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Dear Fish & Game Board of Game,

We, the city council are concerned about new proposals for the Nelson Island musk ox hunting regulations. We would like for the hunt to stay the way it is and not to change with time. As you know lands within this region are private property and opening a guided hunt might cause some unwelcome outcome from the land owners.

If there are any changes to be made in the future, as the land owners of Toksook Bay we will restrict it only to Y/K Delta Area or Unit 18 Residents. We know that this is possible because it is done in other regions of Alaska. Musk ox is one of the welcome renewable resources that we depend on now to supplement our diet.

Option one will be a detriment to the hunters of this region. The area residents can't afford the \$500.00 fee for a bull permit. Having a drawing with a fee for a hunt will not give the area hunters a chance at a musk ox hunt.

Option two, having registration permits available online is not viable option, because most hunters are not computer literate and this would give outside hunters an unfair advantage with their high speed internet access.

We like Option 3, which keeps the permit selections the way they are without having to make any major changes. This way the surrounding villages have a chance at getting a permit for a hunt in the future, and residential hunters in the future.

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We do not want more regulations imposed on the musk ox hunters and option four will make it even harder for them because that is a combination of all the options. We would like musk ox hunt to stay as is, without change.

We express our gratitude to the Board of Game for allowing us this chance to let us have our say on this issue.

Sincerely

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City Council Members: