

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD

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Representative Westlake State Capitol Room Juneau Alaska 99801

Re: House Bill 211

To Whom It May Concern

On the February 1st 2018 meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board, the Board voted, unanimously, to oppose HB211. The Board feels that such a bill, which sets new restrictions on the nonresident hunters should first be recommended by the Board of Game and the advisory committees.

The Board of Game is the regulatory authority that passes regulations to conserve and develop Alaska's wildlife resources. If there is a need to restrict the hunt for conservation purposes then that decision should remain with the Board of Game. The Big Game Commercial Services Board sees HB211 setting limits in law and preventing the Board of Game from acting in its authorized capacity on this issue.

I would also like to add that Larry VanDale recused himself from the vote since he is the Board of Game representative on the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

Respectfully,

Henry D. Tiffany IV Chairman, Big Game Commercial Services Board