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Submitted on: 2/29/2024 7:23:15 AM

Testimony for WTL on 3/4/2024 2:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Roger Worthington	Testifying for Worthy Garden Club	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the nomination of Michael Johnson to the Game Management Advisory Committee. I have known Mr. Johnson for over 20 years as an athlete, teammate, friend and client (I'm a lawyer). Mr. Johnson is a man of unimpeachable integrity. His word is his bond. He owns and operates a business in Kihei and through thick and thin, not matter if times are tough or rosy, finds a way to give back while going forward. Mr. Johnson is the consummate family man. He has a passion for hunting axis deer not only because the invasive deer pose a threat to the island's topsoil and flora, but also because he can provide meat to his family - and to numerous families on the island who have suffered through and survived the wildfires. He's hard working. Dedicated. Smart. And reverent. I trust Mr. Johnson to make decisions that benefit present and future generations.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Joseph Charles Fell-McDonald	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha

My Name is Joseph c. fell-mcdonald. I am writing to voice my support and recognition for Michael Johnson for a Seat at the Game Management Advisory Commitee. As a communtty member and small business owner Michael has run a succesful business and is avid outdoor enthusiast. He is also one of my great volunteer at my place of employment. He actively hunts at the Ahihi-Kinau, And is very good at what he does. It would be advantageous to have him on GMAC . He is safe , organized and puts in countless hours to volunteern for Wildlife eradication, helping by monitoring fences for rare plant exclosureand controlling feral goat and,pig,deer. he helps control rubbish talks to visitors and is a good steward for the land.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ryan Hertz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

The purpose of this testimony is to support Michael Johnson's nomination to the game management advisory committee.

I've known Michael for the better part of the last decade. Michael is a standup Man, Father, and Business Owner. Most importantly, for the role in which he has been nominated, Michael is a lover of nature, wildlife, and an ethical hunter. Michael has diligently observed the Axis and Goat herds on Maui over that last several years, has volunteered volunteered privately and publicly to help control populations on Maui.

I believe, without a doubt, that Michael has the passion, commitment, character, and knowledge, to be an integral member of the advisory committee.

Mahalo,

Ryan Hertz

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Nichole Johnson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I feel Michael has the passion and drive to help make a difference.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Chris DeMarchi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have had the privilege of knowing Michael Johnson since 2010. He has worked side by side with me and raced as a professional bicycle racer with and against me. His character is exactly what you would expect. He is an honest man that put his family, friends, and community ahead of anything else. I have been involved in non profit fundraising with MJ for many years raising hundreds of thousands of dollars. Anyone that knows this man understands that he keeps his circle tight and only allows people in that follow rules and only want to do good for others. Things that make him qualified for this position are his attention to detail and his years of experience with communicating with others. I know Michael would be a great choice for this position

thank you,

Chris DeMarchi

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
SYBIL LOPEZ	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**STRONG OPPOSITION FOR MICHAEL JOHNSON**

Unfortunately, the GMAC hasn't been doing its job in advocacy especially in rules and regulations that affects hunting. A perfect example of how government/state/county operates WITHOUT consultation from the hunters, hunting community, and those that traditionally practice for generations is the axis deer emergency proclamation (EP). This would be the States 13th axis deer EP with no consultation and no meaningful results.

We need to utilize this platform to bring awareness of the mismanagement of DLNR/BLNR to the GMAC! Hunting is a traditional gathering right for subsistence living.....Game is our food source! This is our livelihood. This is what feeds our families and put food on our table for generations.

Nominee Garcia does NOT fit the criterias set within the law and therefore, should NOT be recommended to the GMAC.

§183D-4.5 Game management advisory commission: "Provided that each member, other than the chairperson of the board, shall be appointed by the governor in the manner provided in section 26-34, shall be a hunter licensed in the State under this chapter, and shall have leadership experience in working directly with local hunter or shooting organizations; provided further that at least one member shall have knowledge, experience, and expertise in the area of native Hawaiian cultural practices; and provided further that no more than three members shall represent, be employed by, or be under contract to any sector of government."

We want to bring this to the attention of the Senate Water and Land Committee. Chair Inouye and Vice Chai Elefante needs to know what has been going wrong with DLNR-BLNR and the GMAC. We must also express how important hunting and game management is to us on Molokai. We want to point out what has been transpiring since 2017 and the continued negligence of BLNR- GMAC to the hunting community and DLNR's continued disregard for public input and community consultation.

Please consider that the nominees should be well versed with hunting in the State of Hawaii and the description stated in HRS §183D-4.5 and that the Governor should do a better job in finding better nominees. There are many hunters across the state who want to have meaningful input in whatever changes the BLNR might make to license requirements or other restrictions regarding

hunting, but the State, DLNR, and BLNR continues to disregard their valuable input that would help solve many of our ongoing issues Statewide!! Hunters need their input to be valued and validated, especially when DLNR is preparing to start the long-overdue process of updating Hawaii's hunting rules, with the state's ballooning invasive species population in mind.