

Cowper appoints 3 to Game Board

JUNEAU — Gov. Steve Cowper recently named three Alaskans with expertise in wildlife management issues to the state Board of Game, replacing three whose terms expired.

The governor appointed Henry Springer of Anchorage, Jack Lentfer of Homer and Benjamin Nageak of Barrow. All their terms expire in January 1992. They replace Sarah Scanlan, Brenda Johnson and Jay Massey.

"Each of these Alaskans has both formal training and hands-on experience in wildlife issues in our state, and their careers demonstrate that they're committed to the best use of the resource," Cowper said.

Springer is a former state representative and Department of Transportation official in Western and Interior Alaska who is currently director of the Rural Alaska Community Action Program's weatherization housing programs. He is a lifelong hunter, has trapped in the Interior and Nome, has published papers on wildlife issues and is a member of wildlife conservation organizations.

Currently a wildlife consultant, Lentfer is a former state Department of Fish and Game biologist specializing in polar bear and caribou who retired in 1981 as a state regional game supervisor. He has published extensively on wildlife issues, was a lecturer at a Norway university's Institute of Arctic Biology and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in fish and wildlife management.

Nageak, currently director of the North Slope Borough's department of Wildlife Management, is also chairman of the Eskimo Walrus Commission and the Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Resource Committee. A delegate to the Indigenous Survival International, he has served as an officer in several North Slope Native corporations, was a member of the Porcupine Caribou Herd Commission and has assisted Alaska scientists in wildlife studies.