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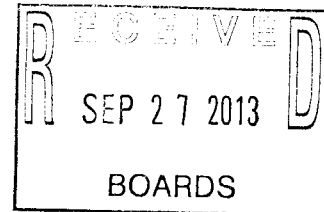
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Mr. Karl Johnstone and Mr. Ted Spraker, Co-Chairs
Alaska Joint Boards of Fisheries and Game
c/o Boards Support Section
Alaska Department of Fish
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Dear Chairmen Johnstone and Spraker:

Re: Proposal 40

The City of Kodiak and the Kodiak Island Borough have a substantial interest in the management of fish and wildlife in the Kodiak area. We, in particular, are interested in maintaining the ability of residents in the area to access fish and wildlife resources for commercial, recreational, and subsistence uses.

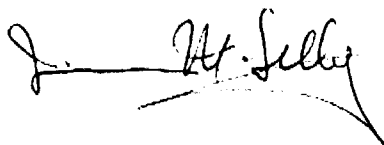
At your joint meeting this year, you will be considering a proposal to drastically alter the characteristics of fish and wildlife use around Kodiak. Proposal 40, which would "create a Kodiak nonsubsistence area," is a direct attack on how many of our residents obtain their food and pursue their livelihoods.

Proposal 40 provides no information or justification for making such a sweeping change. However, we realize that you will need to consider its merits anyway. In that regard, we would point to the Staff Comments from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (RC 2) and also to the Report on Proposed Changes to Nonsubsistence Areas (RC 3) prepared by the Division of Subsistence. These reports illustrate the high dependence of Kodiak residents on the use of wild fish and game, the established patterns of sharing of these foods, as well as the lack of any appreciable population increase in the area.

We believe that your careful consideration of the "relative importance of subsistence" harvests in Kodiak against "the context of the totality" of the socioeconomic characteristics of our communities will lead you to the conclusion that this proposal is without merit and should be denied. Kodiak should not be designated as a nonsubsistence area. Under both state and federal rules, Kodiak residents must retain their ability to harvest fish and game for their personal subsistence and communal sharing.

We wish you good luck in your many deliberations this year, and we look forward to working with you on issues of importance to the Kodiak area.

Sincerely,

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Jerome Selby, Mayor
Kodiak Island Borough

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Pat Branson, Mayor
City of Kodiak