

January 3, 2017

Borough Assembly Members:

I 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject:

FW: Letter of support for Ted Spraker

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Sent: Tuesday, January 03, 2017 3:33 PM

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Subject: Letter of support for Ted Spraker

I oppose the assembly agenda item supporting Ted Sprakers reappointment to the board of game. Ted Spraker has consistently been an out spoken advocate of unnecessary, expensive and ineffective predator control policies. Given the state's financial situation, these policies are fiscally irresponsible.

Dave Lyon

Sent from the home office.