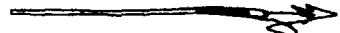




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Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 115526
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**RE: October 2007 Meeting
Proposals 33 to 35, New Section to 5 AAC 96.XXX
Proposal 36**

Dear Chairs,

Kawerak reviewed the proposals regarding advisory committees scheduled for consideration for the October 2007, Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meeting and offers comments for your consideration.

Kawerak is a Native non-profit association organized to promote the social and economic welfare of residents in 16 communities in the Bering Strait Region. Kawerak provides services to 3 culturally distinct groups of Eskimo people (Inupiaq, Yup'ik and St. Lawrence Island Yupik). Kawerak's Vision Statement serves as the guiding principal for Kawerak's role and function in the region: "Building on the inherent strength of our cultural values, we shall assist our tribes to take control of their future."

Proposals 33 to 35, New Section to 5 AAC 96

Kawerak supports proposals 33 to 35 which would add a new section to 5 AAC 96 so that Advisory Committees have a seat at the Board of Fish and Board of Game meetings. Kawerak agrees with the proponent's characterization that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game is trying to be both biologist and sociologist. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game at best can only characterize subsistence uses and biological factors. It is not the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's role to describe the political issues regarding proposals. Understanding and describing local impacts and politics are best left to the Advisory Committees. At times the Board of Fish and Board of Game have queried the Alaska Department of Fish and Game as to how the local people would feel about the effect of its decisions during Board of Fish or Board of Game deliberations of proposals. The Advisory Committee Chair or designated representative should be the one responsible for responding to these types of questions and describing the potential political consequences of proposals, not the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Proposal 36

Proposal 36 speaks to the same issue but falls short of asking for a seat at the table with the Board of Fisheries or Game. Proposal 36 does agree that the problem with the current system is the lack of representation at Board meetings and the Board's dependence on Alaska Department

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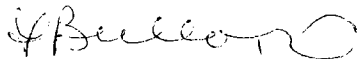
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of Fish and Game staff to provide insight on the politics of the regions. Kawerak believes that the intent of proposal 36 could be fulfilled simply by adopting an appropriate Board agenda and slotting time for Advisory Committee comments near deliberations. If proposals 33 to 35 are not adopted then Kawerak strongly urges the Joint Board to fully consider proposal 36.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Austin Ahmasuk, Subsistence Director, Kawerak, Inc. at the above address or directly at (907) 443-4265 or e-mail sub.rec@kawerak.org.

Sincerely,

KAWERAK, INC.



Loretta Bullard
President

CC: Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Representative Richard Foster
Senator Donald Olson

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I Have Been IN THE STATE
SINCE MAY 7 1973. & I CAN COUNT
ON ONE HAND THE PERMITS IN THE
NECHINA (TIER II) DRAWING I HAVE GOTTEN.
I WONT EVER USE MY WHOLE HAND.
SO I AM IN TOTAL SUPPORT OF
PROPOSAL #38

TO CREAT NONSUBSISTANCE AREAS.

2#

I AM ALSO NOT IN FAVOR OFF CLOSING
THE DENALI HIGHWAY FOR HUNTING OF
MOTORIZED VEHICLES FROM TANGEL LAKES TO
WHEREVER THE PROPOSAL IS.

3#

AS LONG AS I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION
THERE IS ONE PROPOSAL I WOULD LIKE
TO SEE. THAT IS DISABLED AMERICAN VETS.
50% OR MORE CAN USE MOTORIZED VEHICLES
IN WALK IN AREAS ONLY WHERE THERE
ARE TRAILS. ~~AT~~

I THANK YOU
TIM G. GAPPERT
Jim G Gappert

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I am a resident of the State of
Alaska. I am also a 100% rated
disabled veteran.

Myself and other veterans feel
that there should be a law on
the books that allows 50%
or higher disabled veterans access
to walkin areas with a motorised
vehicle as long as there are
roads and trails in those areas
there should be no reason to restrict
50% or higher disabled veterans from
using motorised vehicles.

Also it would be a travesty
to let the courts decide the outcome
of tier II scoring in the Nelchina
caribou hunt.

I am in complete favor of
Proposal #38 which would turn State
lands in the Nelchina Basin into a
non subsistence Area.

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Thank You
Eugene Johnson

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Native Village of Port Graham

PORT GRAHAM VILLAGE COUNCIL
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Attn: Scott
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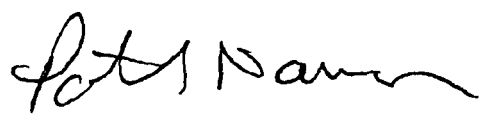
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Sherry Wright
333 Raspberry Road
Anchorage, AK 99518-1599

RE: Joint Board Proposal 38 – non-subsistence areas.

To Whom It May Concern:

The community of Port Graham is not in support of Proposal 38, but would like to amend Proposal 38 to expand the current subsistence use area to include all of the East /South-East side of Kachemak Bay from the Port Graham sub-district to Fox River. The south shore of Kachemak Bay all the way to the Fox River has been historically known as our traditional use area. Because the current boundaries of the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai non-subsistence area include most of the south shore of Kachemak Bay, Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia are currently excluded from this area for their subsistence harvesting.

Sincerely,



Patrick Norman, 1st Chief
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RE: Proposal 13 – 5 AAC Establishment of Advisory Committees

The proposal combines Mt. Yenlo and Skwentna and Mat-Su into one committee reducing input and blending divergent parties. This will reduce valuable input and seems counter to be purpose of the advisory committees.

What will happen if nothing is done? The status quo will remain

Who is likely to benefit? It is difficult to say who will benefit. By increasing the size of the area represented the local interests are so watered down so as to be no longer represented. If the ill-advised Proposal 24 goes through it will ruin the credibility of the Advisory Committee and result in Mob-Rule by those with access to the road system. Advisory committees currently have representatives of various fishing and hunting constituencies providing balance and truly representing the local interests of a specific area.

Who is likely to suffer? Non-commercial fishing interests and local hunters will suffer from lack of representation of their interests. Rural residents, such as those living in and near Skwentna will have their voice usurped by those who can bring greater volume to the discussion. Non-commercial fishing interests will be overrun by those with commercial interests. In spite of sport fishing being a major financial base for much of the represented areas, their voice will be virtually eliminated.

Alternative Solution? Rather than reducing the voice of those in these huge areas, it may be more appropriate to add an additional Advisory Board. Proposals 33, 34 & 35 suggest adding direct input to the Board through seats for Advisory Board Representatives. Board Meetings could be run analogous to a Board of Directors working in concert with an advisory council made up of Advisory Committee representatives. The *addition* of an Upper Susitna Advisory Board would bring appropriate voice to Fish and Game interests north of Wasilla/ Big Lake and South of Denali.

Sincerely,

Arthur Solvang

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Anchorage, Alaska 99516

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Re: Proposal #38 – Nonsubsistence Areas

Dear Board Members

I am writing in strong support of Proposal #38 to create a nonsubsistence area between the Parks and Glenn/Richardson Highways. This area and hunt is long overdue for the classification. Recent unsuccessful attempts by the Board to correct the situation and an analysis of the hunters who are provided permits highlight the need for this change.

The proposed nonsubsistence area is surrounded by road accessible areas and urban hunters predominate the current hunt. A drive down the Denali Highway during caribou season shows large amounts of money being spent on motor homes and other equipment which can not justify a subsistence lifestyle.

I am a 19-year Alaskan; yet I have no hope of obtaining a Tier II permit for the foreseeable future under the current rules. I have been raised under a hunting and fishing, "subsistence" culture but continue to be denied access that is granted to the exclusive club of current hunters. I also have a 12-year-old son who would love to have the opportunity to participate in the Nelchina caribou hunt, but again he has no hope for many years under the current rules.

Again, I urge the Board to adopt Proposal #38 to create nonsubsistence use for this area that is clearly predominantly utilized by sport hunters.

Sincerely,



Kenton W. Braun

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To the Joint Boards of Fisheries & Game:

Enclosed are Ahtna Tene Nene' Subsistence Committee's comments on the Advisory Committee and Non-Subsistence Areas proposals.

Please take our comments into consideration when deliberations are taking place.

Sincerely,
Olivia Stickwan
for
Linda Tyone
Linda Tyone, Chair

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Proposal 1-7:

5 AAC.96.021. Establishment of advisory committee.

Comment:

These proposals do not pertain to our area.

Proposal 8:

5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committee. By the Ahtna Tene Nene' Subsistence Committee.

Comment:

We support Proposal 8 to have 8 designated Ahtna Village seats and five members for the Tazlina Community and five members for the Glenallen areas on the Ahtna Region Advisory Regional Committee. We think that the Ahtna People will be better represented by having such a committee in the Ahtna Region.

Proposal 9:

5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committee. By Valdez Advisory Committee.

Comment:

We are neutral Proposal 9 to renaming of the Valdez Advisory Committee to Prince William Sound/Valdez Advisory Committee.

Proposal 10-11:

5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committee.

Comment:

Does not affect this area.

Proposal 12:

5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committee.

Comment:

We oppose Propose 12 to changing the advisory committees within the Copper River areas into one large advisory committee. There are conflicting differences within these communities on fish and wildlife proposals. It would be somewhat difficult to reach a consensus on regulatory proposals.

Proposal 13:

5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committee. By the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game.

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Comment:

We are neutral on Proposal 13.

Proposal 14-18:

These proposals do not pertain to our areas.

Proposal 19:

5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committee. By the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game.

Comment:

We oppose Proposal 19 by ADF&G to combine nearby area communities into one large advisory committee. We support Proposal 8. This proposal will group Denali Advisory Committee into another unit area, which we oppose, because Cantwell is in Unit 13.

Proposal 20-22:

These proposals do not pertain to our areas.

Proposal 23:

5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committee. By the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game.

Comment:

We oppose Proposal 23.

Proposal 24:

5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of advisory committee. 96.060. Uniform rules of operation. By Dan Elliot.

Comment:

We oppose Proposal 24 with the concept of a "towne hall" system, which would allow anyone at a meeting to be a committee member and have "no upper limit to the number of committee member". It would be ineffective and costly to manage the system in this manner.

Proposal 25:

5 AAC 96.040. Qualification for members. By Raymond H. Heur.

Comment:

We support Proposal 25 that adds writing a letter proving knowledge of the resource uses to the committee they are applying for, which will ensure that they are sincere and knowledgeable about the resource uses. They will be more effective in serving on their advisory committees.

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Proposal 26:

5 AAC 96.040 Qualification for members. By Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game.

Comment:

We support Proposal 26, if Proposal 8 were adopted along with this proposal, which would ensure that “voting-age residents can only serve in their own committee jurisdiction, cannot be a member of two advisory committees, cannot be convicted of felony within 5 yrs or felony offense against another person within 10 years, or have a violation of state hunting, sport fishing subsistence fishing personal use or commercial use, or may be subject to a suspension or revocation of the candidate’s right to obtain a hunting or fishing license in this state or another state”.

Proposal 27:

5 AAC 96.050. Functions of local fish and game advisory committees. Deleted reference to regional councils as follows: (see proposal booklet) By Raymond H. Heuer.

Comment:

We oppose Proposal 27 as it is written. We are supporting our proposal, which is to have one regional advisory committee for the Ahtna Region Area, which has a seat for each of the 8 Ahtna villages.

Proposal 28:

5 AAC 96.060. Uniform rules of operation. Designate seat for each user group as follows: (see proposal booklet) By George Siavelis.

Comment:

We oppose Proposal 28 to have one seat for each user group on the Advisory Committees. We support Proposal 8.

Proposal 29:

5 AAC 96.060. Uniform rules of operation. Allow advisory committee to modify procedures as follows: (see proposal booklet) By Raymond H. Heuer.

Comment:

We oppose Proposal 29 to allow the advisory committees “latitude to adapt the process if it will enhance public participation”; all written laws need to be uniform in the statute. No advisory committee should be able to write its’ own rules or statutes, thereby circumventing the public process, and unfairness to all advisory committees.

Proposal 30:

5 AAC 96.420. Review of request for local fish and game advisory committees. Delete logistics as a factor in establishing new advisory committees as follows: (see proposal booklet) By Raymond H. Heuer.

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Comment:

We oppose Proposal 30 as written; all statutes for all advisory committees need to be kept uniform to be fair to all advisory committees. It wouldn't be fair to all of the ACs, if each one were to write their own statutes. Each AC would have different statutes, which they would comply with.

This proposal states that it would allow the Fairbanks Advisory Committee to have a Joint Advisory Committee(s) Meeting; while other statewide advisory committees are not considering this for their next meeting, since it would cause "logistical problems [that] would make it difficult to provide assistance to the proposed committee". It wouldn't be fair to the rest of the advisory committees.

Proposal 31:

5 AAC 96.440. Board assistance. Require boards to schedule meetings as follows: (see proposal booklet) By Raymond H. Heuer.

Comment:

We oppose Proposal 31 because there is a process already in place.

Proposal 32:

5 AAC 96.450. Committee status and change of status. Reduce standard for active status to one meeting per year as follows: (see proposal booklet) By Ray H. Heuer>

Comment:

We oppose Proposal 32 as written; it is confusing to read and understand what they are proposing. Are they asking for one Joint Advisory Committee for each region? We think that 2 meetings per year should be held to address fisheries and wildlife proposals.

Proposal 33:

5 AAC 96. XXX. New Section. By Upper Tanana Forty-Mile Advisory Committee.

Comment:

We support Proposal 33, only if the Board of Game adopts Proposal 8, which is our proposal that we submitted to the BOG. The BOG would have invaluable insight during deliberations, if members of the advisory committees were available to give comments and have a seat at the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game meetings.

Proposal 34:

5 AAC 96. XXX. New Section. By Fairbanks Advisory Committee.

Comment:

We support Proposal 34, only if the Board of Game adopts Proposal 8, which is our proposal that we submitted to the BOG. The BOG would have invaluable insight during deliberations, if members of the advisory committees were available to give comments and have a seat at the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game meetings.

Proposal 35:

5 AAC 96. XXX. New Section. By Central Peninsula Advisory Committee.

Comment:

We support Proposal 35, only if the Board of Game adopts Proposal 8, which is our proposal that we submitted to the BOG. The BOG would have invaluable insight during deliberations, if members of the advisory committees were available to give comments and have a seat at the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game meetings.

Proposal 36:

5 AAC 96. XXX. New Section. By Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee.

Comment:

We oppose Proposal 36, which would allow public testimony during proposals that affect their regions; we would rather be included in the deliberations via sub-committee appointment by the Board of Game and on the public panels by the Board of Fisheries.

Proposal 37:

Does not affect our area.

Proposal 38:

5 AAC 99.015. Joint Board non-subsistence areas. Include portions of Units 13, 14, and 20 in a non-subsistence area as follows: (see proposal booklet) By Mat Su Advisory Committee.

Comment:

We adamantly oppose Proposal 38, which would eliminate our limited subsistence rights within portions of Unit 13.

No new information or evidence has been presented to the Joint Board of Fisheries and Board of Game to allow portions of Unit 13 to be changed to a non-subsistence area.

Under AS 16.05.258(c), it states that non-subsistence area can only allowed in “areas or communities where dependence upon subsistence is not a principal characteristic of the economy, culture, and way of life of the area or community”; it is a well established fact the Ahtna Region or Ahtna Region is an area, where subsistence is a principal characteristic of the economy, culture and way of life”.

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The Sleetmute Traditional Council supports Proposal 17.

There have seldom been meetings where all Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee,(CKAC), members could attend. This has been primarily due to weather preventing airplanes from transporting them. This has often led to meetings that either had no quorum, or meetings having a quorum but with the more distant and remote villages being unrepresented.

The majority of CKAC meetings have been held in Aniak, which is the hub village for the area, and near the western (furthest downriver) border of 19A.

With an equal number of members from each village, more easily accessed meetings, and an easier quorum to fill, this proposal will give Sleetmute and the other three upriver villages better and equal representation on the new committee. The villages in the downriver portion of 19A will benefit in these same ways with their separate committee. This proposal had unanimous support of the CKAC when it was voted on at the November, 2006 meeting in Aniak.

There have been and continue to be, irresolvable differences between upriver and downriver villages on important fish and game issues within 19A, and so within the committee itself. The most recent one being that the upriver villages wanted 19A closed to moose hunting, while the downriver villages wanted to continue hunting the depleted moose populations under a registration hunt.

The villages in upper 19A primarily hunt different stocks of game than villages of lower 19A.

The Sleetmute Traditional Council believes it is in the best interests of the fish and game, their habitat, and the communities concerned, for the Joint Boards to adopt this proposal. The two new advisory boards will function much more efficiently and will better represent the will and needs of their respective communities.

Sleetmute Traditional Council

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The Stony River Traditional Council supports Proposal 17.

Unit 19A is a large area, and the present committee has members from villages that are far away and don't view many fish and game issues as we do. Most people from the downriver villages are usually only this far upriver during the fall moose season. Residents from the upriver villages seldom go downriver to harvest fish and game populations.

The four upriver villages live here year round and are more dependent on the fish and game in this part of 19A. This is not as critical in some of the larger villages where there is more regular employment.

Weather has often prevented Stony River committee members from attending meetings in the past, when planes couldn't fly. With an upriver advisory committee made up of these four closer villages, members from these villages can attend meetings regularly, and travel by snowmachine or boat when planes can't fly. Stony River will also be more fairly represented with an equal number of members from each village.

We urge the Joint Boards to adopt this proposal.

Stony River Traditional Council

Thomas Willis
Chair

Mary Willis

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PROPOSAL #1

Robert Jahnke

Concerning the lack of game oriented advisory meetings in Ketchikan, I had suggested again to the joint boards a split where as a quorum could be better reached with a smaller number of seats designated to deal with the game issues only. The dept. has suggested committees within the advisory committee to deal with the game issues. I believe this idea would work if somehow those members selected on these small committees would not be held accountable to the fish orientated meetings. The whole idea is to provide Ketchikan residents a vehicle to voice their concerns to the game board on the many diverse issues that arise in 1A and surrounding GMU's

Since the Ketchikan Sports & Wildlife Club has ceased to exist there is no avenue left to approach the game board on issues presented to the board in the proposal books by local sportsmen other than on an individual basis, we need community participation.

Also the dept. proposal (#4) / To combine Saxman and Ketchikan advisory committee's. I feel when dealing with game issues with two defunct advisory committee's this will not work, please ask when the last five game orientated meetings by either advisory committee was held, I think you'll see my point.

I propose that if the Ketchikan Advisory Committee can get back on step to hold meetings of any type consistently, they then could branch off a game orientated sub-committee with less possible seats to deal with the game issues that arise locally. But this plan will not work if said members of the sub-committees are forced to sit thru lengthy fisheries meetings if they don't want to.

Also combining Saxman and Ketchikan Advisory Committee's is a bad idea in any shape or form then already exists. The Ketchikan Advisory Committee already allows for Saxman participation. If the purpose of proposal #4 is to reduce the numbers of advisory committees statewide then that would be a goal but don't limit the seats in any advisory committee by further designating seats by community and lessening our chances for a quorum.

The local wildlife conservation office has met my concerns for advisory committee participation with negative results as have help from past Joint Boards been anything but helpful. People seem to realize there is a problem here in Ketchikan but are at a loss or unwilling to help fix it. We have had and still do have genuine game issues, predator issues, subsistence issues, etc that many of us are willing to deal with but we need another way besides our local ADF&G office to do it with. We need to inform the Board of our concerns in a orderly and responsible manner.

Please look closely at our concerns.

Thank you

Bob Jahnke
Ward Cove

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Board.

Once again I failed to get a Tier II carbow permits. This year I thought there would be some changes, not to be thanks to the courts. Please consider making this a non subsistence area. At the very least change the word subsistence, I find it to be a insult to my intelligence & examples over the years of applying my neighbor, and his wife would get a permit each elderly folks who kids he would come over in the evening waving his permits to my 20 x 24' log cabin where me and my wife lived with our 2 very young children. They needed 2 carbow like I needed another folz in my head. We would have to check on their house in winter because they would be gone to Arizona in their other house. The next example is, as I'm driving to Valdez for a construction job, ~~not~~ passed Careka I had to stop up for carbow to cross. I thought how nice it would be to get just one for the family. Not to fear down the road on the left in the parking lots stood the pretty, open expensive motor homes with the trailers and four wheelers. Subsistence my ass there are 60,000 to 100,000 motor homes. The last example worth mentioning is the

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Frontierman newspaper got who wrote
about outdoor activities. This is my biggest
bitch. She had a baby who was
~~still~~ just born and she was begging
how her and her husband just got
there I can't and that her infant
was already scoring points for Sign II.
Now my children were already
quite a few years old how in the
hell can they ever catch up in years.
if I can't get a permit. Call the
f--- hunt what it is a
good old boys hunt club. Change
it already or at the least no
passing on years. All children start
at the same point. Thanks for
your ears and good luck trying
to change it

Sincerely

Greg G. Hoppe

Big Lake Ak.

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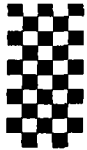
Dear Board members,

I am opposed to limiting public comment from individuals or entities. It is important for the public and entities to fully engage in all policy making decisions by being able to comment as much as they think is necessary. Alaska's wildlife and fish are a world wide resource; must be managed as carefully as possible for the benefit of a variety of interest.

Sincerely,

Brian Okonek

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Joint Board:

These are my comments on **Proposal A -- 5 AAC 96.xxx Procedure for Acceptance of Public Comments.**

I oppose this proposal.

The right of the public to participate in the decision making process is fundamental to our system of government. This proposal undermines that right and sets a very bad precedent for chipping away at public participation in the future.

In addition, I don't think the proposal, if enacted, would achieve the result you anticipate. An organization, instead of collecting and submitting its 28,542 or so letters, would simply have its members submit the letters directly to BOG. These letters would be submitted in similar numbers, but without any summary or overview. Board Support would lack the ability to request from the sponsoring organization a summary of the letters, forcing it to consider each one individually.

I also take issue with your question and answer (e.g., who is likely to benefit, suffer, etc.) 'evaluation' of the issue, which is biased and serves to mislead the public.

I encourage BOG to view the public not as obstacles to overcome, but instead as meaningful and helpful participants in the process of developing sound regulatory policy that is in the broad public interest.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

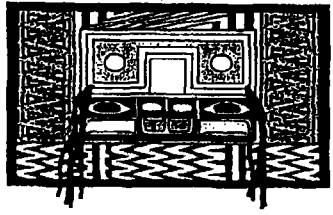
John Strassenburgh



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"Yee gu.aa yax x'wan."



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Klukwan, Alaska

September 17, 2007

Re: Proposal 6 – 5 AAC 96.021

What will happen if nothing is done?

All three advisory committees will continue to perform as usual in their respective areas.

Who is likely to benefit?

Each community will retain its local needed representation.

Who is likely to suffer?

All will suffer if this proposal is approved.

In 1982, HCS CSSSSB 796 (Res), created the Bald Eagle Preserve in which Klukwan is a community in the preserve. The people of Klukwan relate our way of life to traditional and cultural uses of all natural resources within the preserve. We respect the 796 as it is understood by us. It states that anytime there is to be a change within the bill, Fish and Game will meet with the respective communities. We have had no meetings with Fish and Game. Maybe that would qualify Fish and Game as being “inactive”. An advisory committee was not organized according to the population basis.

Therefore, I object to proposal 6 – 5 AAC 96.021 in its entirety. All state agencies and governments should have a copy of HCS (796) since it is known worldwide as many nationalities gather here in November, annually.

Elder / Federal Subsistence Representative

Joe Hotch

Village of Klukwan

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I am in opposition to CSHB87 (Fin) am an act.

Relating to the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska, and providing for an effective date, to be created.

There are already Advisory Committees organized and Federal Subsistence Boards within Alaska since ANILCA. The new Citizens' Advisory Commission would hinder progress already made over the years. I do not see where it will protect my native rights in my traditional and cultural uses. These uses by me, my children and grandchildren's needs protection in perpetuation, as Fish and Game are protected in perpetuation. Big game hunters and sports fishermen will prevail over the needy persons.

I oppose this activity because of the following reasons that the newly formed Citizens' Advisory Committee to be created has no directions to execute the following past acts,

- ✦ Treaty of Cession (15 Stat. 539).

Treaty concerning the cession of the Russian possessions in North America by His Majesty the Emperor of all of all of the Russians to the United States of America; Concluded March 30, 1867; Ratified by the United States May 28, 1867; Exchanged June 20, 1867; Proclaimed by the United States June 20, 1867.

Article III

The inhabitants of the Ceded Territory, according to their choice, reserving their natural allegiance, may return to Russia within three years; but if they should prefer to remain in the Ceded Territory, they, with the exception of uncivilized native tribes, shall be admitted to the enjoyment of all the rights, advantages, and immunities of citizens of the United States, and shall be maintained and protected in the free enjoyment of their liberty, property, and religion. The uncivilized tribes will be subject to such laws and regulations as the United States may, from time to time, adopt in regard to Aboriginal Tribes of that country.

- ✦ District Organic Act (23 Stat. 24), May 17, 1884, c.53

Section 8. [Creation of land district.]. That the said district of Alaska is hereby created a land district, and a United States land-office for said district is hereby located at Sitka. The commissioner provided for by this act to reside at Sitka shall be ex officio register of said land-office, and the clerk provided for by this act shall be ex officio receiver of public moneys and the marshal provided for by this act shall be ex officio surveyor-general of said district and the laws of the United States relating to mining claims, and the rights incident thereto, shall, from and after the passage of this act, be in full force and effect in said district, under the

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administration thereof herein provided for, subject to such regulations as may be make by the Secretary of the Interior, approved by the President: *Provided, That the Indians or other persons in said district shall not be disturbed in the possession of any lands actually in their use or occupation or now claimed by them but the terms under which such persons may acquire title to such lands is reserved for future legislation by Congress:*

Alaska Statehood Act

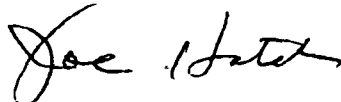
Statehood Act fails to deal with native use of land. – The legislative history of the Statehood Act fails to clarify congressional intent with respect to native use and occupancy of Alaska lands. In fact, there is very little reference to native land claims in the legislative history on the Statehood Act. This is so because Congress was principally concerned with achieving statehood for Alaska, not with settlement of native land claims. Given the difficulty of winning congressional approval for Alaska statehood, *Congress undertook to bypass, rather than to resolve, the complex and difficult questions arising out of native claims.*

Alaska State Constitution

Article 12, Section 12:

The State of Alaska and its people forever disclaim all right and title in or to any property belonging to the United States or subject to its disposition, and not granted or confirmed to the State or its political subdivision, by or under the Act admitting Alaska to the Union. The State and its people further disclaim all right or title in or to any property, including fishing rights, other right or title to which may be held by any Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut, or Community thereof, as that right or title is defined in the Act of Admission. The State and its people agree that, unless otherwise provided by Congress, the property, as described in this section, shall remain subject to the absolute disposition of the United States. They further agree that no taxes will be imposed upon any such property until otherwise provided by the Congress. This tax exemption shall not apply to property held by individual in fee without restrictions or alienation.

Elder,



Joe Hotch,
Chilkat Indian Village

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Dear Board of Game,

As a long time Alaskan, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Though I realize that the process the Board of Game uses to make its decisions is cumbersome, restricting the voice of the people is not a place to cut corners. The Board of Game is already viewed by many Alaskans as a radical group who will do anything to promote more hunting and trapping of our wildlife, regardless of what the scientists and citizens think. By restricting our ability to have a say in how our wildlife is managed, your Board will further alienate the public.

Not everyone has time to sit down and craft a letter of their own when an issue arises. Advocacy groups provide an outlet for concerned citizens to participate in the process, and those of us who rely on action alerts from organizations with whom we share similar values should have our voices heard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valerie Connor

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CHUGACH STATE PARK CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD

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On behalf of the Chugach State Park Citizens' Advisory Board (CSPCAB), we respectfully submit comments related to qualifications for members of and uniform rules of operations for local fish and game advisory committees. These comments are submitted in reference to the upcoming joint board meeting on October 5-8 in Anchorage.

Specifically, proposal 26 submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game suggests reasonable qualifications for committee membership and outlining basic standards to align the committee structure with other state boards and committees. Further, this proposal helps encourage participation from the area of committee jurisdiction.

Generally, the CSPCAB also supports diversification of local fish and game advisory committees in order to encourage participation and representation from a variety of user groups that are more reflective of the current use of our natural and wildlife resources. Therefore we support the basic concept as it is outlined in Proposal 28 under uniform rules of operations. This proposal suggests designating one seat for each user group of the area's fish and wildlife resources and hopefully facilitating a broader base of representation on advisory committees.

For your reference, the CSPCAB has 15 volunteer members who routinely use the Park, who are very familiar with how the Park is used, and who regularly deal with issues affecting the Park. The Board members, like other users, engage in a variety of activities in the Park including hiking, snow machining, skiing, fishing, hunting, birding, photography, and mountain biking.

Thank you for considering the Board's comments.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Johnston, Chair
Chugach State Park Citizens' Advisory Board

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Attn: Joint Board Comments

Re: Proposal A: Procedures to Limit Public Comment Submissions
(Revised comments - Please replace my prior comments with this one)

Dear Board Members:

As an Alaskan, who submits and comments on Board Proposals, I oppose Proposal A. I'm concerned about the Joint Board proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. I expect the Board of Fisheries and Game to accept all public comments.

If a proposal before the Board of Fisheries or Game gets a large number of public comments, there must be a reason for it. Rather than trying to regulate and restrict the public comment process. The Board(s) need to understand and be prepared for those highly controversial proposals which will cause many more individuals and organizations to send in their comments.

The Boards are already insulated from the public comments, since they do not accept comments via email. This proposal to limit comments is in my opinion is another attempt to disenfranchise the public from a public process. Furthermore, some proposals involve Federal lands, regulated by state statute. In these cases it is imperative that all comments from around the country be considered, since the land is owned by the American people.

Additionally, restricting communications of citizens is a dangerous road to travel and one that calls into question our First Amendment rights as Americans. It is also a disservice to the Board of Fisheries, Board of Game and the State of Alaska, which claim to value public input.

Thank you for considering my comments on this matter.

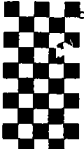
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Attn: Joint Board Comments

Re: Proposal A: Procedures to Limit Public Comment Submissions

Dear Board Members:

As an Alaskan, who submits and comments on Board Proposals, I oppose Proposal A. I'm concerned about the Joint Board proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. I expect the Board of Fisheries and Game to accept all public comments.

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Additionally, restricting communications where individual citizens are working together to is a dangerous road to travel and one that calls into question our First Amendment rights as Americans. It is also a disservice to the Board of Fisheries, Board of Game and the State of Alaska, which claim to value public input.

Thank you for considering my comments on this matter.

Respectfully,

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Dear Board of Game Members:

We are opposed to Supplemental Proposal A which would restrict the comments from a single entity to 100 pages of written or electronic equivalent. This proposal would stifle public comment and free expression. Sometimes proposals are so controversial that an enormous outpouring of opinion is sent to the Board of Game. The Board's past recalcitrance on certain wildlife and predator control issues has created a perception with certain segments of the public that the Board is not willing to listen or is not responsive to differing points of view. A dramatic showing of opinion is sometimes the only way to get the Board's attention.

We do not want to see public comment restricted by curbing the ability of activist groups to organize members to comment. Please maintain the democratic nature of the public comment process by voting against Proposal A.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust

Edgar Bailey

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**Testimony of Robert J. Wolfe to the Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game,
Regarding Proposal 38, Nonsubsistence Area Change, September 18, 2007**

My name is Robert J. Wolfe. I'm a self-employed anthropologist living in San Marcos, California, north of San Diego (Robert J. Wolfe and Associates, 1332 Corte Lira, San Marcos, CA 92069, 760-734-3863, wolfeassoc@cox.net). For about 20 years (January 1982 through May 2001), I served as the research director of the Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, with oversight responsibility for the state's subsistence research program.

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I assisted the Joint Board when it created the nonsubsistence area boundaries in 1992, preparing most of the materials on the twelve factors used in that deliberation (ADF&G 1992). I have been asked by the Ahtna Tene Nene' Subsistence Committee to comment on Proposal 38. These are my own observations and not necessarily those of the subsistence committee or other organizations.

The Joint Board drew the current boundaries of the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai nonsubsistence area based on socioeconomic and cultural patterns at that time, applying the twelve factors in statute (AS 16.05.258(c)) (see Map 1; ADF&G 2007).

The Joint Board determined that the Anchorage-Matsu-Kenai area had a nonsubsistence socioeconomic system in 1992. It was a large area, including GMUs 14, 16A, and most of 7 and 15 (5 AAC 99.015(a)(3)) (see Map 1). The area did not rely on wild food harvests as a primary source of food, harvesting only about 19 to 27 lbs of wild food per person per year, as shown in Fig. 6. The area was supported by a nonsubsistence socioeconomic system (ADF&G 1992).

The Joint Board purposively did not include GMU 13 within the nonsubsistence area. This was because GMU 13 was part of an area with a subsistence socioeconomic system, including the Copper Basin, Denali Highway, Cantwell, and the Chase-Hurricane Pass areas. A number of small communities used this area for harvesting wild foods, as shown by Map 2, illustrating areas hunted by residents of the Copper Basin (ADF&G 2007). The communities in this area relied on fish and game as primary sources of food, harvesting at about 111 lbs per person per year, as shown in Fig. 6. This area had a mixed, subsistence-cash economy.

The boundaries drawn in 1992 preserved long-standing subsistence hunts on state lands in GMU 13A, B, and E for Nelchina caribou and moose, as well as long-standing subsistence salmon fisheries on the Copper River. These were traditional hunts and fisheries of communities in the area.

Proposal 38 proposes a major change in the 1992 boundaries, taking GMUs 13 A, B, and E away from a subsistence area and putting them into a nonsubsistence area. It has major allocation implications, such as eliminating subsistence hunts for Nelchina caribou and moose in these units. The rationale for Proposal 38 states that the area (GMUs 13A, B,

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and E) "no longer meets the criteria to continue being a subsistence area under AS 16.05.258."

In examining the available information, there is no support for this assertion. The socioeconomic systems that existed in 1992 in GMUs 13A, B, and E still exist today. The patterns of uses of moose and caribou in GMUs 13A, B, and E established by 1992 continue to the present. There have been no significant socioeconomic or cultural changes since 1992 that would warrant changing the nonsubsistence area boundary.

For example, the Copper Basin and Cantwell area population continues to hunt GMUs 13A, B, and E for subsistence foods. This is illustrated by Figs. 1 to 4, which show hunting trends from 1993-2006 by residency (ADF&G 2007). Hunting by Copper Basin residents in GMUs 13A, B, and E for moose and caribou are shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Copper Basin residents continue to use the area for harvesting caribou and moose. Hunting by Cantwell residents in GMUs 13A, B, and E for caribou and moose are shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Cantwell residents continue to use the area for harvesting caribou and moose. This shows that GMUs 13A, B, and E continue to be part of the subsistence use areas of the Copper Basin and Cantwell area population.

The areas provide a substantial part of the subsistence harvests of the area's population, as shown in Fig. 5. For Copper Basin residents, GMUs 13A, B, and E provided 85 percent of the caribou and 45 percent of the moose harvested from 1993 to 2006 (ADF&G 2007).

Hunting trends of non-basin residents in GMUs 13A, B, and E for moose and caribou also are shown in Figs. 1 and 2. People who live outside the area also continue to use the area for hunting moose and caribou.

The nonsubsistence area in GMU 14A and B (the Palmer-Wasilla area) has experienced substantial growth during the most recent decade (Fried 2007). This is illustrated by Fig. 7, which shows the Palmer-Wasilla area population almost doubling between 1990 to 2006 (from 39,583 to 77,174 people). This robust growth indicates that the area has become even more urbanized, supported by a strong nonsubsistence socioeconomic system.

By comparison, the population of the Copper River Basin has remained relatively small and stable, growing only by 599 people between 1990 to 2006 (from 2,763 to 3,362 people). The Copper Basin's economy has not developed so as to attract large numbers of people.

A subsistence socioeconomic system continues in Cantwell near GMU 13E, as shown by Fig. 8. At Cantwell, wild food harvests in 1999 (135 lbs per person) were about the same as wild food harvests in 1982 (112 lbs per person) (ADF&G 2007). The most recent comprehensive wild food harvest survey for the Copper Basin area was in 1987-88, showing harvests at about 140 lbs per person at that time. By comparison, harvests in the nonsubsistence area were about 18 to 25 lbs per capita in the late 1990s (Fig. 8).

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In conclusion, there is nothing to support the advance of Proposal 38 to the next stage of deliberation. The communities of the Copper Basin and Cantwell area that hunted GMUs 13 A, B, and E for subsistence food in 1992 continue to hunt them in 2006. The communities of the Copper Basin and Cantwell areas continue to be dependent on wild foods taken in GMUs 13A, B, and E. GMU 13 has a mixed, subsistence-cash socioeconomic system. It is true that the Palmer-Wasilla area in neighboring GMU 14 has grown substantially, but economic growth in a nonsubsistence area does not entitle the annexation neighboring subsistence areas. The Alaska subsistence law was designed to be implemented to protect the subsistence uses of places like the Copper Basin and Cantwell from these kinds of impacts.

Acknowledgement: I would like to thank the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for providing much of the information shown in the maps and figures of this report.

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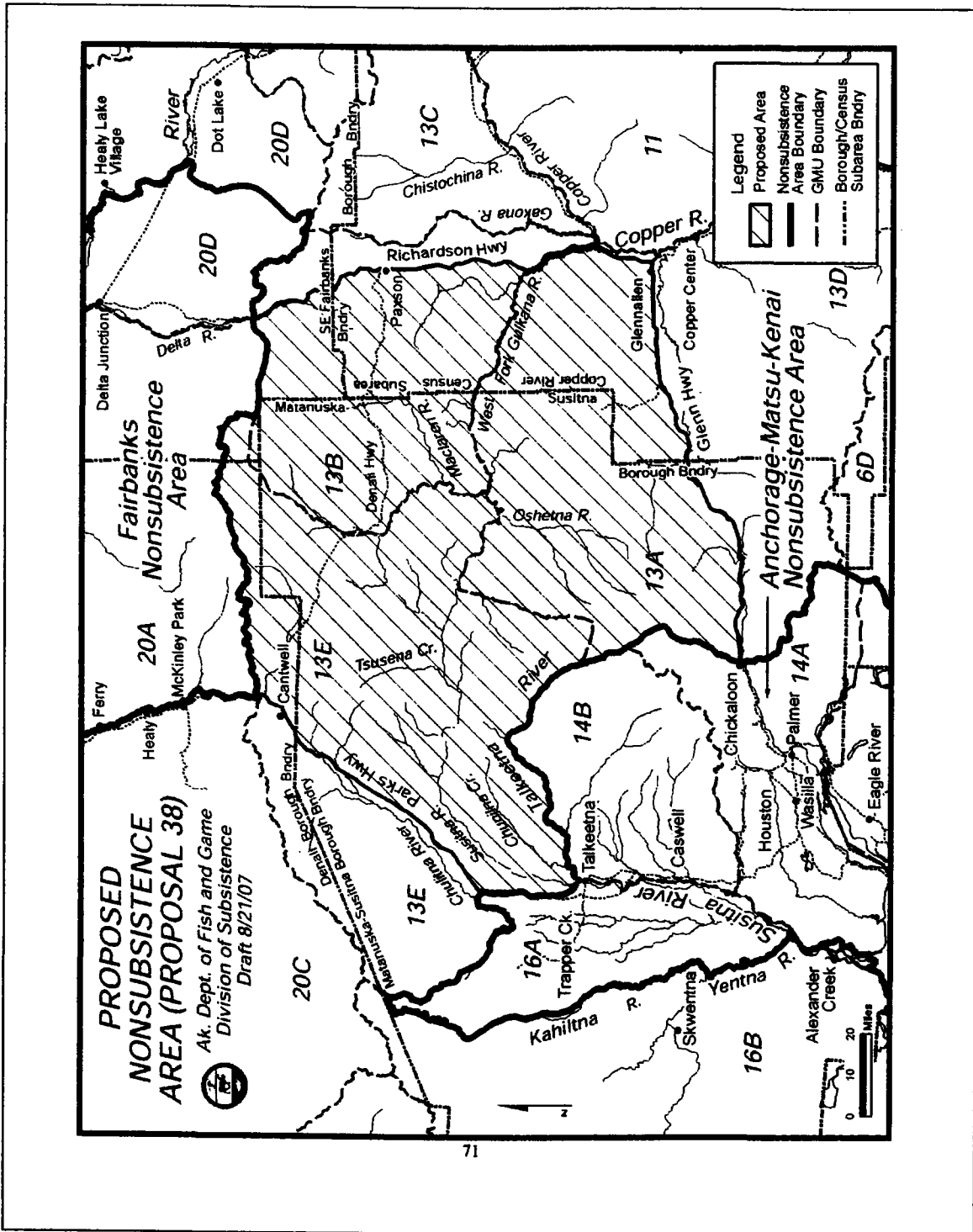
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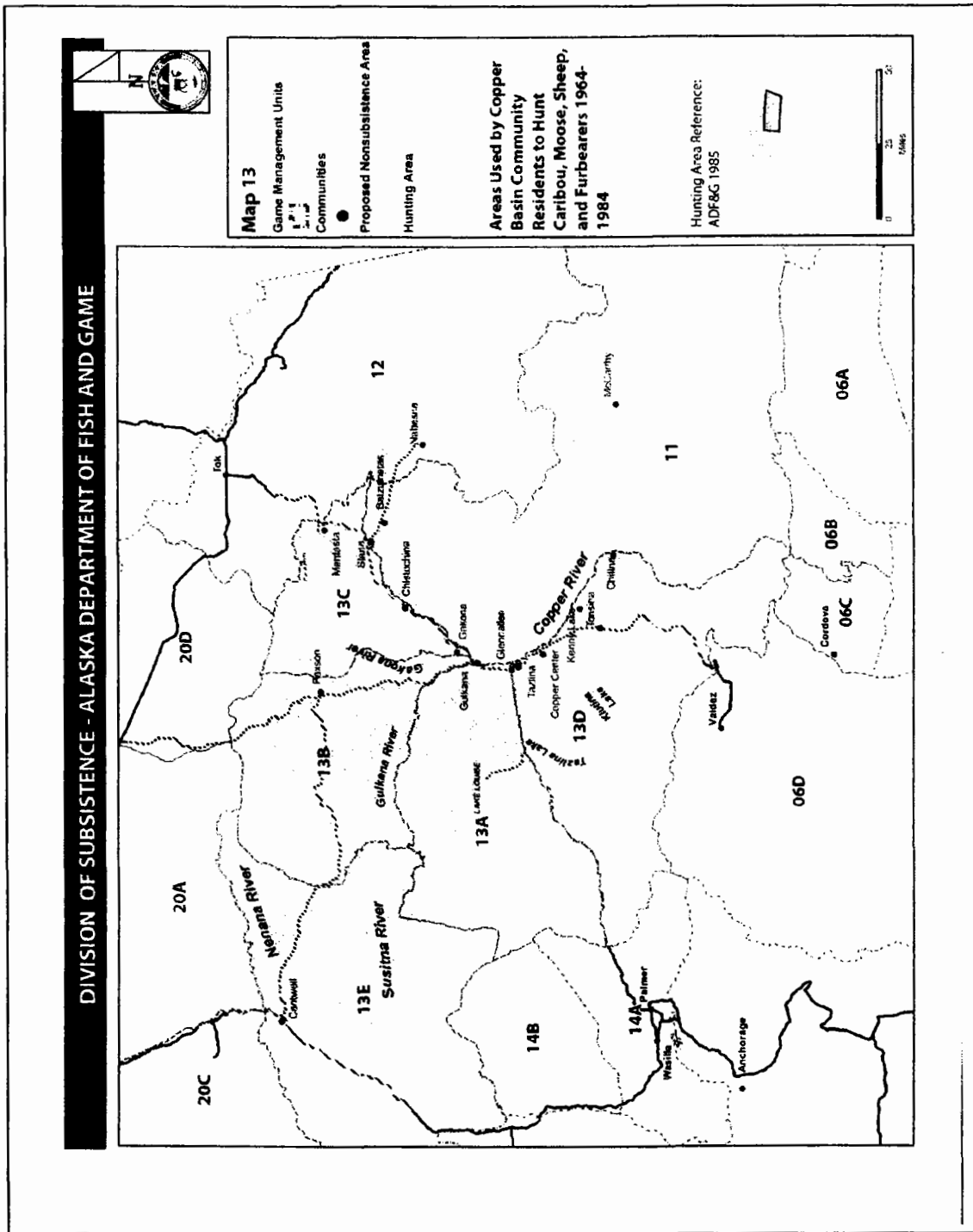
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Map 1. Proposed Nonsubsistence Area (Proposal 38)

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Map 2. Areas Used for Hunting by Copper Basin Residents, 1964-1984

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Fig. 1. Moose Hunters in GMUs 13A, B, and E by Residency, 1993-2006

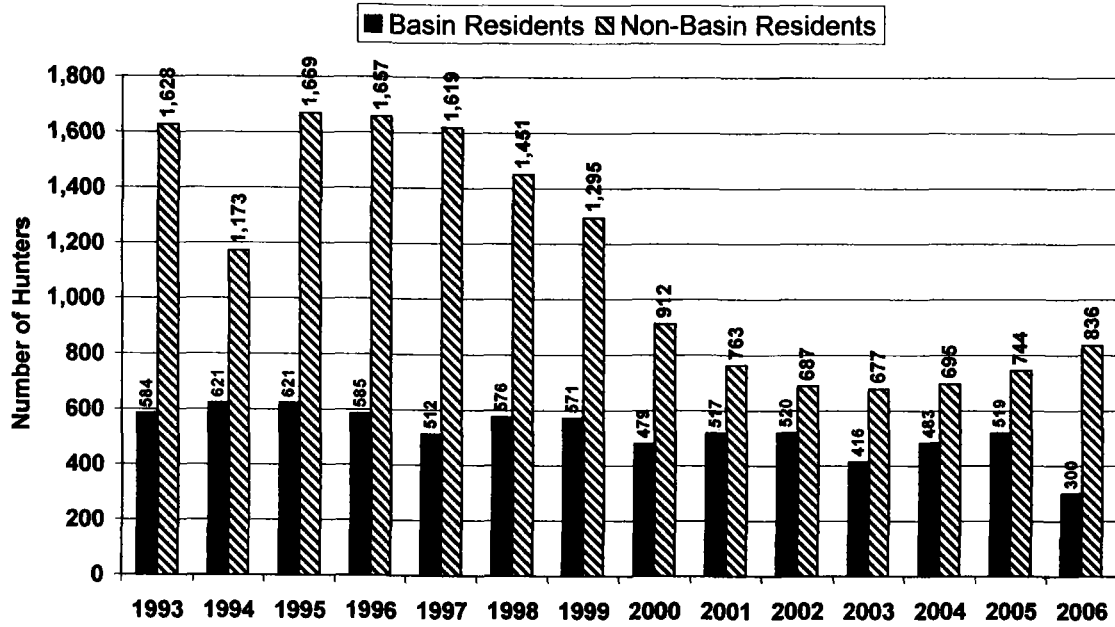
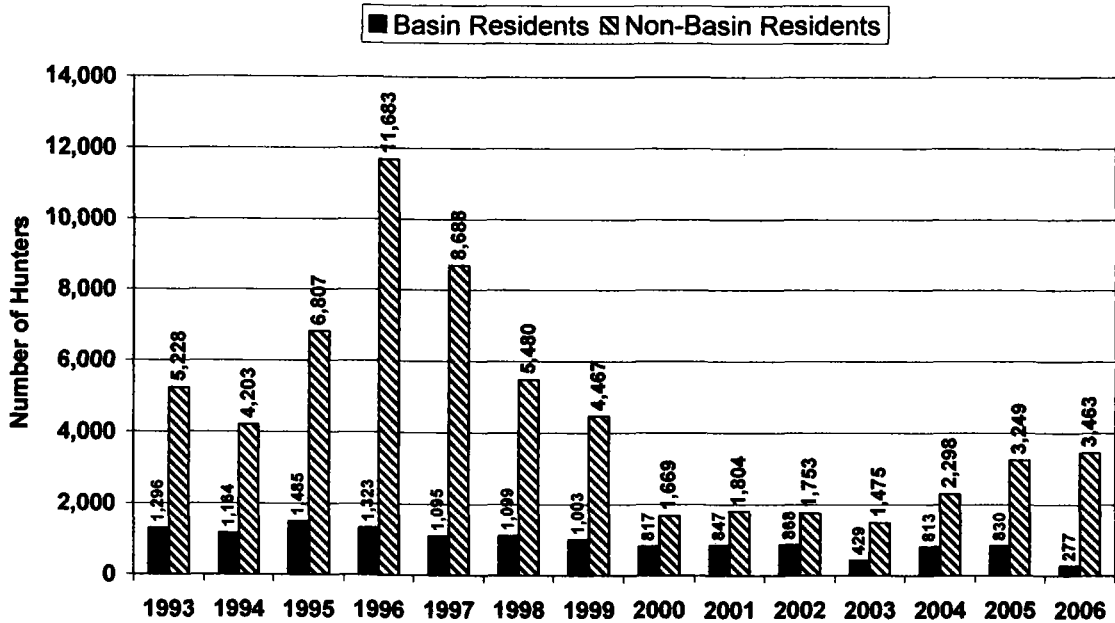


Fig. 2. Caribou Hunters in GMUs 13A, B, and E by Residency, 1993-2006



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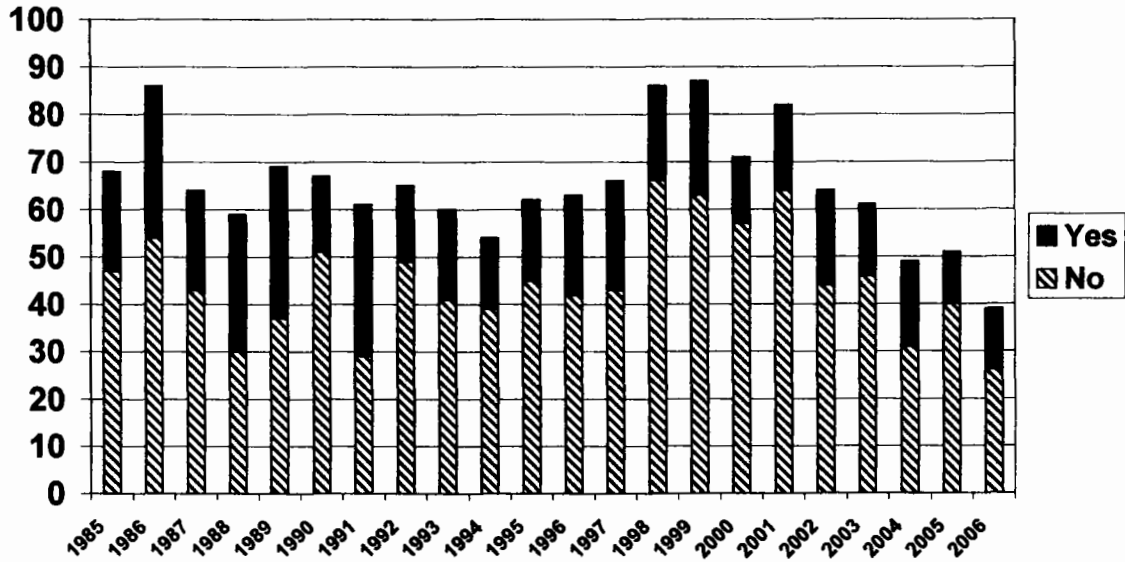
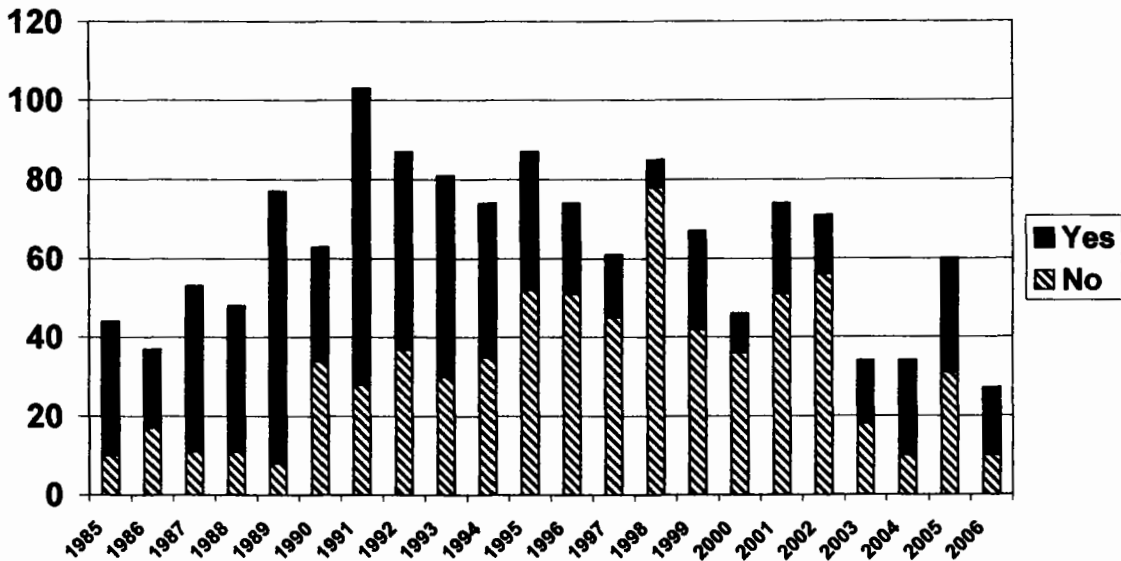


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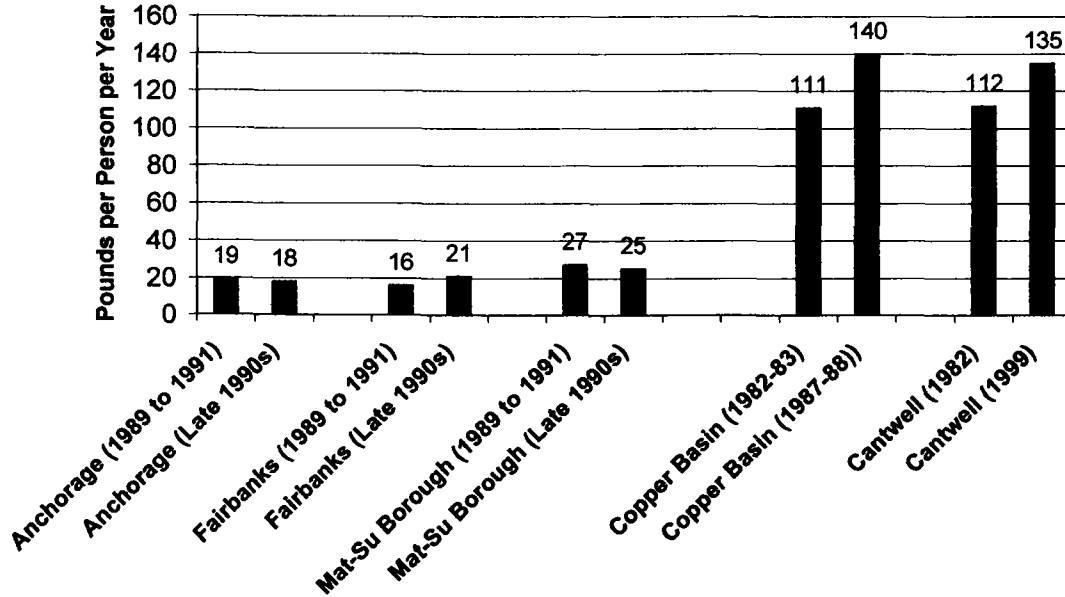
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**Fig. 5. Big Game Harvests by Location,
Copper Basin Communities, 1993-2006**

Game Management Unit	Percentage of the Harvest					
	Moose	Caribou	Sheep	Goat	Black Bear	Brown Bear
GMU 13 A, B, and E	44.9	84.9	6.1	0	17.8	40.1
GMU 13 C, D, and Z	29.6	12.6	9.4	17.7	56	31.7
GMU 13 (all)	74.5	97.5	15.5	17.7	73.8	71.8
GMU 11	12.3	0	65.6	45.2	10.4	11
GMU 13 and 11	86.9	97.5	81.2	62.9	84.2	82.8
All Other Areas	13.1	2.5	18.8	37.1	15.8	17.2

Source: ADF&G, Division of Wildlife Conservation, 2007

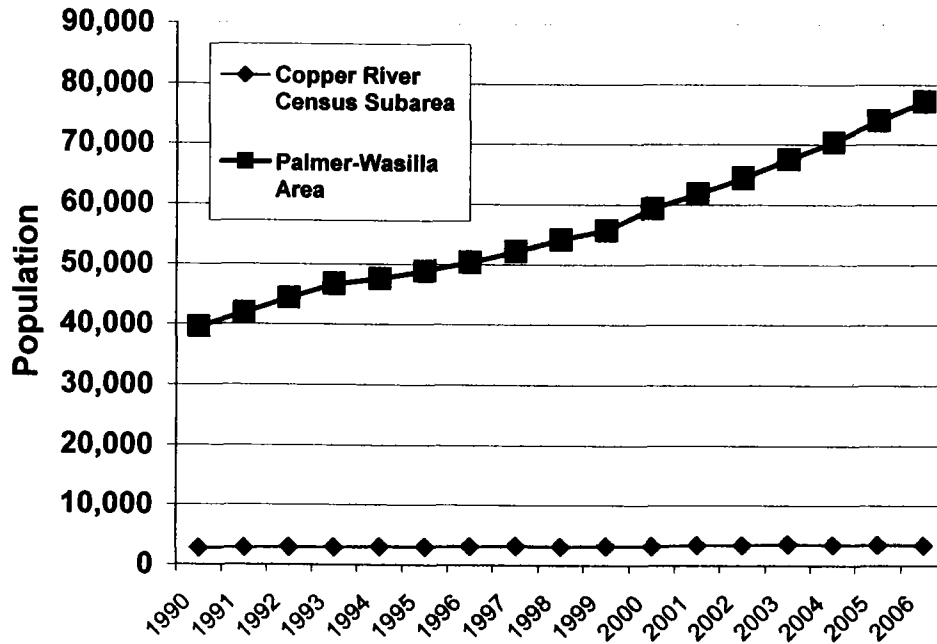
**Fig. 6. Wild Food Harvests by Area
and Year (Lbs per Capita)**



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Fig. 7. Population Trends, 1990-2006



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Comments for the Joint Boards of Fish and Game
October 2007 Meeting

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Chairmen Morris and Somerville;

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on issues and proposals before the Joint Boards. These comments are my own and are not official comments from the Fairbanks AC. I have been a member of the FAC for nearly 20 years and Chairman for over 10. I am well qualified to comment on the frustrations ACs have with your present processes.

In proposals like #'s 25 and 26, 33 and 34 please recognize a plea for changes in your processes and perhaps in your thinking..

Advisory Committee relationships:

It is unfortunate that the health and welfare of the public involvement process, especially the statutory local advisory committee system, has to be reviewed, evaluated and discussed in the "Proposal" format. The unrest and contentious processes that form the basis for most AC complaints have not evolved over time to keep up with fish and wildlife politics or scientific management needs. It is my opinion and observation that the character of the process for changing the regulations has changed and evolved over the years, but the use of input and comment from Alaskan communities via the local advisory committees has not. Hopefully, at this meeting you will get beyond the language in the proposals before you and address the character of the process and how it can be better.

In my view, which I can demonstrate is shared by most of the local AC's statewide, your process(es) do not provide an adequate means for the local AC's to meet their requirements to represent their communities as envisioned by the Legislature when it created the AC system.

The legislators originally designed a system for input and decision making on fish and game matters similar to the overall government structure. The system was characterized by different responsibilities for different levels of participants. The Department of Fish and Game was charged with the health and welfare of the resource and the science of fish and game research and enforcement of the regulations. The Boards were charged with making the allocation decisions for the use of those resources. Local communities, through the local advisory committees, were charged with gathering local knowledge, making recommendations, and sharing the local views with the Boards.

There is no recognition in the statutory discussions or regulation book of the role of special interests in the process. The various commercial fishing organizations, sport fishing interests, charter boat groups, professional guide associations, anti-hunting

organizations are nowhere mentioned in the written record of enabling statutes as regards their "role" in proposing and evaluating regulations. Although it is reasonable to utilize participation by "special interests" they do not now, nor have they ever, been given responsibility to speak for Alaskan communities. That role belongs to the local advisory committees.

Over time and under great pressure from various special interests, the Boards have been influenced to give greater weight to the special interests than to Alaskan communities. Even in the Fish Board's committee system, the ACs are always outnumbered other interests because each "group" gets a "seat" at the table.

Those who created the system envisioned the public and special interests would bring issues to the table and the ACs, Regional AC councils and the Boards would evaluate each issue and make changes to the regulations as necessary. With the economically caused end of the Regional Councils and the Boards assuming that responsibility, the system originally in place to "filter" the regulatory requests changed to require the Boards to be involved in every small detail and work out every local compromise.

The system further failed when the Department became political instead of scientific with regard to their recommendations to the Boards. In three decades Alaska went from being on the cutting edge of fish and wildlife management and applied research and operating with a system that had full public input and confidence to the mess we have today. Our fish and game populations are not managed in rational and consistent manner. Past leadership in the Department has allowed staff to have "do your own thing" authority. Examples abound. We have too many moose in GMU 20 and half the population objective in GMU 13. We have to manage for big fish in one drainage and more little fish in the adjacent one. We complicate the public harvest guidelines to the point that public participation declines, starting the spiral of less license fees, therefore less money, etc. etc. Most of these problems, including the lack of oversight, were not intentional. They were the wrong response to changes in larger political systems and trying to add responsibilities without evaluating "who" should be responsible. The Joint Boards cannot fix those problems. It can, however, recognize when the Department is providing good scientific advice and try to avoid and discourage the preaching and politics.

In a perfect world a proposal to the Board(s) would have the Department advising on the science and providing the statistics (what happens if we do this, what happens if we don't), the public (including special interests) advising on what they want, need, expect, etc. (fully expecting that commercial interests want some guarantee of participation in line with their economic needs), that anti-hunters won't support predator control to help moose and caribou to their population objectives) and local advisory committees advising on the expected reactions from and impacts too their communities.

The frustration that is often expressed by ACs following their participation in a Board meeting is a symptom that the system is failing. Mass resignations by the Cantwell and Kenai-Soldotna AC members, discussions with constituents and other ACs about the futility of wasting their time at Board meetings.

An example of the “frustration” is found in the notes from a multiple AC meeting I chaired on February 27, 2004 in concert with a Board of Game meeting. (Notes attached) Sixteen different ACs attended the meeting. The remarkable aspect of this gathering was the recognition that the problems we saw were universal among the participants and that everybody supported changes to make the system better. The Joint Boards could use that enthusiasm in your deliberations on the “changes to the system” proposals such as #34.

Unfortunately for those of us who believe in the AC system, the history of the Boards process shows erosion over time of seeking and using AC input. The Joint Boards can, and should, change their systems to utilize the ACs as intended by the statute.

There are two alternatives to making these changes. The first alternative is to ask the legislature to just erase the AC identification and responsibility from the law. This would place Alaska on a similar track with many other states where a Board or Commission hashes things out with three or four special interest groups and the resource agencies. The second is for the public to ask the legislature to change and clarify the AC responsibilities so the Department and the Boards have to listen to and respond to the AC concerns.

I urge you to really look at Proposal #33 and #34. These proposals are not sufficient as written to simply pass. The issue of how to best use ACs, recognizing their responsibilities, must be the subject of discussion. The present system is broken and the Joint Boards should be the entity to fix the problems. If that means less lunches and dinners with special interests for staff and Board members, so be it. I can find absolutely nothing in the Alaska statutes or codified that gives special interest groups the same “standing” in the process as the local advisory committees.

Qualification of AC Membership:

Proposals #25 and 26 relate to changing the qualifications for AC members. The absolute fact that this concept was caused by personality conflicts between Department staff and an AC Chair is reason enough for you to avoid this issue. The question is, are those AC members in 80+ local committees unqualified to serve under the present regulation or are they not. The potential impact to the AC system statewide needs to be evaluated before you even consider this step. There are no requirements for Department staff or Board members as strict as the proposal.

This is an excellent place for the Joint Boards to adopt the “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” advice.

Other issues:

Proposal #38 to section the Subsistence Use areas in GMU 13 is long overdue. There may be some unintended impact to subsistence fishing in the Copper River but that issue can be accommodated in your deliberations. Recall, the Joint Board policy is to first

determine the "amount necessary" for subsistence. Since the Game Board has taken great pains to avoid that policy, we are left with the current mess for GMU 13 caribou. The record is also clear that the Legislature, before passing the Alaska Subsistence Law, used the Chitina Dipnet fishery as an example of a "subsistence activity". The Fish Board, in concert with a federally oriented subsistence division, has found the way around that clear "legislative intent". At present nobody has had the funding to challenge the "findings", but eventually it will happen.

Getting a realistic subsistence area identified and adopted would go a long way toward solving this ongoing problem. It would also be an example for other areas which vary greatly in participation and uses of resources.

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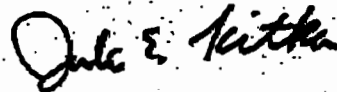
RE: Joint Board nonsubsistence areas – Proposal 38

The Alaska Federation of Natives strongly opposes Proposal 38 which, if adopted, would amend 55 AAC 99.015(a), to include Unit 13 in a nonsubsistence area that connects the Anchorage/Matsu/Kenai and Fairbanks nonsubsistence areas.

Subsistence continues to be a principal characteristic of the economy, culture and way of life of this area. It is readily apparent from the Special Report JB 2007-01, prepared by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence, as well as the testimony of Robert J. Wolfe that this area continues to be part of an area of the state with a subsistence socioeconomic system. A number of small communities in the Copper River Basin and along the Denali Highway, Cantwell and Chase-Hurricane Pass areas use this area for harvesting wild foods. Residents of these communities rely on the fish, game, and other wild renewable resources of the area as a primary source of food for their families. Proposal 38 appears to be motivated not by a change in the socioeconomic status of the area, but rather by a desire on the part of nonsubsistence hunters to open the area to sport hunting at the expense of subsistence users who heavily rely on the area to meet their families' basic food needs.

We strongly urge the Joint Boards to reject Proposal 38 at this meeting. There is absolutely no basis for spending additional time and state money on further analysis of this proposal.

Sincerely,



Julie Kitka
President

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cc: Governor Sarah Palin
Ahtna Tene Nene' Subsistence Committee

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**Comments of the Alaska Federation of Natives
In Opposition to Proposal 38**

September 21, 2007

In 1992 the Joint Boards established five nonsubsistence areas. It purposely did not include GMU 13 within the Anchorage/Matsu/Kenai or the Fairbanks nonsubsistence areas. The socioeconomic and cultural patterns at that time, applying the twelve factors in the subsistence statute, did not support including those GMUs in a nonsubsistence area. The same remains true today. There are longstanding subsistence hunts on state lands in Unit 13 for caribou and moose, as well as subsistence salmon fisheries on the Copper River. If the Joint Boards adopt Proposal 38, it will eliminate subsistence hunting for moose and caribou in those areas. The justification given for the proposal is that the area no longer meets the criteria for being a subsistence area. The available information proves otherwise.

The Copper Basin continues to be characterized as a mixed subsistence-cash economy. ADF&G 2007 Report, Figures 1 – 4. The residents of the Copper Basin and Cantwell area continue to hunt in GMU 13 for subsistence foods. In fact, as Figure 5 demonstrates, the area provides a substantial part of the subsistence harvests of the area's population – 85% of the caribou and 45% of the moose harvested from 1993-2006. The wild food harvests in 1999 for Cantwell were 135 lbs per person and for the Copper Basin area about 140 lbs per person (1987-88). By comparison, the wild food harvests in the nonsubsistence areas were only about 18-25 lbs per capita in the late 1990s ADF&G 2007 Report, Figure 8.

In terms of the economy of the area, only 60% of the adult population was employed year round in 1987-88, and most adults were employed only 10 months a year. ADF&G 2007 Report at 7. In 1999, the unemployment rate was 16% in GMU 13 and the surrounding communities. These rates are higher than those for the MatSu, Kenai Peninsula, and Fairbanks Northstar Boroughs, as well as for Anchorage, Juneau and Valdez. Of all the adults (age 16 and older) living in communities within GMUs 13 and 11, 52% were not working in 1999. This compares with about 30% in the nonsubsistence areas of Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau. ADF&G 2007 Report at 8. The per-capita income is lower than all of the non-subsistence areas and 27% lower than the state (ADF&G 2007 at 8). While there has been economic growth in the neighboring Palmer-Wasilla area that should not be used to take away the importance of subsistence to the residents of the Copper Basin and Cantwell, who continue to rely on subsistence.

The cost and availability of goods and services to those who live in the proposed nonsubsistence area also is indicative of an area where subsistence remains a principal characteristic. The cost of food has been consistently higher in Glennallen than in the more populous communities in the nonsubsistence area

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(ADF&G 2007 Report, Figure 15). The cost of gasoline is also higher (Fig. 16), as is the cost of electricity.

A wide variety of fish and game species is used by those who live in the area proposed for classification as a nonsubsistence area (ADF&G 2007 Report, figures 17, 18 and 19). In 10 out of 24 communities, all households fished, hunted or gathered wild resources; in the remaining 14 communities, at least 77% of the households were involved in resource harvesting activities. For all communities combined, the estimated per capita harvest totaled 112 pounds per person in 1982-83 (Table 10) and 140 pounds per person in 1987-88 (Table 11 and Fig. 22). These are higher harvests than those estimated for the present nonsubsistence areas. ADF&G 2007 Report at 11.

The residents of the Copper Basin "do not consider their hunting and fishing in the Copper Basin to be recreational activities." ADF&G 2007 Report at 11. The Native people in the Ahtna region are the aboriginal inhabitants of the area, and they regard hunting and fishing as an integral part of their culture and way of life. Many non-Native residents of the area have adopted these same values toward hunting and fishing. Sharing of wild foods, especially moose and caribou meat is customary and involves all family members, as well as elders and those in need. In 2000, 25% of the population of the Copper River Census sub-area was Alaska Native, as was 23% of the population of GMUs 13 and 11. Subsistence use of fish and wildlife resources has historically been central to the region's social, cultural and economic systems and remains so today.

Most subsistence harvests of big game by residents of GMU 11 and 13 communities occur within GMU 13 and 11. ADF&G 2007 Report at 12. The maps included in the State's Report show extensive use of GMU 13 within the proposed nonsubsistence area by residents of Copper Basin and the Cantwell areas. ADF&G 2007 Report at 12-13. Finally, the available information reflects that at least two-thirds of the households in every study community received gifts of wild resources. For all study communities combined, 53% of the households gave away wild resources; so, the extent of sharing and exchange of fish and game is demonstrably higher than in areas where subsistence is not a principal characteristic of the economy, cultural and way of life.

When one looks at the various socio-economic factors set out in the subsistence law with respect to Proposal 38, it is clear that the patterns of uses of moose and caribou and other wild food sources far exceed those of a nonsubsistence area. There have been no significant socioeconomic or cultural changes since the Joint Boards considered creating nonsubsistence use areas in 1992. There are no data to support reclassification of the area described in Proposal 38 as a nonsubsistence area.

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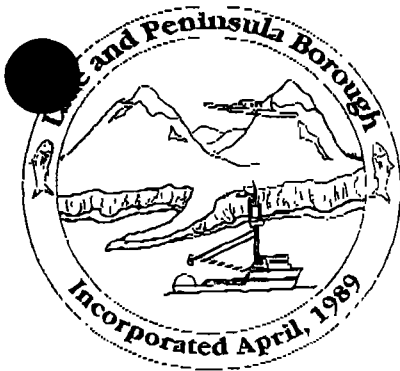
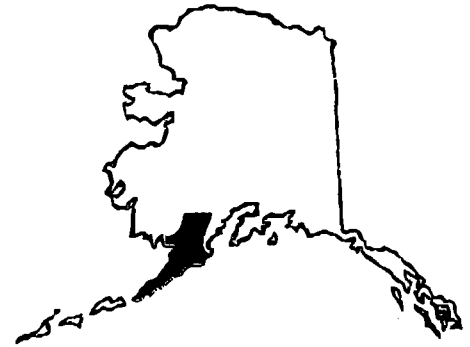
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RE: PROPOSAL #14

Dear Board Members:

The Lake and Peninsula Borough is opposed to PROPOSAL 14 which would create a new "Bristol Bay Advisory Committee" by combining the Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee (King Salmon, Pilot Point, Port Heiden, Ugashik and Egegik) with the Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee (Levelock, Naknek, South Naknek and King Salmon).

Proposal #14 seems to view it as a problem that "Several residents of King Salmon serve on the Lower Bristol Bay and other King Salmon residents serve on the King Salmon/Kvichak Advisory Committee." *If this is a problem (and we fail to see why it might be) then it should be addressed more constructively.*

The proposal claims that: "The communities on both of these advisory committees harvest the same fish stock and game populations". We are not at all sure they are fishing the same stocks and certainly even if they are found to be fishing the same stocks, the harvest proportions are vastly different. Game harvests (Caribou) are a mute point. There is no harvest anymore.

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“The larger communities (King Salmon 420 people and Naknek 577) are 11 miles apart and connected by a paved road. The smaller communities are not road connected and vary in size from 54 to 89 people”. We believe it is the smaller communities most at risk at losing their voice under the proposals new rules. It really makes no difference that two communities are connected by road nor that one of the larger communities has representatives on both AC’s. If one gives that creditability one does a disservice to the genuinely important and differentiable natural resource concerns of residents of Port Heiden, Pilot Point, Ugashik and Egegik.

“This change would enhance the effectiveness of the advisory committee system by better facilitating the resolution of resource issues at the local level before coming to the boards.” Simply put, we believe this to be a bogus justification – all policy conflicts between AC's could be dismissed with this rhetoric. Some have suggested that majority voting augmented with minority reports can give full voice to all concerned in the AC process. Again, this is not true for combining all Bristol Bay AC's nor is it true for combining any two of them.

We believe the bottom line is that this is probably more about the money and the states unwillingness to fully fund the Advisory Committee process. The AC's program should see increased funding, not less; a fully commitment, not a flagging one. More staff are required so that more education and capacity building can be programmed in, rather than cut backs disguised as “streamlining the process”.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



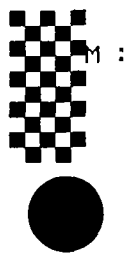
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**ATTN: JOINT BOARD COMMENTS
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The Lime Village Traditional Council **supports Proposal 17**, for all of the reasons listed in the proposal itself.

A large number of past committee meetings have been in Aniak. With an advisory committee that would always meet no further away than Red Devil, our representatives could travel there by snowmobile or boat.

There is no scheduled air service between Lime and the downriver hub, Aniak. Because of that, bad weather, and the need to travel by air to distant villages, our committee representatives have often been absent from meetings.

This proposal would give Lime Village more fair representation, since our reps could always attend, and each village would have an equal number of reps.

People in the villages of Stony River, Sleetmute, and Red Devil are more familiar with fish and game issues in our area and share our values and commitment to protecting and improving these resources and their habitat.

From, Lime Village Traditional Council

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DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE'S COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE OCTOBER 2007 JOINT BOARD MEETING, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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Via Facsimile: 907-465-6094

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To whom it may concern:

Defenders of Wildlife ("Defenders") appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Regulatory Proposal A to be considered at the October 2007 meeting to be held in Anchorage, Alaska. Established in 1947, Defenders is a non-profit membership based organization dedicated to the protection of all native wild animals and plants in their natural communities. Defenders focuses on the accelerating rate of species extinction and associated loss of biological diversity and habitat alteration and destruction. Defenders also advocates new approaches to wildlife conservation that will help prevent species from becoming endangered. We have field offices around the country, including in Alaska where we work on wolves, brown bears, wolverines, Cook Inlet beluga whales, sea otters and polar bears. Our Alaska programs seek to increase recognition of the importance of, and need for the protection of, entire ecosystems and interconnected habitats while protecting predators that serve as indicator species for ecosystem health. Defenders represents more than 5,000 members and activists in Alaska, and more than 900,000 members and supporters nationwide.

Proposal A (Procedure for Acceptance of Public Comment)

As an organization with a long history of participating in the Board of Game public comment process, and as an advocate for Alaska's wildlife and our members who are concerned with wildlife issues in Alaska, Defenders is very concerned with the intent of this proposal. We have several concerns that are outlined below. We also offer several viable alternatives that we hope you will consider.

Advocacy organizations such as Defenders help their members communicate with agencies like yours about wildlife issues that they care deeply about. Attempts to differentiate between different types of communication -- accepting unlimited "unorganized" communications, but restricting communications where individual citizens are working together to send a strong message about issues they care about as a community -- is a dangerous road to travel and one that calls into question our First Amendment rights as Americans. It is also a disservice to your agency, which values public input.

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There are many ways to address this problem. You could scan all comments and provide them to Board members electronically, which would not only save paper but make it easier for the Board to review. This technology is already being used by the Board for posting proposals, public notices and board calendars. You could also post the comments you've received on your website, providing an additional benefit to the public and increasing the transparency in the Board's decision-making process.

Individual citizens who use web-based technologies to submit comments to the Board with the support and leadership of organizations like Defenders should not be discredited. We are a vital component of the policy-setting process when it comes to wildlife management in our state and our deeply held beliefs and concerns deserve to be heard.

The Board's current proposal was prompted by the more than 28,000 comments it received on the McNeil River bear issue. Defenders submitted these comments electronically in disk format to avoid overwhelming the Board's fax machine, and tried to assist the Board's support staff by submitting a random sample of comments. Despite these accommodations, the Board is proposing to restrict the number of comments they will accept from Defenders and other groups.

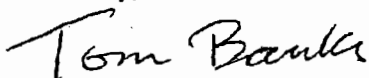
Organizations like Defenders of Wildlife are legitimate participants in an online forum in which they engage with their supporters and provide them with information on issues about which they care deeply. Each comment submitted to your agency with our help should be regarded as the voice of an individual, concerned citizen.

The Board must also recognize that a significant portion of our state consists of federal lands, and that the wildlife resources found on these lands are of national interest. There are issues that your agency deals with that are of national importance, such as the hunting of the McNeil River bears, which utilize the adjacent Katmai National Park and Preserve and is visited by tourists from throughout the U.S. and overseas, and should be open to national and international, not just local, input. It is perfectly legitimate for all individuals to weigh in on these types of issues and the Board should not attempt to restrict their input.

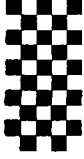
We hope that this issue can be resolved through means other than a seemingly arbitrary page limitation on comment submissions. Email communication has become a reality of our daily lives and we must find modern and innovative ways to deal with it.

I encourage you to work with Defenders and other organizations to ensure that the voices of Alaskans and others are heard on important wildlife issues and to consider implementing alternatives that could facilitate the Board's review of public comments and would lessen the Board's operating costs.

Sincerely,



Tom Banks
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Defenders of Wildlife



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Dear Joint Boards Section,

I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity.

Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help our members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

Attempts to differentiate between different types of communication accepting unlimited "unorganized" communications, but restricting communications where individual citizens are working together to send a strong message about issues they care about as a community is a dangerous road to travel that calls into question our First Amendment rights as Americans and is ultimately a disservice to your agency.

Possible alternative solutions include scanning documents and providing them to Board members electronically, which would not only save paper but make it easier for the Board to review. This technology is already being used by the Board for posting proposals,

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I hope that this issue can be resolved through means other than a seemingly arbitrary page limitation on comment submissions. Email

communication has become a reality of our daily lives and we must find modern and innovative ways to deal with it.

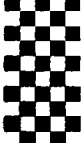
I encourage you to work with Defenders and other organizations to ensure that the voices of Alaskans are heard on important wildlife

issues and to consider the numerous other alternatives that exist that could facilitate the Board's review of public comments and would lessen the Board's operating costs.

Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Christopher Burley
333 W 4th Ave Ste 302
Anchorage, AK 99501-2341



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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

This is a personally written, individual and unique letter from an Alaska resident expressing my concern about the BoG's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a group of organized citizens.

Groups that organize the sending of messages on behalf of their members help those members more efficiently communicate their opinion to public agencies about issues that matter to them.

Like most people, when I receive such calls to action from various groups about issues that are important to me, I make a choice to take action or not depending on what it is. Sometimes I strongly support the effort and respond. Sometimes I delete the message.

To limit public comments to only those who have the time and inclination to write unique and individual letters puts an unnecessary burden on those wishing to let a public agency know their views.

I work full time and have a family. There are times I feel strongly about an issue, but just don't have the extra time to craft an individual response like I'm doing now. MY VOICE SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM REGISTERED COMMENTS SIMPLY BECAUSE I SENT A "FORM LETTER" -- EVEN THOUGH ITS CONTENT REPRESENTS MY VIEWS AND FEELINGS.

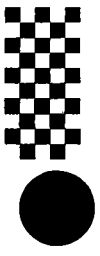
It's undemocratic and unfair to limit comments from concerned citizens on the basis of those messages being organized by a larger group of concerned citizens. The messages I choose to send express my own opinions and public agencies MUST accept them.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Ms. Shannon Mortensen
12401 Lake St Apt 4
Eagle River, AK 99577-6901

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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

Well, it seems as if the Board of Game has come up with a grandiose new idea to limit the controversy that it tends to stir up. I am truly amazed at the gall of the current Board of Game. I can only assume that this "limit" on public comment will apply to negative comments from animal lover and greenie groups. My best guess is that the high priced NRA and AOC lobbyists and the pro hunting supporters will be allowed to praise your actions to their hearts content.

The simple fact that the Board is trying to limit public comment underscores the fear of the true facts getting out to the public. If its actions are sound, then they will be able to stand up to public and unbiased scientific scrutiny. Did the BOG, or even the newspaper, send me an email or a notice, telling me of the plans to limit comments? No, it was a greenie group, a bunny hugger group that keeps me, an Alaskan citizen, posted on the Boards plans often.

It is the Boards job to deal with wildlife issues. I, and others like me, have jobs and lives, and take large amounts of time to keep informed on the topics that the Board and this current administration keep trying to push through with as little notice as possible.

I have testified, right behind Bob Bell actually, at the Wolverine hearing, have written several letters to the editor, and one compass piece to assist in keeping the public informed on issues of the current wildlife management policies.


Public comment is essential in the process of wildlife management as I think only two or three of the current BOG members are, or were, "scientists". All of the others are members of the public who like to hunt. Their feelings and ideas also come from an "unscientific" viewpoint and as such actually hold about as much merit as my own.

When this largely "unscientific" Board pushes issues through despite sound "scientific" objection from other managers and biologists, the Alaskan public deserves to know and deserves to be able to comment no matter how they learn of the plans.

It is for these reasons that I disagree with the proposal to limit public comment. Please perform you duty to the Alaskan public to manage wildlife effectively and allow the public to comment on your actions as they please.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bob Gengler
18625 S Kanaga Loop
Eagle River, AK 99577-8617



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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

I deserve to be heard by you no matter what my comment is, whether I am commenting by myself, or whether I am making a comment that is the same as an advocacy group.

By law, when there is public comment, you need to hear citizens of Alaska, which I am and have been for 35 years.

Whether I comment the same as the Alaska Outdoor Council or the Sierra Club, it is wrong for my voice not to count as one voice.


Do not limit public comment whether unorganized or organized; it would be the wrong and illegal thing for you to do.

Thank you for listening to this note.

Sincerely,

Ms. Nancy Michaelson
7799 N Palmer Fishhook Rd
Palmer, AK 99645-8026

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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,



I strongly object to any attempt to limit input at the Noard fo Game meetings when public testimony is being sought. Given this is often the only genuie through which the average Alaskan can express their opinion on wildlife issues affecting all of us it would seem prudent to make this as inclusive as possible, not exclusive.

Such a limitation would be open to abuse by allowing favoritism


and essentially silencing factions or people whose opinions may differ from the board's.

Sincerely,

Mr. Arthur Greenwalt
1620 Washington Dr Apt 79
Fairbanks, AK 99709-5014



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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

As a 30-year citizen of Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about. Are you saying

you don't care about their opinions? That's exactly what it seems like to me.

I am writing to assure you that the messages I send express my own opinions and I expect you to accept them.

Attempts to differentiate between different types of communication -- accepting unlimited "unorganized" communications, but restricting communications where individual citizens are working together to send a strong message about issues they care about as a community -- is a dangerous road to travel and one that calls into question our First Amendment rights as Americans. It is also a disservice to your agency, which claims to value public input. This has appeared to me to be a specious claim, since the Board often

ignores what the public wants and follows its own agenda regardless of public opinion.


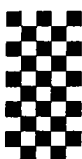
Restricting input in this manner is unacceptable and limits the avenues I can pursue to use my First Amendment rights. My opinion comes through a utilitarian avenue provided by an organization that supports my views, so you plan to shut down that avenue of expression

for me? I find this unacceptable. Please reconsider your self-serving, anti-democratic, and totalitarian-inspired restriction of my freedom of expression.

Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Beckwith
16738 Theodore Dr
Eagle River, AK 99577-6702



Sep 21, 2007


Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

As a citizen of Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

I am writing to assure you that the messages I send express my own opinions and I expect you to accept them. This proposal is absolutely limiting to the public comment process. Remember, Alaska is not only for Alaskans and their comments. This state as all states, belongs to the American people and visitors from afar. We all have a right to comment on your decisions.

This proposal makes the Board look shady... Something I do not think you need to look like in the public eye with all the issues on your plate that have international attention right now.




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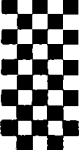
Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rebekah Riley
PO Box 1152
Seward, AK 99664-1152



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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

Whoa! Hang on here! I rely on these Groups to help me with contacts to people that count. I'm not very good at wording my concerns and sometimes get nasty. I need these groups to keep my messages of concern professional. I need you to hear my concerns--not discard them, thank you very much!

As a citizen of Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

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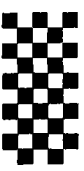
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Sincerely,

Ms. Margaret Enders
PO Box 110776
Anchorage, AK 99511-0776

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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

As a citizen of Alaska, it is important to me to be able to send comments to the Board of Game through advocacy groups such as Defenders of Wildlife. Many people hold similar views yet do not have the time in their busy lives to research and respond to all public policy changes on their own.

Please don't block the "unions."



Sincerely,

Mr. Jeff Dean
40374 Waterman Rd
Homer, AK 99603-9404

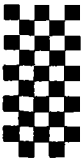
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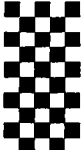
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This ultra conservative approach is completely undemocratic. Thanks to larger organizations spreading the word to residents, we can respond to the decision the board of game makes. Limiting this removes the public's involvement in the process. Comments should be encouraged by all citizens, not suppressed. The ignorant public, who does not comment, or is not allowed to comment leads to dangerous and biased management.

Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Morse
PO Box 201
Cordova, AK 99574-0201



Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
AK

Dear Joint Boards Section,


Have you heard of the First Amendment?? Why would you possibly want to limit people's right to voice their concerns and questions?? Is it because they don't agree with your decisions and you don't want to hear it? I think you better reconsider this decision. Defenders of

Wildlife keeps me informed because we private citizens do not have the time nor the resources to keep up on issues. If it weren't for them,

you guys would be doing everything behind closed doors so no one could question your decisions or policies.

As a citizen of Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

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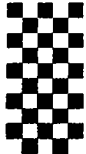
Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. Leslie Law
19928 Cohen Dr
Juneau, AK 99801-8210



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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

I read the message below and it clearly represents my feeling on this matter. You need to stay in touch with the citizens of this state - no matter how they choose to speak to you. Linda Boggs

As a citizen of Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

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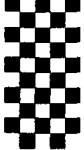
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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. Linda Boggs
5500 Wild Mountain Dr
Eagle River, AK 99577-9449

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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

As a citizen of Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.



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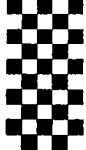
Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. PATRICIA Lynch
13300 McCabe Circle East
13300 McCabe Cir E
Anchorage, AK 99516-2960



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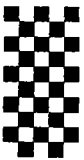
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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.


Sincerely,

Mrs. Luz Maskell
10620 Republic Cir
Anchorage, AK 99515-2548



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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,


As a life long Alaskan, I'm very concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

I am writing to assure you that the messages I send express my own opinions and I expect you to accept them. Please listen to what the Alaska people are saying and then act according to their wishes.


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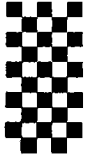
Sincerely,



Ms. Deborah Voves
13231 Mountain Pl
Anchorage, AK 99516-3150



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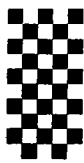
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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rebecca Goodrich
3990 Lamont Way
#4
Wasilla, AK 99654

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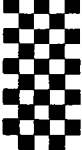


Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Torzillo
PO Box 246
King Salmon, AK 99613-0246



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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

As a citizen of Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about. It seems every time you have opposition you change the rules to suit your on agenda. Wildlife in Alaska is for everyone, not just hunters and trappers. Limiting the voices of those opposed to the Board of Game agenda (whether they send comments on their own or through another organization) is unethical...

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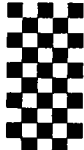
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Sincerely,

Ms. Becky Breeding
PO Box 672569
Chugiak, AK 99567-2569

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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

As a citizen of Alaska, I'm outraged about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

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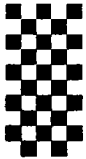
Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter. You must not block our input. I will also write to Governor Palin about your proposed plans to limit public input.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Angela A. Clark
1215 Kleepuk Hill Rd, Box 822
Dillingham, AK 99576

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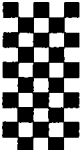
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Sincerely,

Ms. Vesta Elliott
1102 Orca St
Anchorage, AK 99501-4828



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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Apone
900 Nelchina St
Anchorage, AK 99501-4038

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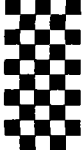
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Sincerely,


Ms. Amy Morgan
326 4th St Apt 1004
Juneau, AK 99801-1176

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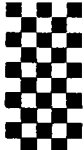
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Sincerely,

Mr. Quinn Smith
853 Basin Rd
Juneau, AK 99801-1036



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Sep 20, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
AK

Dear Joint Boards Section,

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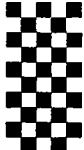
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Sincerely,

Ms. Brooke Schafer
3702 Halibut Point Rd Apt B
Sitka, AK 99835-9504

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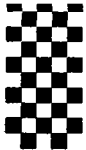
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Sincerely,

Ms. Katherine Thumma
PO Box 81026
Venetie, AK 99781-0026



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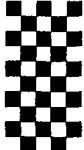
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Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Hill
11940 Town Park Cir
Eagle River, AK 99577-7789



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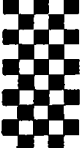
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Sincerely,

Mr. Ryder Erickson
221 McCarrey St Unit 1B
Anchorage, AK 99508-5810



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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

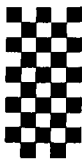
To the Board of Game:

I am extremely concerned by your proposal to limit public comment on proposals before the Board. Unrestricted public comment is an integral and necessary component of the process. To limit it in any way circumvents our rights and duties as Alaska citizens. After all, the wildlife of Alaska belongs to all of us, equally, and we all have equal voice in matters pertaining to its management.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nick Jans
1085 Arctic Cir
Juneau, AK 99801-8754

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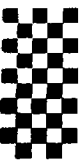
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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amarantha Harrison
40374 Waterman Rd
Homer, AK 99603-9404

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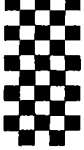
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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jessica Robbins
410 7th St Apt A
Fort Richardson, AK 99505-1118

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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.


Sincerely,



Ms. Nancy Moore
PO Box 399
Palmer, AK 99645-0399



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Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
AK

Dear Joint Boards Section,

I cannot believe that in this day and age an organization such as the Alaska Board of Game is proposing to limit public comments. Encouraging public comments & giving all comments careful consideration should be an important part of your decision making process.

I do not send messages unless they express my own opinions and I expect you to accept them.

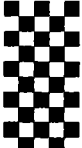
Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Sartor
5900 S. Our Rd
Palmer, AK 99645

Sincerely,


Mrs. Charlotte Sartor
5900 S Our Rd
Palmer, AK 99645-7622

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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. stephanie kibe
16212 Ursa Minor Cir
Eagle River, AK 99577-7311



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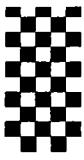
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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,


Mr. Daniel Meador
PO Box 752026
Fairbanks, AK 99775-2026

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Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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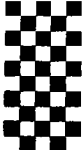
Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dennis Davis
65355 Corabin Rd
Anchor Point, AK 99556-9251



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Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
AK

Dear Joint Boards Section,

Those who hunt and those who are members of the NRA are NO! the only voices that should be heard by the Game Board of Alaska. As a citizen of Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

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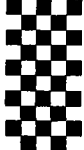
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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kimberly Burrows
873 Linda Ct Apt 3
Homer, AK 99603-7235

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Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
AK

Dear Joint Boards Section,

I am an Alaskan resident since birth and I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about. The same issues you should care about.

I assure you that the messages I send are my own opinions and I expect you to accept them. You would want the same.



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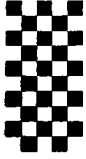
I appreciate you considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kimberly Wells
7061 Miranda Dr
Anchorage, AK 99507-5105

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Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
AK

Dear Joint Boards Section,

As Alaskan community member, I am concerned about announcement recently of a proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given organization or entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help facilitate communication between their members and agencies like yours about issues that members consider to be important.

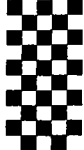
All the messages that I send whether on my own or with the help of a form letter from an advocacy organization always represent my own opinions and as a contributing community member, I would expect them all to be considered when presented to you.

It is very disconcerting to hear that attempts are being made to differentiate between various modes of communication, by accepting unlimited "unorganized" communications, while restricting communications where individual citizens are working together to send a strong message about issues they care about as a community. Not only is this a dangerous path to head down but it is also one that calls into question our First Amendment rights as Americans. It is also a disservice to your agency, which claims to value public input.

I appreciate your time in considering my views and I hope that my future input on issues will be welcomed, whether submitted independently on my own or while contributing to a particular advocacy issue with an organized group.

Sincerely,

Ms. Zoe Craig
11039 Kaskanak Dr
Eagle River, AK 99577-8311



Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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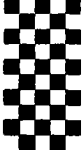
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Sincerely,

Ms. Anne Coray
General Delivery
Port Alsworth, AK 99653-9999

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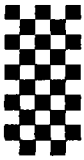
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Sincerely,


Mr. Jebarri Dean
40374 Waterman Rd
Homer, AK 99603-9404

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Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Sincerely,

Dr. Julia Dewey
1150 P St
Anchorage, AK 99501-4278



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Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
AK

Dear Joint Boards Section,

I am sick of the lengths to which agencies like the Board of Game will go to ignore and deny public input. It is your responsibility to hear every comment that comes to you even though you may not want to hear it. As a citizen of Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

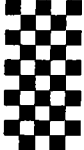
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Sincerely,

Ms. Nancy Racek
3031 Cheyenne Ct
Anchorage, AK 99507-3066



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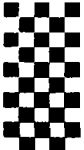
Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter. how would you like it if ,you were being hunted down! put yourself in their place ,not a nice picture is it!!!!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. TERRY pearl
HC 89 Box 486
16155E Sheep Dr
Willow, AK 99688-9705

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Sep 21, 2007

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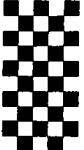
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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Ms. gretchen holbrook
7612 Chaimi Loop
Anchorage, AK 99504-4688

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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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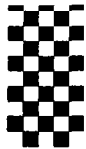
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Sincerely,

Mr. Luke Gilson
3127 Princeton Way
Anchorage, AK 99508-4436

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Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Miss Bonnie Spromberg
827 Peterson St
Ketchikan, AK 99901-6522

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Sep 21, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
AK

Dear Joint Boards Section,

As a citizen of Alaska for over fifteen years, I am deeply offended by the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

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Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Hmurciakova
PO Box 245
Moose Pass, AK 99631-0245

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Sep 20, 2007

Joint Boards Boards Support Section
AK

Dear Joint Boards Section,

As 40 year citizens of Alaska, we are concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about. If you as a board did the bidding of a majority of the people of Alaska and not continually follow the lead of the Outdoor Council and other such advocacy groups, our comments would not be necessary.

We are writing to assure you that the messages we send express our own deeply held opinions and we expect you to accept them.

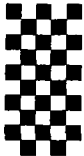
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Thank you for considering our views on this issue of great importance to us and all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hayden and Bonnie Kaden
PO Box 138
Gustavus, AK 99826-0138

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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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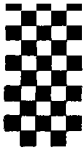
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa McGillis
12012 Anchor Pl
Anchorage, AK 99515-4414

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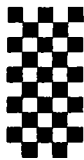
And in my OWN words you do not have the right to limit my ability to voice my concerns for MY country and the way we THE PEOPLE take care of it!

Thank you for considering my views on this consequential matter.

Sincerely,


Ms. Robyn Smith
1411 Race Rd
Homer, AK 99603-9328

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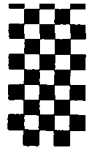
Sincerely,



Ms. Faye Harasack
PO Box 1238
Kotzebue, AK 99752-1238



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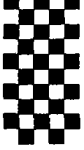
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Sincerely,

Ms. Tina M. Brown
19400 Beardsley Way
Juneau, AK 99801-8219



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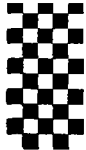
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Sincerely,

Mr. Johnathon Green
PO Box 101953
Anchorage, AK 99510-1953



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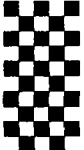
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Sincerely,

Ms. Corinne Ferre'
1962 Three Sisters Way
Kodiak, AK 99615-7218



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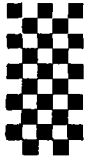
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Sincerely,

Miss Rocio Manzano Guerrero
C/ Fita n°31 2°F
El Arenal, AK 07600



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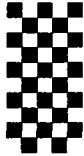
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Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Herman
1845 Parkside Dr
Anchorage, AK 99501-5751



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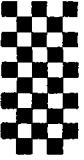
Sincerely,



Mr. Rafael Araujo de Souza
Fazenda Grande II, Loteamento PQ são jose - Bahia
Cajazeiras
Salvador, AK 41340



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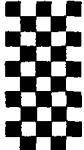
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Toni Truesdell
PO Box 2001
Palmer, AK 99645-2001

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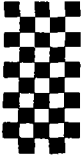
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Sincerely,

Dr. Azure Kraxberger
PO Box 344
Kasilof, AK 99610-0344

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Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Sotomayor
9205 James Blvd Apt 101
Juneau, AK 99801-9671

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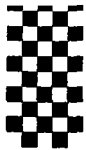
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Catherine Cody
18512 Collett Dr
Eagle River, AK 99577-7507

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Sincerely,

Ms. Stacy Neketa
PO Box 173
New Stuyahok, AK 99636-0173

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If public comments are limited, such action is sending a message that our FREEDOM OF SPEECH and opinion is no longer acknowledged here in Alaska!! What denied right will be next?!

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Sincerely,

Ms. Sharon Fraley
PO Box 532
Ward Cove, AK 99928-0532

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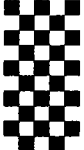
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Sincerely,

Mr. Michael J Murray III
2800 Postal Way Apt D6
Juneau, AK 99801-7148

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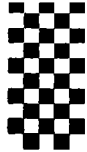
Sincerely,

Ms. A Lewis
532 Baranof Ave
Fairbanks, AK 99701-3212

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Dear Joint Boards Section,

I am disappointed that you are considering limiting the number of public comments that can be submitted to the Board of Game.

I can understand if you choose to weigh group generated emails differently than individual letters. However limiting their submission is not appropriate. The overall number of comments for or against a particular topic is one more tool for you to use when assessing public sentiment. Don't you want all the information that is available to you?

If the problem is more of a logistical one - such as how to distribute large amounts of paper to all board members - perhaps there is a better solution such as using electronic media or shared files.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Joan Frankevich
PO Box 1001
Girdwood, AK 99587-1001

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As an Alaskan, I'm deeply concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Single organizations help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care

deeply about. By doing so, the organizations consolidate thousands of public comments into 1 understandable message, thereby saving countless hours of work on your behalf - not increasing your workload as you falsely claim.

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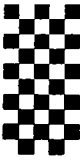
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Mrs. Carrie Gray Wolfe
20390 E Birch Hill Dr
Palmer, AK 99645-8204

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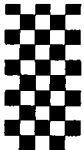
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Sincerely,

Mr. Amunro Amunro
120 W 9th St
Juneau, AK 99801-1612


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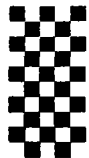
Sincerely,



Mr. Alan Moore
1902 Mary Ann St Apt. 72
Fairbanks, AK 99701-6566



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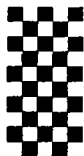
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Ms. Mollie Thomas
1901 Mary Ann St Apt 43
Fairbanks, AK 99701-6561

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Martha Durand

Sincerely,

Ms. Mo Durand
2246 Maudest Pl Apt B
Anchorage, AK 99508-3768

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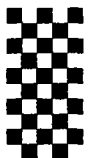
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Sincerely,

Ms. Donna Quante
PO Box 1085
17438 N. Heights Place
Willow, AK 99688

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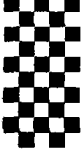
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Sincerely,

Mrs. tina shaffer
5720 Vosler Ave Unit A
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506-4534

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Dear Joint Boards Section,

The below stated is a standardized letter template, but it says everything that I would say; just more eloquently.

I would think that administratively for your organization, it would be much easier to weed through the comments from single entities (but collected from a large group of voices) rather than be inundated by thousands of individual comments.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Renee C. Romsland
PO Box 771024
Eagle River, AK 99577-1024

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Sincerely,

Ms. Alina Cushing
999
Fairbanks, AK 99709



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As a citizen of Anchorage, Alaska, I'm concerned about the Board of Game's recently announced proposal to limit the number of comments that can be submitted by a given entity. Advocacy organizations such as Defenders of Wildlife help their members communicate with agencies like yours about issues that they care deeply about.

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Sincerely,


Mrs. Deborah Elliott
3530B Balchen Dr
Anchorage, AK 99517-2826

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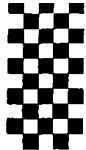
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Sincerely,

Ms. Claire Vitucci
600 Saint Anns Ave Apt 3
Douglas, AK 99824-5543



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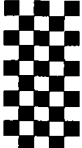
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Sincerely,

Ms. Linda McNamara
2024A Jack St
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4112



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Sincerely,



Mrs. Sheryl Chriest
33543 Cumulus Rd
Eagle River, AK 99577-9106

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Sincerely,

Ms. Katherine Printz
9205 E Gordy Dr
Palmer, AK 99645-8300

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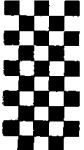
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Cassondra Blackbird
10171 Betula Dr
Anchorage, AK 99507-4131

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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,

I am a retired professional wildlife biologist with graduate degrees in wildlife management. I currently reside on the Kenai Peninsula and depend on healthy populations of native Alaskan wildlife species to make my living.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Standish
PO Box 1106
Kenai, AK 99611-1106

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Please Keep Accepting More Comments....

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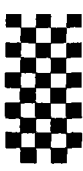
Ms. Michaela D
2105B Beach Cir
Kodiak, AK 99615-6885

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Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Ferriss
228 E 45th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99503-7269

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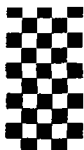
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Mr. Bill Byford
PO Box 231
Wrangell, AK 99929-0231

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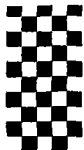
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Sincerely,


Miss Callie Poole
16520 Sterling Hwy
Cooper Landing, AK 99572-9720

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Joint Boards Boards Support Section
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Dear Joint Boards Section,



I am a life - long Alaskan. My father was a professional fishing guide in Alaska, and I care about how the Board handles policies that have to do with limiting public input.

Tourism is a big deal in Alaska. Haven't you noticed that a lot of people spend all of their vacation \$\$ on a cruise or one hunting or fishing trip in Alaska. Americans want there to be a wilderness including wolves in Alaska.


If you guys keep screwing around, I think that you are going to see Alaskans like myself crawling out of the woods to find out just who is paying you to stop public comments from being recorded.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nikos Pastos
8101 Peck Ave Unit 88M
Anchorage, AK 99504-1493



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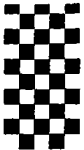
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Sincerely,

Mr. Steven Bergt
2607 W 32nd Ave
Anchorage, AK 99517-1828

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Sincerely,

Ms. Kristin Hanson
PO Box 201107
Anchorage, AK 99520-1107

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Dear Joint Boards Section,

As an Alaska hunter, fisherman, teacher and home owner, I believe that the Board of Game should NOT limit the number of comments which can be submitted by any entity.

I'm a resident of Douglas and have a personal use cabin on Admiralty Island, but also receive Defenders of Wildlife emails. I don't think that my voice should be diminished because this organization reminds me when it's important to contact you. I hope you won't limit theirs, or other groups' input.

Richard Steele 907 957 2442

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Steele
1507 2nd St
Douglas, AK 99824-5210

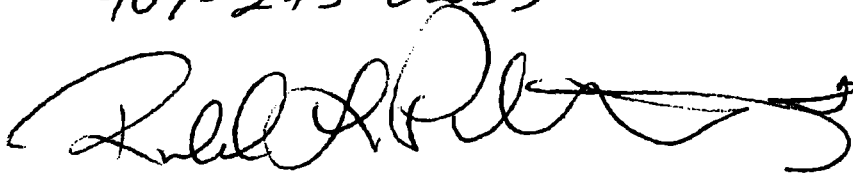
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Att: Joint Board Comments

I would like to voice my support for proposition #38 (522099-015) as I believe it no longer meets subsistence hunting criteria per 16.05.258. So long as it remains an Alaska Resident ONLY Hunt.

This proposal was submitted by The Mat-Valley FBG Advisory Committee (5C07JB-002)

Ron Petersen
 4100 Taft Drive
 Anchorage, AK 99517
 907-243-0633



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attn: Joint Board Comment

SUPPORT FOR

Proposal #38 - SAAC 99-015

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I support amending SAAC 99-015(a) to join (3) Anchorage - Mat-su-kenai nonsubsistence Area (4) the Fairbanks nonsubsistence area (Parks Hwy to the west and Glenn Richardson to the south + east as boundaries).

I believe subsistence hunting in this area no longer meets the criteria under 16.05.25B.

This proposal ^{#38} was submitted by the Mat-Valley F+G Advisory Committee. (SC-07JB-002)

Nancy Hemmenway
PO Box 22506 / 540 W 10th St
Juneau AK 99802

Nancy J Hemmenway

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