

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

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Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 115525
Juneau, Alaska 99811-5525

Dear Commissioner Vincent-Lang,

I write to you on behalf of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) to inform you of the Council's support for the continuation of intensive management for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd.

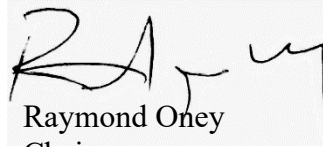
The Council represents subsistence harvesters of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and waters in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region. It was established by the authority in Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Section 805 of ANILCA and the Council's charter establishes the Council's authority to initiate, review and evaluate proposals for regulations, policies, management plans, and other matters related to subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region. The Council also reviews resource management actions occurring outside their regions that may impact subsistence resources critical to communities served by the Council. The Council provides a forum for the expression of opinions and recommendations regarding any matter related to the subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region.

The Council held a public meeting on October 10-12, 2023, in Anchorage. Among the items discussed was the status of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. Mulchatna Caribou are an important subsistence resource in our region. Because the population of the herd is below the management objective and closed to Federal and State subsistence harvest, the Council supports the efforts of Alaska Department of Fish and Game to reduce predators in the vicinity of the herd. We feel that such efforts may assist the herd in recovery and help hunting open more quickly.

At our meeting we also supported the Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council's Resolution 23-09-17, which is enclosed for your information.

The Council thanks you in advance for considering our comments. If you have any questions or would like to follow up, please contact me through our Subsistence Council Coordinator Brooke McDavid at (907) 891-9181 or brooke_mcdavid@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

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Raymond Oney
Chair

Enclosure

cc: Federal Subsistence Board

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