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Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 11:55 AM
To: Gingras, Jessica; Springer, Darren
CC: Allen, Susan
Subject: RE:

Looks good to me. Can you run by Louis before sending? I know he is dealing with this issue.

From: Gingras, Jessica
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 11:36 AM
To: Coriell, Scott <Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov>; Springer, Darren <Darren.Springer@vermont.gov>
Cc: Allen, Susan <Susan.Allen@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW:

See below the request from Seven Days: and my proposed response to her:

- I should probably include that the Governor is a hunter?
- My goal is to not say that we would never NOT consider someone who didn't have a license, but that expertise is needed on the Board given the statutory charge.

Hi Molly,

I have been the Director of Boards and Commissions for a little over a year, and to my knowledge have only processed 3 appointments to the Fish and Wildlife Board. In those instances, I only received applications from individuals who were consumptive users/license holders. All vacancies on the Board are public, and are listed on our website until they are filled.

The Governor appoints individuals at will, and vets every application that we get for open seats. He would absolutely consider a non-hunter/non-consumptive user, as he does all other applicants – based on experience, and expertise. The role of the Fish and Wildlife Board is to work with the Department specifically on implementing legal hunting and trapping activities, per direction of the Legislature. It is important to the Governor that individuals who serve on the Board are knowledgeable of issues surrounding hunting and trapping, are familiar with the current laws, and who are willing to volunteer and represent the hunters/licensed consumptive users in their communities.

-jg

Best,

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From: Molly Walsh [<mailto:molly@sevendaysvt.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 8:00 AM
To: Gingras, Jessica <Jessica.Gingras@vermont.gov>
Subject:

Hi Jessica:

I'm on deadline today writing an article about the push by anti-trappers and non-hunters to get representation on the Fish & Wildlife Board. I'm wondering if you could tell me whether anyone who is opposed to hunting and trapping has applied to the board under Gov. Shumlin's tenure.

Also, what is the Governor's position on the question -- does he think hunting and trapping foes should serve? I would love to get a comment from him if possible, email would be fine.

Thanks

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