

NATIVE VILLAGE OF MEKORYUK

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December 17, 2013

Kristy Tibbles, Executive Director
State of Alaska
Alaska Board of Game
1255 West 8th Street
P.O. Box 115526
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

Re: 5 AAC 96.625 (f) Emergency Adoption/Musk-ox

Dear Ms. Tibbles;

Tribal members for the Native Village of Mekoryuk are requesting the Alaska Board of Game to grant them approval for revision of the regulations pertaining to the bull musk-ox hunts. An emergency condition exists that we the community request that you (Alaska Board of Game) should consider.

For the past several years the subsistence permits for musk-ox have decreased to only five (5) per year from the original 35. Also for the past several years the reindeer subsistence butcher has not been implemented due to the bull/female ratio. Historically these animals are the diet of the Nunivak Island Cupig people just like the beef and pork are for the urban centers.

The people of this community of Mekoryuk would like to have the Alaska Board of Game implement an **EMERGENCY ORDER** to have the current regulations changed to have thirty (30) bull permits be provided for the community for a subsistence harvest this up-coming harvest season along with the five (5) female harvest permits.

Your consensus is **urgently** requested for our tribal members well-being. As you all may be aware, historically tribal members have utilized the subsistence hunt for making their ends meet for their families each season.

Thank you, in advance, for your **thoughtful** consideration for our subsistence need.

Sincerely,



Albert R. Williams, President
Native Village of Mekoryuk

Cc: Patrick Snow, YK-Delta Acting Refuge Manager
Patrick Jones, ADF& G Assistant Area Wildlife Biologist
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