October 15, 2013

To: SOA Joint Boards

Concerning the issue of designated seats on the Bethel Advisory Committee, and per my public testimony on proposal 6 & RC 21, I recommend the following:

The Committee would consist of 11 members of which 3 seats would represent hunting interests, 3 fishing, 2 trapping, 2 sport/commercial and 1 undesignated. Additionally, with the creation of this Committee it should be understood that Bethel would no longer retain its former designated seat on the Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee.

The Areas of Jurisdiction as noted in RC 21 include our Customary and Traditional hunting and fishing areas GMU's 17A & B, 18, 19 & 21E. It would be our understanding & intent that this Committee would also be included in any relevant or affected fishery areas of jurisdiction contained within these GMU boundaries as referenced by your legal counsel in addition to 5 AAC 97.005 which addresses only hunting.

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Submitted by Greg Roczicka