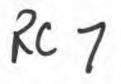
ADF&G BOG Unit #13 Hunting Meeting held in Glennallen, Alaska March 18-21, 2017



Dear ADF&G Board of Game,

I have reviewed the numerous proposals that are before you for public comment concerning hunting in Unit # 13 at the meeting on March 18-21, 2017 in Glennallen, Alaska. I'm writing to you to oppose any changes to the current CSH regulations. All the proposals intend to change the current CSH regulations or eliminate the hunt altogether. The Unit # 13 CSH has been operating effectively as it is currently regulated. The growing popularity of this hunt is testaments to the CSH regulations that work in support of a subsistence lifestyle of the typical Alaskan family not out for a trophy to hang on the wall or enter into the record books, but to teach the young to hunt, place food on the table & to share with others that can't hunt such as the communities elders.

My family & close friends currently are participating in a community group within the CSH. We have found the CSH as it is currently regulated is important to our family for the following reasons;

- The current hunting season opening dates are effective in allowing whole families to be involved in subsistence hunting as young family members would either be excluded from participating in the hunt or have to be absent from schools if the CSH hunt dates are changed to coincide with the normal hunting opening dates.
- Current CSH hunting dates are typically in more moderate weather conditions that are more favorable to the young & elderly hunters.
- The CSH is a true sharing experience that helps elders teach & share with younger family members;
 - 1. Fire arm safety.
 - 2. Historical hunting techniques.
 - Field survival in the event of an emergency.
 - 4. Proxy hunting for others that can't participate in the hunt due to health or age.
 - Shot Placement.
 - 6. Conservation of the game being hunted.
 - 7. Respect for the environment.
 - 8. Cultural importance of the game being hunted.
 - 9. Proper game field dressing techniques & field preservation care.
 - 10. Butchering & packaging of game.
 - 11. Sharing of the cultural significance of meals prepared from the game & stories at a potlatch.
- Wild game meat is the healthiest protein available at a reasonable cost to families.

As with all new fish & game harvesting regulations, the regulations aren't perfect the first time they are implemented but, the current Unit # 13 CSH hunt regulations are relatively new & need time to gather some historical data for accurate biological management of the Unit # 13 game's health.

Historically throughout the USA there are less hunters participating in hunting annually. The public's increased interest in this style of hunting shows that hunters are looking for alternative hunting regulations that support the subsistence lifestyle.

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