

Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

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Christopher Simon, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Simon,

I write to you on behalf of the Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) to share the Council's concerns about oil and gas exploration in the Yukon Flats.

The Council represents subsistence harvesters of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and waters in Eastern Interior Alaska 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 held a public meeting October 8-10, 2024, in Fairbanks and one of the topics discussed was oil and gas exploration in Yukon Flats. The Council is concerned about the potential impacts that oil and gas explorations and future developments could have to subsistence resources and the environment in the Yukon Flats, especially on lands within the boundary of Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge. The Council kindly requests that a Doyon representative attend one of our future meetings to provide us with more information about your company's oil and gas exploration plans for the Yukon Flats region, as well as information about the public and shareholder engagement process being followed for this work. Our next meeting is February 19-20, 2025, in Fairbanks at Pike's Waterfront Lodge and arrangements to address the Council can be made through our Coordinator.

The Council thanks you for considering our request for information about oil and gas exploration plans in the Yukon Flats. We look forward to hearing from your company and learning more. 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@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Wright, Sr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Robert "Charlie" Wright, Sr.
Chair

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