

Good Morning. Thank you all for your participation and taking the time to hear this testimony. My name is Israel Payton and I am speaking on behalf of the Ad Hoc Joint Advisory Committee meeting that was held yesterday. The purpose of the ad hoc meeting was to bring together members of Advisory Committees from different regions of Alaska to share ideas and concerns involving ACs in the Fish and Game board decision making process. Below are 2 unanimous resolutions that we bring before the Joint Board. This ad hoc committee recognizes that the Joint Board cannot appropriate funds, however this is a good forum and a captive audience to start the ball rolling.

Resolution 1

Request funding for 2 A.C. representatives from each of the 6 area regions in Alaska to visit Juneau during this year's legislative session. The purpose would be to help educate and inform legislators on the AC process, region area needs, concerns, and offer input with Bills that are up for consideration associated with Alaska's natural resources involving Fish and Game matters.

Resolution 2

This ad hoc committee feels strongly that to encourage ongoing participation and growth of Advisory Committees involvement, it is important to provide adequate financial resources to A.C.'s, and Board Support so A.C. representatives can take time away from their livelihood and attend full meetings so that residents of those regions voices may be heard above and beyond paid industry lobbyists or large association representation.

In summary this ad hoc committee requests the State of Alaska provide more financial resources to help empower Advisory Committees.

Thank you.

Ad Hoc Joint AC Meeting
Anchorage, AK
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Attendees:

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