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FW: BOG Recommendation

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Sent: Monday, January 02, 2017 12:05 PM

To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: BOG Recommendation

Please send to Borough Assembly members.

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Dear Borough Assembly Members:

I urge you to vote against **Resolution 2017-007** supporting the reappointment of Ted Spraker to the Alaska Board of Game.

Over his tenure on the BOG, Mr. Spraker has been an unyielding supporter of Intensive Management and all of its onerous, controversial predator control proposals. Much of this methodology is an overly expensive waste of money. Recent articles in the Alaska Dispatch News, (<https://www.adn.com/commentary/article/its-time-alaska-end-extreme-predator-control-measures/2016/02/26/> and <https://www.adn.com/opinions/2016/12/16/alaskas-intensive-game-management-isnt-working/>) show just how expensive the per cost production of moose is using aerial wolf hunting and other means of reducing wolf and bear populations. We can no longer afford this sort of management.

It is time for other points of view on the BOG rather than more hunters, trappers, and guides. Wildlife viewing and photography are big draws for people visiting Alaska and are sustainable ways for Alaskans to make a living.

I urge you to consider instead, a resolution to the Governor asking for more diversity on the Board of Game. People who make their living through wildlife photography and viewing or just enjoy wildlife should have more representation on this Board.

Respectfully,

Nina Faust

Subject: FW: Comment to KPB re Resolution 2017-007
Attachments: Comment to KPB re Resolution 2017-007.pdf

From: Kachemak Bay Conservation Society [<mailto:kbayconservation@gmail.com>]
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Subject: Fwd: Comment to KPB re **Resolution 2017-007**

Hello-

Please find the attached document containing comments to the Borough Assembly members for the January 3 assembly meeting.

Thank you!

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January 2, 2017

Dear Borough Assembly Members:

Kachemak Bay Conservation Society (KBCS) urges you to reject **Resolution 2017-007**. The Assembly should not support reappointment of Mr. Spraker to the Board of Game (BOG) for a variety of reasons. It seems unusual for the Assembly to be taking action on a political appointment to the Board of Game.

We do not agree with several of the "Whereas" statements in the Resolution:

Mr. Spraker has not shown knowledge of modern science in his support of management policies. Over his tenure on the BOG, Mr. Spraker has been an unyielding supporter of Intensive Management and all of its onerous, controversial predator control proposals. Recent science on trophic cascades has documented the damage that occurs when we eliminate keystone predator species and Mr. Spraker has consistently ignored this science. (See, the Wolf's Tooth: Predators, Trophic Cascades, and Biodiversity by Christina Eisenberg)

We do not agree that Mr. Spraker has represented a diversity of interests; rather he represents the viewpoint of hunters almost exclusively. Further, Mr. Spraker has not been a fair representative of issues on the Lower Kenai Peninsula when it comes to working with the Homer Fish and Game Advisory Board.

Mr. Spraker has not balanced the needs of various user groups; rather, he supports the needs of hunters, trappers, and hunting guides. Wildlife viewing and photography are attractions for people living and visiting in Alaska and are sustainable ways for Alaskans to make a living. These user groups should be represented on the BOG.

KBCS urges you to consider instead, a resolution to the Governor asking for greater diversity on the Board of Game.

Respectfully submitted,

Kachemak Bay Conservation Society
Roberta Highland, President