



**Application for Appointment to Boards, Committees, and Commissions
City and Borough of Sitka**

Board/Commission/Committee: Bear Working Group
Name: Bradley L Shaffer Preferred Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Alternate Phone: _____
Email Address: [REDACTED] Fax Number: [REDACTED]
Length of Residence in Sitka: >44 years Registered to vote in Sitka? Yes No
Employer: Self employed CPA

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

Several years ago I ended a 10 year involvement with the Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Board. I recently was appointed as treasurer for a non-profit.

Explain your main reason for applying:

There are solutions available to mitigate bear conflict I wish to share. I wish to participate in resolving the ongoing problem of interactions to public health and safety.

What background, experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

Living with bears most of my life (both in Alaska and my birth state). Learning from others who have similar risks be it Anchorage relatives or gold miners of western Alaska

Please disclose any potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment. These may include but are not limited to:

- A substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment.
- An immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment.

None noted

Please attach a letter of interest, outline, or resume which includes your education, work, and volunteer experience that will enhance your membership.

→ (To be considered, your application must be complete AND be accompanied by one of the above supporting documents.)

Date: MAR 13 2022 Signature: Bradley L Shaffer

Your complete application and resume should be returned to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Please note: all information submitted will be made public and published online. Appointments are normally made during open session of an Assembly meeting, however, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? Yes No

Return to:

Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist, 100 Lincoln Street
Fax: 907-747-7403 Email: clerk@cityofsitka.org

March 13, 2022

City and Borough of Sitka Assembly

Via: Deputy Clerk/Records Specialist

Application to serve on the Bear Working Group

I respectfully request your consideration and consent to serve on the Bear Working Group. My residence is 508 Hirst St.. Over the past three years our neighborhood has gone from infrequent, passive visitation by bears to where I have cleaned up three different piles of other people's refuse from bear activities. Two years ago I retrieved a 20mm sabot projectile in my back yard (used to haze bears in confined locations).

I personally do not place my garbage outside until the day of garbage collection. Never underestimate the olfactory senses of wildlife, especially bears.

I have had numerous encounters with bears, on the fringe of town (acclimated to mankind) to those that are truly wild. Four years ago, I fended off a disturbed sow with two-year-old cubs with a walking stick. I know what bears smell like and have had black bears chomp their teeth as a threat to my presence. I admire and respect the animals. It is disturbing to be off trail and find bear fecal matter mired with plastic disposable gloves, yogurt tops and shards of white garbage bags, rather than composed of berries, skunk cabbage or phew, salmon poop.

We have to address the "bait" that lures the opportunistic creatures into our neighborhoods. We humans have to change our habits in concert to be successful.

Thank you for considering my application.

Bradley L Shafiq

