, who we strongly supported. We hope that you will consider her for one of the next vacancies on the Board. Thanks again for working to establish greater balance in wildlife management and on the Board of Game.

Sincerely,

Steven Behnke
Executive Director

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FRIENDS OF MCNEIL RIVER

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Honorable Governor Tony Knowles
State of Alaska, Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Governor Knowles.

September 17, 1995

I understand that you are currently considering potential candidates to be nominated to the Board Of Game in January. This is likely to be one of the most important decisions that will be made concerning wildlife management in Alaska this decade. I encourage you to give this matter the consideration that it deserves and to appoint people that will make decisions for the benefit of all Alaskans, not just a select few. The most common public opinion that I hear of the current Board is that they represent only the hunters and are overly influenced by the Alaska Outdoor Council.

Everyone recognizes there are politics involved, not only of making these appointments, but of getting the appointee approved by the legislature. This process has helped develop today's public mistrust in the Board and the Board process. There is a very common feeling that decisions are made only to the benefit of the hunting community and not all Alaskans. This has developed due to the continued lobbying efforts of AOC and AOC's purported representation of many Alaskans, though few of their members ever really participate in the AOC decisions. I doubt that AOC could produce a copy of resolutions from any club that actually voted to support hunting in the McNeil River Refuge. If polled, I do not think the individual members of AOC would consider the Refuge hunt a fair chase hunt. But if asked, I suggest that AOC would be able to identify their supporters in various clubs that they contacted and implied the club supported AOC's desires.

The recent appointment of Taylor and Smith to key positions in the Department of Fish and Game has caused many people to question if changes in game management will ever occur. It appears that once a person achieves a significant position in the Department, that they will always be in a position of power and decision making. The "GOOD OLD BOYS" are seen as running a program to support themselves and past practices, not to have management that looks to the future and manages for all Alaskans. If the Department is to continue these practices, it becomes even more critical that the Board of Game be made up of people that will ignore AOC's political pressure and truly represent all Alaskans in this final decision process.

The Board of Game process must be changed to a process of leadership and lead game management into the future. The current process of "DICTATING" that hunting is

highest and best use of all resources must be changed. Many Alaskans avoid the Board process because they feel they are demeaned and dehumanized by the Board whenever they give testimony that protests decisions supported by AOC, and are intended to benefit only a select few Alaskans. Evidence of this single minded representation is easily seen when the Board received over 200 letters in 1993 asking that the McNeil Refuge be closed to hunting, but the Board continued to support hunting in the area. The vocalized reaction of the Board to the recent "Flood the Hunt" campaign and their assurance that they would find a way to prevent it from happening again is further evidence of their ignoring requests demonstrated by "THOUSANDS" of Alaskans.

The current effort to place same day wolf hunting on the public ballot may be the initial step in efforts to radically change the Board process. I have been approached by numerous people seeking support to break away from the current board process. Many desire that any controversial proposal or element of management be placed on the public ballot before any animals are killed. This and other alternatives under consideration would greatly hamper wildlife management in Alaska.

It will be difficult enough for you to find qualified people willing to be on the Board, but you must make the highest qualification be that they will SERVE ALL ALASKANS, and not just the support AOC's continued view that the only good animal is one that can be hunted. Though it may be time consuming to get fully qualified people approved by the legislature, especially if AOC continues it's lobbying effort, not taking the effort to get them approved will be yielding to AOC's current ability to dictate who is appointed to the Board and will continue the deterioration of Alaska's game management practices.

One candidate we feel worth consideration is Dr. Vic Van Ballenberghe. We previously supported Vic for nomination and the attached letter of support is likely still on file with your office.

Thank you for taking the time to review my concerns. I would greatly appreciate hearing from you and learning what criteria you will place on selecting new members for the Board of Game.

Sincerely



LEO KEEFER

Chairman, Board of Directors.

cc: Mr. Vic Van Ballenberghe
Alaska Wildlife Alliance
Audubon Society, Alaska Chapter
Wilderness Society, Alaska Chapter

Alaska Center for the Environment
National Wildlife Federation, Alaska Chapter
Sierra Club, Alaska Chapter
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Alaskan Wilderness Images



Governor Tony Knowles
State of Alaska, Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

January 11, 1995

Dear Governor Knowles,

Reference: Mr. Victor Van Ballenberghe nomination to the Board of Game.

As Director of the Board for Friends of McNeil River, I would like to express the congratulations from the Friends of McNeil River on your election as Governor of Alaska. We were all very pleased to see you at our benefit at the Fly By Night Club and the support you demonstrated towards the efforts to protect the McNeil River bears and the highly sought after viewing experience.

During a quick, likely un-memorable, conversation I had with you at the Juneau Airport, I mentioned I might be contacting you about methods and opportunities to further assist in protecting the McNeil River bears. Upon hearing of Mr. Victor Van Ballenberghe's interest in serving another term on the Board of Game, I recognized such an opportunity. This letter is to document the support and recommendation from the Friends of McNeil River for your appointing Vic to the Board of Game at the earliest opportunity.

We feel that Vic is one of Alaska's top wildlife biologists possessing an exceptional grasp of wildlife issues throughout the State. During his previous term on the Board, he demonstrated an awareness of the managerial, political, social and economic impacts of decisions made by the Board of Game. He has worked with the Wolf Task Force, written articles in the newspapers and given personal presentations showing all sides of the current wolf control issues. These personal efforts demonstrate his continuing desire to serve all Alaskans, not just one interest group.

I have personally worked with Vic in my endeavors as a wildlife photographer and in tasks in my other profession as an employee with the U.S. Forest Service, Chugach National Forest. I have had the opportunity to witness Vic addressing sensitive issues with groups and individuals that had a single minded objective or agenda. During

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those encounters, Vic demonstrated a unique patience and desire to acknowledge the interests being expressed, while striving to inform the participants of other issues, concerns and opportunities.

I feel nominating Vic to the Board of Game would benefit all Alaskans and the wildlife that we all enjoy and benefit from.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leo Keeler

LEO KEELER
Director of the Board
Friends of McNeil River

September 26, 1995

Mr. Leo Keeler
Director of the Board
Friends of McNeil River
P.O. Box 231091
Anchorage, AK 99523-1091

Dear Mr. Keeler:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the appointment of Mr. Victor Van Balenberghe to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Best regards,

Marla Huss
Director of External Affairs

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March 5, 1996

Mr. Leo Keeler
Director of the Board
Friends of McNeil River
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Dear Mr. Keeler:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The number of candidates and the high level of qualifications were impressive.

Governor Tony Knowles has reappointed Anne Ruggles of Fairbanks and appointed Greg Roczicka of Bethel and Victor Van Ballenberghe of Anchorage to public seats on the Board of Game.

We appreciate your assistance in helping Governor Knowles select the best candidates for boards and commissions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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STATE OF ALASKA

OATH OF OFFICE

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
MAR 29 1996

I, Anne K. Ruggles, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Board of Game to the best of my ability.

Anne K. Ruggles
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of March, 1996

Melita D. Rye
Notary Public, State of Alaska
My commission expires: 1/6/98

(SEAL)



NOTE: Pursuant to AS 09.63.010, this oath may be administered by a justice, judge, or magistrate of a court; a clerk or deputy clerk of a court; a notary public; a U.S. postmaster; or a commissioned officer under AS 09.63.050.

November 13, 1995

Governor Knowles
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Knowles

I would like to be considered for reappointment to the Alaska Board of Game. My interest stems directly from my membership on the Alaska Wolf Management Planning Team, my three years experience as a member of the BOG, my experiences as a scientist and as an interested member of the public.

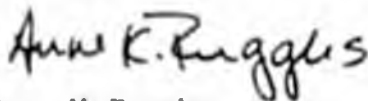
Part of Alaska's pride resides, rightly so, in its ability to have accommodated moderate human impact on the land while having retained much of its wildlife and subsistence-type lifestyle. We are unique in this regard and should strive to continue in our careful approach to wildlife resource use and management. Much of the loss of wildlife and wildlife habitat in the rest of the United States can be attributed to the loss of diversity in resource use and value. As the values of Alaska's human population change wildlife management will increasingly have to recognize and accommodate different personal, cultural and economic values within the context of biological and ecological realities. I would like to be a part of this process.

I have educational and work backgrounds which include degree work in Anthropology, zoology and wildlife biology. I am an educator, scientist and conservationist. I have worked with various native groups (Highland Maya, Puyallup and Nisqually and recently with Alaskan groups in working to resolve problems brought to the BOG); as a Naturalist at a wildlife park; environmental educator; for nine years as a researcher in a university zoology department and currently as a lecturer in biology at UAF. Since high school I have worked seasonally as a ranch and farm hand working with and for people who derive their livelihood directly from the land. This has involved me in the creation of predator control policy and programs in Washington and Texas where I worked with stock raisers and conservationists to fashion local compromises on predator control policies. These included the change of husbandry practices, use of non-lethal control and lethal control of offending animals.

I approach planning and management problems using all of this background; scientific, anthropological, educational and experiential. I believe competing or conflicting goals can be resolved by first seeking shared values and building on that foundation. I have applied this belief to my work as a member of the BOG helping to resolve a variety of management problems. I have developed good working relationships within the native community, with Federal wildlife managers, within the conservation community, within the hunting community and with Department of Fish and Game staff.

Thank you for your consideration of my application. If I can provide you with any further information please feel free to call me at 474-3755.

Sincerely,



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

Education

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

Professional Experience

I. Laboratory Research

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

II. Field Research

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

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

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

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

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

III. Teaching

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

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

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

IV. Policy

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

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

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

Professional papers/Abstracts/presentations

1. Ruggles, A.K. in prep. Bonaparte's gulls (*Larus philadelphus*) and loon nest success in south central Alaska.
2. Haggstrom, D.A., A.K. Ruggles, C.M. Harms and R.O. Stevenson 1995. (in press) Citizen participation in developing a wolf management plan for Alaska: an attempt to resolve conflicting human values and perceptions. in Carbyn, L. (ed.) Ecology and Conservation of Wolves in a Changing World. Univ. of Alberta.
3. Ruggles, A.K. 1994. Habitat selection by common loons (*Gavia immer*) in South central Alaska. *Hydrobiologia* 279/280:421-430.

4. Invited Seminar: University of Texas, Zoology Department. April 12, 1993. Wolf Management in Alaska.
5. Invited presentation at Alaska Wolf Summit: January 1993. "The Alaska Wolf Management Planning Team; process, consensus points and points of non-consensus." Fairbanks, Alaska.
6. Ruggles, A.K. and N.Tankersley. 1992. Summer and winter distribution and population estimates for loons (Gaviidae) in Alaska. Alaska Department of Fish and Game unpub. rept.
7. Tankersley, N. and A. K. Ruggles. 1992. Status and Distribution of loons in Alaska. (presentation and abstract in proceedings of the Conference of the North American Loon Fund. Maine, August 1992).
8. Ruggles, A. K. 1992. Citizen participation in developing a wolf management plan for Alaska. Second International Wolf Symposium, Edmonton, Alberta. August 1992. (presentation).
9. Ruggles, A.K. 1992. Loons; Biology and management. Third Alaska Loon Fest. Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. (presentation)
10. Ruggles, A.K. 1991. Habitat Selection by common loons (*Gavia immer*). Alaska Bird Conference, Anchorage, Alaska. (presentation and abstract in the Proceedings).
11. Ruggles, A.K. 1990. Loons and Bonaparte's Gulls in the Mat-Su Valley, Alaska. Second Alaska Loon Fest. Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. (presentation)
12. Ruggles, A.K. 1989. Loons in the Mat-Su Valley, a preliminary consideration of habitat selection. First Alaska Loon Fest. Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. (presentation)

Memberships

The Wildlife Society
Society for Conservation Biology
Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology
Alaska Bird Observatory
Nature Conservancy
National Speleological Society
Girl Scouts USA (currently a Brownie leader)

Reference

References are available on request.

November 20, 1995

Ms. Anne K. Ruggles
P.O. Box 82950
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Ms. Ruggles:

Thank you for expressing your interest in reappointment to the Board of Game.

I appreciate your willingness to assist the Governor through service on a board or commission. We have recorded your interest, and it will be considered prior to making an appointment.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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February 26, 1996

Ms. Anne K. Ruggles
P.O. Box 82950
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Anne,

I am grateful you accepted reappointment to the Board of Game.

I appreciate your willingness to continue serving Alaska in this important capacity. Your commitment can make a difference as we work together to ensure a positive and problem-solving state government. Through our mutual efforts, the vision we share for an environment of opportunity and progress for all Alaskans is possible.

Sincerely,

S/S Tony Knowles
Tony Knowles
Governor

cc: Cindy Smith, Coordinator, Boards and Commissions

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February 26, 1996

Ms. Anne K. Ruggles
P.O. Box 87950
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Ms. Ruggles:

Congratulations on your reappointment to the Board of Game, effective February 23, 1996, for a term ending January 31, 1999. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.

After signing and notarizing the enclosed Oath of Office form, please return it to my office immediately. Upon receipt of the completed form, you will be authorized to exercise the powers and perform the duties of your office pending confirmation by the Legislature.

In addition, I have enclosed an optional Equal Opportunity Survey which I would appreciate having returned with the Oath of Office should you choose to fill it out. This information is kept confidential and used for statistical analysis of boards and commissions only.

Also enclosed is an identification card to facilitate your travel as a board member. Some businesses offer State of Alaska discounts when traveling on official business.

The Alaska Public Offices Commission will send you a Conflict of Interest Statement. Please carefully review their letter to ensure that you are in compliance with the law.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Best wishes to you as a board member.

Best regards,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

Enclosures

bcc: Lt. Governor's Office
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Senate Secretary
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Contact: Ms. Diana Cote
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JoAnn Utt
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February 28, 1996

TO GOVERNOR KNOWLES
FAX (907)269-7463

Dear Governor Knowles

Thank you for your appointment of Anne Ruggles. Finally, a fair-minded person on the Game Board!!!

BRAVO !!!


JoAnn Utt

P.S. I attended last years' meeting in Anchorage and Anne Ruggles was the only board member knowledgeable on both land/animal issues

cc SENATOR BERT SHARP
SENATOR ROBIN TAYLOR

Game / mail

3 February 1996

Governor Tony Knowles
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Post Office Box 110001
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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
FEB 08 1996

Attn: Heather Bradner

Dear Governor Knowles,

I am writing to recommend Ann Ruggles be retained as a member of the Alaska Board of Game.

I have known Ann since she moved to Alaska. Her husband Don first worked for me as a teaching assistant in the UAF Physics Department. During the time Don worked for me I helped Don and Ann with fire wood and they helped me with butchering hogs. You can get a fair assessment of a person's character when engaged in such activities and I grew to respect Ann's.

I do not agree with Ann on some of the issues the Board of Game has addressed. But I respect her integrity, intelligence and honesty.

I am also urging you to reappoint Thomas Johnson and Sue Entsminger. Many of the issues that come before the Board have a long history. New members might be afraid to act until they have had the time to become familiar with the issues. The end result is that many issues will be ignored.

One such issue is that of using airboats for hunting vehicles. Ann worked with me on a proposal I submitted to the Board which would restrict airboat operators from same day hunting, much like the present law for airplanes. The issue of using airboats for hunting has been coming up for many years now. A document that comes from the desk of W. Lewis Pamplin, Jr., Director of the Division of Wildlife Conservation, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, dated February 1, 1990 contains the following quote, "*Airboats have altered drainage patterns, destroyed waterfowl nesting habitat, and disturbed nesting swans on Fort Wainwright.*" In addition their loud noise disturbs other hunters and users of Alaska's wild lands. They are so loud that if I were working instead of hunting, my employer would be required to provide hearing protection under OSHA regulations.

Even though the Board of Game heard testimony and saw evidence about the damaging effects of airboats they decided to delay making any decisions until next November. I guess they wanted Fish and Game to update their report on the matter and make recommendations. If the Board experiences a large turnover at this point in the process it is likely that nothing will happen.

Heather Bradner suggested that I mail information on problems with airboats. I hope you have time to read through the material.

Howard Luke, an Athabaskan elder who has lived in the Tanana flats his entire life, dictated a letter to me and asked me to send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John K. Petersen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John K. Petersen

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Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

907-474-4065

Dear Gov. Knowles,

We are losing our lively hood fast. The airboats are running over all the duck eggs and nests. If we were mistreated we wouldn't go back too. If we want to protect our animals we got to get rid of the airboats.

I don't like to talk about people like that but they should know what they're doing. It's no respect what ever. The fish ; muskrats too. They live in the grass and the airboats run over the grass. Used to be a lot of muskrats, All them places where there used to be a lake they're all draining out

If we don't do something about it it's really going to ruin the country.

Knowles Lake

Airboats are not so benign as their operators will claim

By JOHN K. PETERSEN

Over the years people have voiced concern over various aspects of unrestricted airboat use in Alaska. We need to begin looking at ways to regulate their activities before the problems get worse.

The most extensive study dealing with the impact of airboats is the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory report "The Use and Environmental Impacts of Airboats on the Tanana Flats, Fort Wainwright, Alaska," which was commissioned by the U.S. Army in 1989. Although many aspects of the one-year study were inconclusive, the first recommendation of the report was:

"An airboat management plan should be developed for the Tanana Flats portion of Fort Wainwright to include consideration of the nesting behavior of trumpeter swans. Methods to achieve temporal and/or spatial separation of airboat and swan use of the area should be considered. If the trumpeter swan population continues to increase in Interior Alaska, additional nesting space may be desirable."

In other words, the authors of the report are recommending that airboats be restricted as to when and where they can go in the flats so they will interfere with nesting swans. Some of the other recommendations call for the future monitoring of airboat trail expansion, determine the

rates of recovery of vegetation, conduct further studies of the hydrology and flow of water through the floating marshes used by airboats.

The CRRREL study only briefly mentions the problems of noise from airboats. Last year Rep. John Davies submitted House Bill 66, which would require all boats to have a sufficient muffler installed on the engine such that the noise level of the boat would not exceed 90 decibels measured at 50 feet. Noise levels above 90 decibels can cause permanent hearing damage. According to Roger Redfern, a local airboat dealer, newer factory airboats with mufflers and double props have sound levels below 90 decibels. Older and homemade airboats often have no mufflers and single props which will consequently have sound levels as high as 130 decibels, similar to a jet engine. Airboaters that oppose the 90 decibel standard feel that they have the right to run any configuration of airboat they prefer. The technology exists to make airboats quiet enough to meet the standards set in House Bill 66. We have to decide if the preferences of airboat owners outweigh the rights of the others.

Ronnie Redfern of Alaska Airboat Adventures was quoted as saying about his summer airboat tours in the Tanana Flats, "You're guaranteed to see 15 or 20 moose in two hours." When many airboaters hunt for moose, they simply drive around the swamps and

sloughs until they see a bull in the open. Then they shoot it. Toby Boudreau, with Alaska Department of Fish and Game, knows of a local group of hunters that shot 12 moose using three airboats last fall. Roy Nowlin, a Unit 6 biologist with ADF&G, told of one group of six hunters, using one airboat, that were able to shoot six moose in less than five hours. For comparison, only about 25 percent of all moose hunters in Alaska are successful, and nonresidents, who are often flown into guided hunts, are only 46 percent successful. Alaska has restrictions on other forms of transportation that are too efficient, helicopters cannot be used at all and a person cannot hunt until after 3 a.m. the day after flying in an airplane. Nowlin went on to say, "In Unit 6B airboats are much more effective than airplanes." Since airboats are so efficient, hunting restrictions should be applied to them similar to those placed on aircraft.

The numbers of airboats in the Interior is growing rapidly. Roger Redfern estimates there are only about 85 to 90 airboats in the Interior but he has already sold eight before June of this year. In addition, nobody really knows how many more airboats have been homemade or bought from other sources. As the airboat population grows, the problems associated with them will become worse, and solutions will be harder to find.

John K. Petersen is an instructor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks physical laboratory.

February 9, 1996

Mr. John K. Petersen
4539 Tolovana Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Mr. Petersen:

Governor Knowles asked me to respond to your letter of support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles, Mr. Thomas Johnson, and Ms. Sue Entsminger to the Board of Game.

Your comments will be seriously considered prior to making this appointment.

Your willingness to assist the Governor in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

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Dear Mr. Petersen:

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Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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*Gladstone***Friends
of
Animals****Via Fax**

Feb. 14, 1996

Gov. Tony Knowles
(907) 465-3532BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
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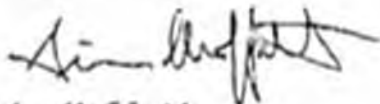
Dear Gov. Knowles,

I am writing to strongly urge you to reappoint Anne Ruggles to the Board of Game, and to find another candidate to replace Sue Entsminger. During her entire term, Ms. Ruggles's has often been the only voice for reason on a board whose makeup is, in our belief, unduly balanced toward consumptive uses and maximizing the killing of game in Alaska, at the expense of sound ecological management.

These actions will go far toward restoring balance to the Board of Game. We have no recommendation as to an applicant for either Ms. Entsminger's position or the third vacancy. We trust your reasonableness in choosing applicants who will represent all Alaskans in the difficult policymaking tasks the board faces

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Tim Moffatt
NW Field Representative
Friends of Animals

Tim Moffatt
P.O. Box 291
Gladstone, OR 97027
Phone/Fax: (503) 794-0855

March 5, 1996

Mr. Tim Moffatt
Northwest Field Representative
Friends of Animals
P.O. Box 291
Gladstone, OR 97027

Dear Mr. Moffatt:

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Northern Alaska Environmental Center



218 DRIVEWAY STREET
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701-2806
PHONE: (907) 452-5021 FAX: (907) 452-3100
E-MAIL: naecc@econet.org

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
FEB 02 1996

January 30, 1996

Heather Bradner
Boards and Commissions
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Heather:

I write to recommend Anne Ruggles for re-appointment to the Alaska Board of Game.

In the last three years, Anne has served the people of Alaska well. She is consistently open to any outcome on issues that come before the Board. She is committed to weighing the facts and public sentiment before casting her vote. That said, Anne gives voice to different values in Board deliberations, speaking as a scientist and speaking for non-intensive management interests. Anne pursues policy that will neither reflect poorly on Alaska nor hurt Alaskans.

Governor Hickel nominated Anne in 1992 for her obvious credentials--but also because she was "green" enough to appease environmentalists and level-headed enough so as not to horrify his most ardent supporters. It worked and still works. Anne is widely recognized as a problem-solver. She takes her responsibility to Alaska very seriously and sees in her public service a great opportunity to help Alaskans.

A more professional and enthusiastic candidate is hard to imagine; I urge that Anne Ruggles be appointed to a second three-year term.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Ward
Executive Director

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February 6, 1996

Ms. Sylvia Ward, Executive Director
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
218 Driveway Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701-2806

Dear Ms. Ward:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Ms. Sylvia Ward, Executive Director
Northern Alaska Environmental Center
218 Driveway Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701-2806

Dear Ms. Ward:

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
JAN 30 1996

Honorable Governor Tony Knowles,

I respectfully request that you not reappoint Ms. Anne Ruggles to the Alaska Board of Game on the grounds that she does not represent the needs of Interior residents.

Her public statement at the January 1996 Game Board Meeting that Black Bear Bait Hunting is not an ethical hunting method has wrongly labeled most bear hunters in the area as unethical. Perhaps it is her own ethics that should be questioned in attacking those she is suppose to represent.

The fact that she could never get enough votes locally to be elected to the Game Board Advisory Committee is further proof of her unpopular views on wildlife management. I truly believe that a rock tossed randomly out any window in Fairbanks would hit someone better suited to represent our needs.

Thanks for your many and continuing efforts to protect our game resources and hunting privileges.

Sincerely,

Tom Ramsey
Tom Ramsey
P.O. Box 58405
Fairbanks, Alaska 99711

Phone 907-488-0210

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Game Board kills bid to ban bear baiting

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE—A proposal to end bear baiting in Alaska was defeated 6-1 Monday by the Alaska Game Board.

Anno Ruggles of Fairbanks cast the dissenting vote.

"I don't think bear baiting is an ethical way to hunt," she said.

After turning down the ban on bear baiting, the board unanimously endorsed a proposal to require hunters to salvage much of the meat from all black bears taken in the state. Hunters would have to take the hind and front quarters of any black bear and also the back straps.

The board tabled that proposal until its March meeting to allow public comment before the change goes into effect.

Board chairman Dick Burley of Fairbanks voted with the majority to retain bear baiting.

"I don't believe bear baiting is

jeopardizing the bear population in the state," Burley said. "I don't believe there is a biological concern. It's a question of values.

"The board is attempting to require salvage of bear meat, because the majority of testimony showed that people hunt black bears over bait for food and the feeling was that as long as the bear is utilized for food, that it is an efficient way to hunt," Burley said.

"I think it's a value question," said Tok board member Sue Entsminger. "It's not an ethics issue. People who objected (to bear baiting) showed me it was a hidden agenda."

Juneau board member Ernie Polley said he was bothered enough by hunters using bear bait for trophy hunting to suggest the requirement that meat be salvaged in all black bear hunts

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Michael Parks - P.O. Box 4332 - Homer, AK. 99603 - 907-235-8796

Office of the Government - Attn: Board and Commissions Dept.
State Capitol
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

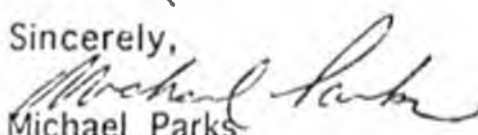
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Dear Men and Women of the Government;

This first half of this letter is in support of the Board of Game decision to close McNeil's final boundary to bear hunting. This is a unique situation and deserves a different management plan than other areas of Alaska. I think those involved did the right thing and if it proves to be the wrong thing then, what does it take to correct it? Not much. Was it Jay Hammond who said, "a mistake on the side of conservation is easily corrected." A mistake on the other side often can't be corrected.

The second half of this letter is to support Anne Ruggles on the Board of Game. I have had the pleasure of working with her in the field and observing her work as a professor at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Anne does an incredible amount of research on any issue she becomes involved in. She has an excellent ability to remain focused on the issue, present the facts, and lead discussions in an unbiased fashion. Her ethical values and approach to life are of the highest level.

Finally, if Anne Ruggles would ask to set on the Board of Game again, it would no doubt be in Alaska's best interest to accept her. What a valuable asset she is.

Sincerely,

Michael Parks

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January 11, 1996

Mr. Michael Parks
P.O. Box 4332
Homer, AK 99603

Dear Mr. Parks:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Mr. Michael Parks
P.O. Box 4332
Homer, AK 99603

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Governor

Sean McGuire
351 Cloudberry *D.V.*
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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Governor Tony Knowles

Governor Knowles.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
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I am writing in regards to reappointing Ann Ruggles to the Board of Game. Ann probably knows more about wildlife than anyone on the BOG. She teaches several courses on wildlife at UAF. She displays a strong scientific background and shows a willingness to dialogue with the public. She has been well respected by all sides of issues regardless of points of view. With so much national and international attention focused on Alaskan wildlife, Ann gives the State strong credibility in wildlife management.

Sincerely,

Sean McGuire



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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

January 4, 1996

Mr. Sean McGuire
351 Cloudberry Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

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Cindy Smith
Coordinator
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March 5, 1996

Mr. Sean McGuire
351 Cloudberry Drive
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Dear Mr. McGuire:

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The Honorable Tony J. Knowles
Governor of the State of Alaska
State Capitol
P. O. Box 110001
Juneau, Alaska 99811

December 12, 1995

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
DEC 19 1995

RE: Nomination of Anne Ruggles to the State Board of Game

Dear Sir:

My husband, James, and I, first met Anne Ruggles several years ago when she was surveying Wolfe Lake, in the Matanuska-Susitna area between Palmer and Wasilla, on a Loon Research project, under the auspices of the Department of Fish and Game.

At that time, we were impressed with her ability to convey complex scientific information to the lay public (ourselves) and with her evident dedication, perseverance and excitement about her work. This has not diminished and we are further impressed by her interest in a wide variety of concerns (there is no evident agenda to focus only on one resource or issue) by her ability to discuss sensitive issues with a variety of people and resource users, using a firm understanding of the scientific data to make clear and convincing presentations of hers, and the public's interest in the protection, and use of our wildlife resources, game and non-game alike.

We have followed her career with the State Board of Game and feel that she best represents our concerns and wishes for the proposed utilization issues that are presented.

Please feel to contact us if you have need for any additional information, at:
Joann and Jim Eakin
P. O. Box 1085
Palmer, Ak. 99645
phone:(907) 745-6395
FAX:(907) 746-4723

I am honored to know Anne Ruggles, and think that her continued service on the State Board of Game would be a great benefit to the public, resource uses and the goals and aims of the Department.

Sincerely,

Joann K. Eakin
Joann K. Eakin

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

December 22, 1995

Ms. Joann K. Eakin
P.O. Box 1085
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Ms. Eakin:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

Your willingness to assist Governor Knowles in selecting the best candidates for boards and commissions is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Ms. Joann K. Eakin
P.O. Box 1085
Palmer, AK 99645

Dear Ms. Eakin:

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Box 80766
Fairbanks, AK 99708
November 25, 1995

Ms. Heather Bradner
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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Dear Ms. Bradner:

I am writing with regard to Anne Ruggles, a current Board of Game member whose term expires in January 1996. I strongly recommend that Governor Knowles reappoint Ms. Ruggles for another three-year term.

I have known Ms. Ruggles since she came to Alaska - first as a fellow graduate student and then as a friend. I think she has done an excellent job as a Board of Game member. Not only does Ms. Ruggles participate fully at all meetings, but between meetings she works tirelessly by attending conferences, phoning and writing to constituents, and generally making herself available to those with concerns. In other words, Ms. Ruggles is a full-time Board of Game member, and she makes every effort to keep informed and to see all sides of the issues.

I hope that you will pass this recommendation on to Governor Knowles and that he will choose to reappoint Ms. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Sincerely yours.

Katharine Richardson

Katharine Richardson

November 28, 1995

Ms. Katharine Richardson
P.O. Box 80766
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for informing me of your support for the reappointment of Ms. Anne K. Ruggles to the Board of Game.

Your comments are appreciated, and will be considered when making an appointment.

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Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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March 5, 1996

Ms. Katharine Richardson
P.O. Box 80766
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Dear Ms. Richardson:

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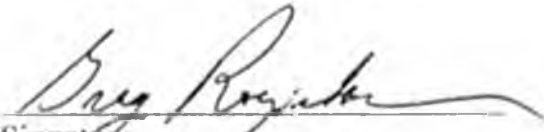
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STATE OF ALASKA


OATH OF OFFICE

BOARDS & COMMISSIONERS
MAR 0 1995

I, Greg Roczicka, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a member of the Board of Game to the best of my ability.


Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 04th day of March, 1996.


Notary Public, State of Alaska
My commission expires: 04/04/98

(SEAL)



NOTE: Pursuant to AS 09.63.010, this oath may be administered by a justice, judge, or magistrate of a court; a clerk or deputy clerk of a court; a notary public; a U.S. postmaster; or a commissioned officer under AS 09.63.050.

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GREG ROCZICKA
PO BOX 513
BETHEL, AK, 99559
P: (907) 543-2903

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.

December 5, 1995

Mr. Greg Roczicka
P.O. Box 513
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Mr. Roczicka:

Thank you for expressing your interest in an appointment to the Board of Game.

I appreciate your willingness to assist the Governor through service on a board or commission. We have recorded your interest, and it will be considered prior to making an appointment.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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February 26, 1996

Mr. Greg Roczicka
P.O. Box 513
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Greg,

I am grateful you accepted appointment to the Board of Game.

I appreciate your willingness to serve Alaska in this important capacity. Your commitment can make a difference as we work together to ensure a positive and problem-solving state government. Through our mutual efforts, the vision we share for an environment of opportunity and progress for all Alaskans is possible.

Sincerely,

Sis Tony Knowles

Tony Knowles
Governor

cc: Cindy Smith, Coordinator, Boards and Commissions

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February 26, 1996

Mr. Greg Roczicka
P.O. Box 513
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Mr. Roczicka:

Congratulations on your appointment to the Board of Game, effective February 23, 1996, for a term ending January 31, 1999. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.

After signing and notarizing the enclosed Oath of Office form, please return it to my office immediately. Upon receipt of the completed form, you will be authorized to exercise the powers and perform the duties of your office pending confirmation by the Legislature.

In addition, I have enclosed an optional Equal Opportunity Survey which I would appreciate having returned with the Oath of Office should you choose to fill it out. This information is kept confidential and used for statistical analysis of boards and commissions only.

Also enclosed is an identification card to facilitate your travel as a board member. Some businesses offer State of Alaska discounts when traveling on official business.

The Alaska Public Offices Commission will send you a Conflict of Interest Statement. Please carefully review their letter to ensure that you are in compliance with the law.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Best wishes to you as a board member.

Best regards,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

Enclosures

bcc: Lt. Governor's Office
Elections
Senate Secretary
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Contact: Ms. Diana Cote
APOC
Chief Clerk of the House
B&C Read File
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Handwritten note: L. Bullard



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February 23, 1996

Governor Tony Knowles
 Third Floor, State Capitol
 PO Box 110001
 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Dear Governor Knowles:

The Kawerak Board Natural Resources Committee met yesterday and reviewed the letters and resumes of individuals who have expressed interest in serving on the Alaska Board of Game. The Committee encourages you to appoint Greg Roczicka and Rosemary Maher to the Board of Game. They are both long time Alaskans, and would deal with game issues in tactful, diplomatic and equitable manner.

Sincerely,

KAWERAK INCORPORATED

Loretta Bullard
 President

March 5, 1996

Ms. Loretta Bullard, President
Kawerak, Inc.
P.O. Box 948
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Ms. Bullard:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The number of candidates and the high level of qualifications were impressive.

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Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

February 22, 1996

The Honorable Tony Knowles
Governor, State of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811 - 0001
FAX: 907 - 465 - 3532

Dear Governor Knowles,

The Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., (RurAL CAP) wishes to support the application of Greg Roczicka to the Alaska Board of Game.

Mr. Roczicka has lived and worked in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta since 1975. In that time he has observed the changes in resource management that has occurred within Alaska as competition of existing resources continues to rise. Mr. Roczicka has served on many of the working groups dealing with resource issues at the local, regional, and statewide level. Within the last eight years he has been directly involved in helping to resolve difficult resource issues in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region. He is known for his objectivity, and ability to work to find solutions by identifying the common ground.

Mr. Roczicka has been working to develop and coordinate the implementation of a cooperative co-management regime for big game species in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. His task has been to obtain and maintain the interest, support and involvement of all stakeholders, no easy task.

RurAL CAP heartily endorses Mr. Roczicka, and believe that he would bring balance and experience to the Board which would serve the interests of the entire state.

Please contact me if you have further questions

Sincerely,



Jeanine Kennedy, Executive Director
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.

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March 5, 1996

Ms. Jeanine Kennedy, Executive Director
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc
P.O. Box 200908
Anchorage, AK 99520

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

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Association of Village Council Presidents
Natural Resource Department
P.O. Box 219 • Bethel, Alaska 99859 • Phone 543-3521



February 21, 1996

Honorable Tony Knowles, Governor
ATTN: Boards and Commissions
PO Box 110601
Juneau, AK 99801-0001

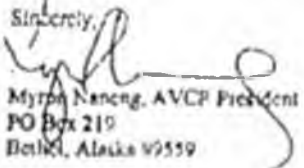
Dear Governor Knowles:

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that the Association of Village Council Presidents recommend Mr. Greg Rozzicka for an appointment to the State Board of Game. Greg's experience, expertise and understanding of the problems associated with the implementation of Board of Game regulations will add to the effectiveness of the Board.

Greg serves as technical advisor to the Moose, Caribou and Brown Bear Cooperative management forums that AVCP has had the honor of promulgating. Greg has made it very clear that he will not and cannot compromise the principle of sound fish and game management for the benefit of anyone's political agenda. The AVCP feels that this would be appropriate for Greg or for anyone who is to serve on the Board of Game.

We believe that Greg would bring an excellent perspective to the Board. As Greg has had years of experience dealing with controversial issues, he will undoubtedly be an asset to the board and ultimately to the residents of the entire State. Your cooperation and nomination of Mr. Rozzicka will complement your desire to deal with the subsistence problem with quite effective diplomacy.

Thank you for your time and positive consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Myron Nancig, AVCP President
PO Box 219
Bethel, Alaska 99859

March 5, 1996

Mr. Myron P. Naneng, President
Association of Village Council Presidents
P.O. Box 219
Bethel, AK 99559

Dear Mr. Naneng:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The number of candidates and the high level of qualifications were impressive.

Governor Tony Knowles has reappointed Anne Ruggles of Fairbanks and appointed Greg Roczicka of Bethel and Victor Van Ballenberghe of Anchorage to public seats on the Board of Game.

We appreciate your assistance in helping Governor Knowles select the best candidates for boards and commissions.

Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Boards and Commissions

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TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, INC.

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February 21, 1996

The Honorable Tony Knowles
Governor
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Dear Governor Knowles:

We are writing today to convey support for Mr. Greg Roczicka, Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP), as a qualified candidate for appointment to the Alaska Board of Game. Greg is very familiar with the critical issues of game management facing the people of Alaska. He understands first hand the problems associated with Board of Game policies and regulations. Additionally, he can provide to the Board process many years of knowledge regarding large mammal harvests.

Greg serves as advisor to the cooperative management agreements with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and participates directly in various co-management issues. We have complete confidence that Greg will be a tremendous asset in serving the people of Alaska through the Board of Game process. Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Roczicka.

Sincerely,

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, INC.

Wil Mayo
President

March 5, 1996

Mr. Will Mayo, President
Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc.
122 First Avenue, Suite 600
Fairbanks, AK 99701-4897

Dear Mr. Mayo:

The appointment in which you have expressed an interest has been made. The number of candidates and the high level of qualifications were impressive.

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Maniilaq Association

P.O. Box 256
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752
(907) 442-3311

February 23, 1996

Office of the Governor
Governor Tony Knowles
P.O. Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

BOARD OF COMMISSIONS
MAR 6 1996

Dear Governor Knowles:

Maniilaq Association is recommending Greg Roczicka from Bethel for the Alaska Board of Game. Greg has worked for sometime with the Associated Village Council Presidents in their Natural Resources Department. He has worked extensively with the villages in his region in developing co-management agreements. Although the issues are complicated, we feel he can represent the State of Alaska honestly, equitably, and professionally.

Greg understands the issues before the Alaska Board of Game. His appointment to the Board of Game will move toward a more cooperative effort and will reduce the confrontation between rural and urban residents. In closing, we recommend that Greg Roczicka be appointed to the board of game.

If you have any questions on this matter please contact Maniilaq's Subsistence Coordinator at (907) 442-3311. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Ballot
President/CEO

cc: Greg Roczicka, AVCP

FEB 23 1996

MEMBER VILLAGES

Atkasook, Nainashuaq, Ipiashuaq, Katsiak, Kivalinaq, Laroq, Ukuktagvik, Ustulaaq, Nuvyik, Akuligaq, Iimaaq

March 5, 1996

Mr. Joseph A. Ballot
President/CEO
Maniilaq Association
P.O. Box 256
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Dear Mr. Ballot:

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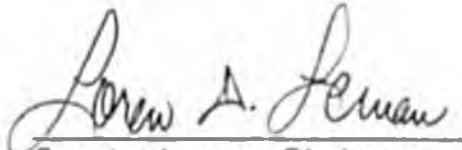
The Honorable Drue Pearce
President of the Senate
State Capitol
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Dear Madam President:

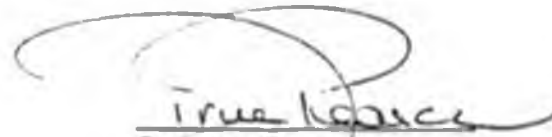
The Senate Resources Committee reviewed the following with regard to confirmation of the Governor's appointment:

Department of Environmental Conservation:
Commissioner designee Gene Burden

Respectfully,

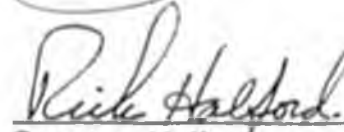


Senator Leman, Chairman

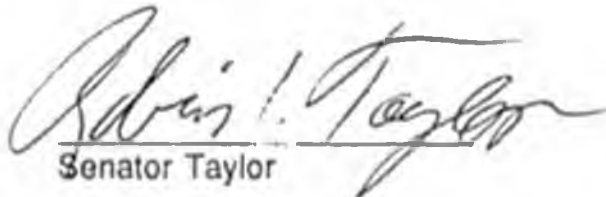


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February 9, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Leman, Chair
Resources Committee

FROM: Nancy Quinto *N*
Secretary of the Senate

SUBJECT: Governor's Confirmations

President Pearce has referred the following names (no resumes attached) for legislative confirmation to your committee for a hearing, recommendation and report:

Department of Environmental Conservation
Commissioner designee Gene Burden

Department of Natural Resources
Commissioner designee John Shivley

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Resume

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

Personal:

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

Address: 20320 Philadelphia Way
Eagle River, Alaska 99577

Educational Background:

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

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

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

Associations/Memberships

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

Professional Experience

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

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

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

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

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

Other Experience

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

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Anchorage AK 99501-2133

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The Honorable Drue Pearce
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182


Dear Madam President:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Senate Resources Committee reviewed the following with regard to confirmation of the Governor's appointment:


BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD :

Robert A. Hinman - Juneau

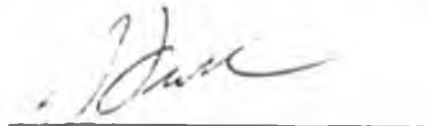
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Senator Lemman, Chairman

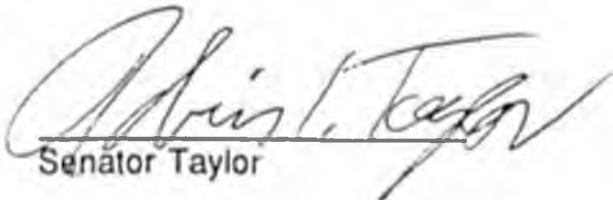


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Senator Frank

Senator Halford



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Senator Hoffman

Robert A. Hinman

P.O. Box 34195
Juneau, AK 99803
Ph: 790-2754

OBJECTIVE:

Re-appointment to the Alaska Big Game
Commercial Services Board

EXPERIENCE:

Self employed, Juneau

08/87 - 02/95 WILDLIFE CONSULTANT, CHARTER BOAT CAPTAIN
Retired. Wildlife consulting, particularly
on regulations and big game guiding.
Operating charter boat in Juneau area during
summer season. Significant amount of time
spent on work related to membership on the
Big Game Commercial Services Board.

State of Alaska, Dept. of Fish and Game, Juneau

08/76 - 08/87 DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GAME DIVISION
Assisted in administration of Division:
emphasis on hunting/trapping regulations and
working with Game Board, as well as personnel
management. Total of about 8 months as
Acting Director.

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Fairbanks

01/67 - 08/76 REGIONAL GAME SUPERVISOR
Supervised Game Division staff and activities
in Interior and Arctic Alaska. Responsible for
wildlife research and management activities
in Region; represented Region and Division
with Board of Game.

Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Homer

07/65 - 01/67 AREA GAME BIOLOGIST
General wildlife management activities on the
Kenai Peninsula; game counts, data collection
and analysis, interface with the public.
Initiated work on the Kenai Moose Research
Center facility.

Utah Dept of Fish and Game, Logan, Cedar City, Vernal, Ogden, Utah

07/59 - 07/65 CONSERVATION OFFICER, REGIONAL GAME MGR.
Wildlife law enforcement, wildlife damage control (as Conservation Officer); supervision of game management activities in northern 5 counties of Utah; game counts, data collection, formulation of regulation recommendations, working with public on wildlife matters.

EDUCATION:

09/56 - 06/58 Utah State University, Logan, Utah
MASTER OF SCIENCE, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
Degree: 06/60
GPA: 3.42

09/52 - 01/54 University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
Degree: 06/54
GPA: 2.01

09/51 - 06/52 University of Washington, Seattle, WA
BIOLOGY. UNDERGRADUATE

09/49 - 06/51 Wenatchee Jr. College, Wenatchee, WA

PERSONAL

I am 66 years old, in good health, divorced with 4 children, all residing in Alaska. I worked with guides during my tenure with the Department of Fish and Game, and after retirement, was appointed to the Legislative Task Force on Guiding and Game. Following that, I was appointed to the Big Game Services Board in the "Commercial Use Permit Holder's" seat. I am presently the Vice Chairperson of the Board.

REFERENCES

Mr. Jim D. Rearden
413 Lee Drive
Homer, AK
Ph: 907-235-8543

Mr. Joe Klutsch
Box 313
King Salmon, AK
Ph: 907-246-3030

Mr. Carl Rosier
8298 Garnet St.
Juneau, AK
Ph: 907-789-9117

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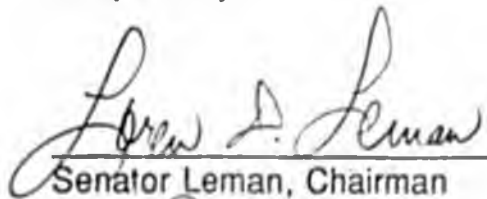
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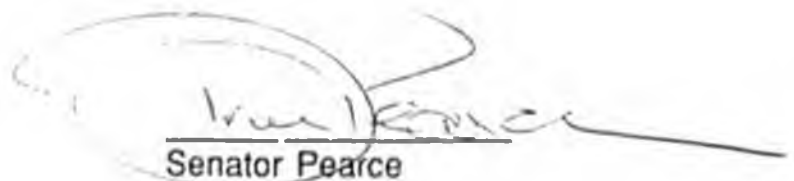
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Department of Fish and Game :
Commissioner designee Frank Rue

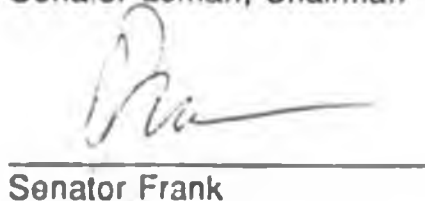
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Senator Lemman, Chairman



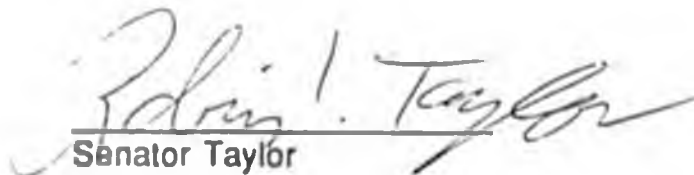
Senator Pearce



Senator Frank



Senator Halford



Senator Taylor



Senator Lincoln

Senator Hoffman

Petersburg Vessel Owners Association

P.O. Box 232
Petersburg, Alaska 99833
Phone (907) 772-9323 Voice and Fax

April 27, 1995

Senator Loren Luman
Chair, Committee on Resources
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1162

Dear Senator Luman:

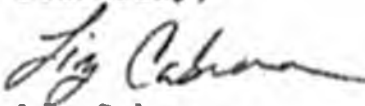
We wish to take this opportunity to express our support for the appointment of Frank Rue to the position of Commissioner of the Department of Fish & Game.

We believe he is an excellent choice for this position. We have had the opportunity to observe his work when he served as Director of the Habitat Division and feel he did a fine job. Mr. Rue is a real professional who works well with the public. He has not aligned himself with any region or harvesting group, and has always put the fish and game resources first.

We urge you to confirm Frank Rue's appointment as Commissioner of Fish & Game.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Liz Cabrera
Director

APR 20 1995

14 April 1995

Alaska State Legislature
Senate Resource Committee

To all members

Inclosed is my comments on
Frank Rue's position on the common
use of our Fish and Game resources.

The constitution still provides that
all Alaska are equal in their right
of personal use of these public resources.

Until the constitution is amended
to allow inequality (heaven forbid) we
must all be committed to uphold
the rights for all. For those who can
not commit to that standard they should
not seek to represent all people.

Thank you

Hub Bondurant
HC 1 Box 197
Soldotna AK

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Department of Fish and Game

Frank Rue Commissioner

PO Box 25526

Juneau AK 99802-5526

APR 20 1995 14 April 1995

Dear Commissioner, Frank Rue

I have received your letter of reply, addressing my challenge to the validity of the Department's receipt and use of federal aid funding.

I am at fault as I did not expand on the millions still used to continue the support of the exclusionary classification of priority subsistence users. This continues on, even though McDowell (I) found that all Alaskans must be given equal consideration for the personal use of our fish & wildlife. It appears even to simple minded me, that if there is to be an acceptance of that Supreme Court Decision, this personal common use ^{fishery} could and should and must be handled by one division. The Sport Fish Division is in fact fully funded by those equal personal common users.

I want to point out that Alaska's own brochure on federal aid funds states: "Dear Angler:" "The money you pay for your sport fishing license and the excise taxes you pay on tackle (wallop-Breaux) pay every dime of the operational budget

of the Division of Sport Fish."

Aside from that matter, what really concerns me, reflects what I believe continues to show, the wanton disregard for all Alaskan Constitutional right of equality, solely for personal political expediency. I believe your letter further expounds that unconstitutional position. ie. "There is no question that the management for subsistence has greatly complicated our management activities; however the rural subsistence priority is supported by the governor and is codified in federal law."

The governor's, yours, mine, and all Alaskan's Constitution provides for and the Supreme Court states in *Owsichuk, Ostrosky, Johns and McDowell*, "that Article VIII was designed to ensure the public the broadest possible access"; and "the common use clause imposes upon the State a trust duty to manage the fish, wild life and water resources of the state for the benefit of all the people"; and "A minimum requirement of this duty is a prohibition against any special privilege"; the

common use and no exclusive right of fishery clause reflected anti exclusionary values."

Since the governor, your self, and others are willing to accept a federal imposed mandate, that the Alaska Supreme Court found to be unconstitutional, I must make another point as to the individual responsibility of All Alaskans. At least until the people through their own initiative changes those provisions of equality, then all Alaskans are still obligated to ensure that these protections of equality still apply

Article 1 Section 1 states: "This constitution is dedicated to the principles that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and the enjoyment of the rewards of their own industry; that all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law; and that all persons have corresponding obligations to the people, and to the State."

It sounds good, it is good, the best in the Nation. But there are many in Alaska who do not support equality, and continue

to ignore their constitutional obligation in hope that it will all be subjugated by amendment. Wake up, it is still the law that has well served the test of equality for all people during the many years since statehood. (Even before; under the White Act)

Some state politicians have continually expressed the willing to amend the Constitution, to vacate those provisions of equality, for the sole purpose of gaining "Quisling" type of management even when the Supreme Court stated: "State control merely for the sake of control is a questionable goal when the terms infringe upon the open access values of article VIII" Past history records that there are many leaders who will enslave their people to an equality, as long as they themselves can serve as head slaves.

I can not support those who, in my opinion are willing to ignore those individual personal rights of equality. And for those who may do so for political expediency, in my opinion, display the height of hypocrisy. Therefore I seek

your unequivocal support of the Alaska's
Constitution's provision of common use
equality of the state's fish, wildlife and
water resources. Until then I must continue
to challenge your confirmation as Commissioner
of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Sincerely

Wale Bondurant

HC 1 Box 1197

Soldotna AK 99669

P.S. I still have not received your reply to my
letter of March 31, 1995. Reference: Kenai River
Sockeye Salmon Task Force proposals submitted for
Board of Fisheries March 1995 public deliberations.

cc:

Governor of Alaska - Tony Knowles

Senate Resource Committee

House Resource Committee

Senate President - Drue Pearce

House Speaker - Gail Philips

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

Tony Knowles, Governor

APR 20 1995

P.O. BOX 25526
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99802-5526
PHONE: (907) 465-4100

April 5, 1995

Mr. Dale Bondurant
HC 1 Box 1197
Soldotna, AK 99669

Dear Mr. Bondurant:

Thank you for your letter of March 15 expressing concerns over the validity of the level of federal aid funding to the department given the subsistence priority in Alaska.

There is no question that the management for subsistence has greatly complicated our management activities; however, the rural subsistence priority is supported by the governor and is codified in federal law. In addition, the allocation of fish and wildlife resources among sport, commercial and subsistence users is made by the Boards of Fish and Game, not the department.

You stated the vast majority of our department's budget comes from federal aid money. This is far from correct. Federal aid funding (Dingell-Johnson and Pittman-Robertson Acts) accounts for less than 20 percent of the department's approximately \$90 million annual budget. These federal aid funds come from an excise tax on hunting and fishing equipment irrespective of its intended use (sport, subsistence, target practice, etc.)

Your question of validity regarding Alaska's share of the funds based on the size of the state is not correct. The federal aid acts state that for Pittman-Robertson funds: "The Secretary of the Interior, ... shall apportion the revenue ... in the following manner: One-half in the ratio which the area of each state bears to the total area of all the states...." Whether or not the state is all federal land, state land, or private land, and whether or not hunting is even allowed, has nothing to do with the apportionment of the funds. For example, if the entire state had Tier II hunts, we would still get the same apportionment based on the language of the act.

It is your prerogative to mount a legal challenge to the way this department spends federal aid dollars; however, I hope you do not go to that extreme. I do not think a problem exists and any reduction in federal aid funding would have a negative effect on

Mr. Dale Bondurant

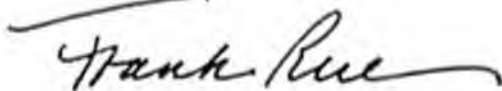
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this department's ability to manage fish and wildlife. The result would likely be fewer opportunities for residents and nonresidents to participate in recreational hunting and fishing.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Rue". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Frank Rue
Commissioner



Ketchikan Office:
P.O. Box 9579
Ketchikan, AK 99901
Phone: 907-225-5156
Fax: 907-225-5258

Juneau Office:
P.O. Box 23081
Juneau, AK 99802
Phone: 907-463-5030
Fax: 907-463-5080

April 12, 1995

Senator Loren Lemar, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

SENT VIA FAX

Dear Senator Lemar.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our wholehearted support for Frank Rue's confirmation as Commissioner of the Department of Fish & Game.

We have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Rue when he served as Director of the Habitat Division. Our experience has shown that he is a fine professional with a good reputation for getting the job done. His deep concern for the fish and game resources of this state is undeniable.

We concur with the Boards of Fish and Game that Frank Rue is an excellent choice for Commissioner of Fish & Game. We urge you to confirm his appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kris Norosz".

Kris Norosz
Executive Director

cc: Senators: Duncan, Taylor, and Zharoff
Representatives: Mackie, Grussendorf, Williams, Elton,
and Robinson



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February 27, 1995

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Leman, Chair
Resources Committee

FROM: Nancy Quinto *nd*
Secretary of the Senate

SUBJECT: Governor's Confirmations

Pursuant to AS 39.05.080, President Pearce has referred the following name for legislative confirmation to your committee for a hearing, recommendation and report:

Department of Fish and Game
Commissioner designee Frank Rue

NQ/hv

Resume attached

RESUME FOR FRANK RUE
7083 Hendrickson Road
Juneau, Alaska 99801

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Department of Landscape and Architecture and Regional Planning, Master of Landscape Architecture, 1976

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., English, 1972.

Stanford University, Political Science and English, Summer, 1970.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Habitat Division, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
March 1988 - Present.

As director I am responsible for a division with a \$3.5 million budget and 75 positions located in Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Sitka, Petersburg and Ketchikan. I directly supervise a deputy director, three regional supervisors and a pipeline coordinator. I represent the department on all land use and habitat issues. Recent accomplishments include: lead for the department in negotiating and securing passage of forest practices and mining reclamation legislation that were both developed and supported by consensus of a broad range of interests including the regulated industry, fishing organizations, native organizations and environmental groups; and, leadership of the department's participation in the Exxon Valdez oil spill response and cleanup.

Natural Resource Manager II, Resource Allocation Section, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Anchorage. January 1986 - March 1983.

Directly supervised five project managers in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks who were responsible for developing the Copper River Basin, Kuskokwim, Northwest Alaska, Prince William Sound, and Prince of Wales Island regional land use plans. The plans established policies and made land allocations among competing uses for approximately 30 million acres of state uplands, tidelands and submerged lands. Negotiated with agencies, local governments, coastal resource service area boards, and interest groups to develop land use policies. Worked with the section chief and project managers to devise creative approaches to staffing and project design so that plans could be completed in the face of lower budgets. Designed and managed professional services contracts. Conducted public meetings.

Acting Chief, Resource Allocation Section, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Anchorage. August 1985 - January 1986.

Responsible for overall supervision of fourteen professional planners, four cartographers, and two clerks located in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. Directly supervised the project managers for the Statewide Settlement Plan, and the Kuskokwim, Northwest Alaska and Prince of Wales Island regional land use plans. Prepared and managed the section's \$1 million budget. Designed and implemented a computerized budget tracking system enabling managers to be cost accountable, and providing critical information necessary for effective and informed budget reductions.

Natural Resource Manager II, Resource Allocation Section, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Anchorage. 1982 - 1985.

Directly supervised the project managers of the Bristol Bay and Southwest Prince of Wales Island regional land use plans for approximately 13 million acres of state land. Conducted public meetings and facilitated the negotiations between agencies, local government, coastal resource service area boards and interest groups to establish the area-wide policies for forestry, fish and wildlife, settlement, recreation, mining, oil and gas and other resources. The Bristol Bay Plan required coordination of federal and state agencies under the auspices of the Alaska Land Use Council. Upon completion of these first two plans supervised the project managers of the Kuskokwim, Northwest Alaska, and Prince of Wales Island plans. This included working with the managers to develop work plans, and methods of doing resource analysis, public participation and plan production. Primary author of the Haines State Forest and Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve management plans.

Natural Resource Manager I, Commissioner's Office, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Juneau. 1979 - 1982.

Initiated the first tidelands plan prepared by the department and was the project manager until moving to Anchorage to accept a promotion. Successfully facilitated day-to-day negotiations between agencies, local citizens, interest groups, and local governments (all with widely divergent views) on legislation establishing the Haines State Forest and Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve. Played a significant role in developing the department's regional planning process and was the Land and Resource Planning Section's liaison with the commissioner's office during that process. Worked with an advisory group of local residents, representatives of interest groups, and state and federal agencies to allocate and manage \$500,000 in soils, hydrology, topography, and fish and wildlife research contracts in the Haines area. Negotiated a

proposed land exchange with the Cape Fox Corporation.
Developed state land selection recommendations.

Community Planner, Division of Community Planning, Department of
Community and Regional Affairs, Juneau. 1977 - 1979.

Worked with local governments throughout Southeast Alaska in
developing their district coastal management programs, and
assisted with general community planning and zoning questions.
Responsible for contract preparation, bidding and
administration. Designed and wrote a statewide management
handbook to explain the development of coastal management
programs to local districts. Participated in state and
federal planning projects.

PERSONAL DATA

Age: 40
Married with two children

REFERENCES

Available upon request.