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Anthony Christianson, Chair
Federal Subsistence Board
c/o Office of Subsistence Management
1011 East Tudor Road, Mail Stop 121
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Chairman Christianson:

Thank you for your letter dated February 9, 2024, sharing the Kodiak Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council's (Council) concern regarding the notification and consultation with Tribes on the move of the Office of Subsistence Management within the Department of the Interior. Secretary Haaland and Secretary Vilsack asked me to respond on their behalf. They would like to express their appreciation for your patience in awaiting our joint reply.

I recognize the Council's frustration with our recent efforts to gather public input on the move and a desire for inclusive consultation. To ensure we learn from this process and have the right procedures in place moving forward, I encourage you to connect with Crystal Ciisquq Leonetti with the Office of Subsistence Management to discuss an appropriate and meaningful process for consultation on these and other topics of interest to the Council.

I look forward to exploring ways we can be more inclusive and comprehensive in our outreach to the Councils and engagements with stakeholders. I sincerely appreciate your time and expertise.

Sincerely,

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