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Della Trumble, Chair
Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
c/o Office of Subsistence Management
1011 E. Tudor Road, M/S 121
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Dear Chairwoman Trumble,

The Federal Subsistence Board (Board) met on April 20-23 and April 27, 2020 via teleconference to consider proposed changes to Federal subsistence management regulations for the harvest of wildlife on Federal public lands in Alaska. This letter provides a report on the actions taken by the Board on Wildlife Proposals (WP) and Wildlife Closure Reviews (WCR) affecting residents of the Kodiak/Aleutians Region.

Section 805(c) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) provides that the Board will accept the recommendations of a Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) regarding take unless, (1) the recommendation is not supported by substantial evidence, (2) the recommendation violates recognized principles of fish and wildlife conservation, or (3) adopting the recommendation would be detrimental to the satisfaction of subsistence needs. When a Council's recommendation is not adopted, the Board is required by Secretarial regulations to set forth the factual basis and reasons for the decision.

Out of 54 proposals submitted, one proposal (**WP20-21**) was withdrawn by the proponent. The Board agreed with the recommendations of the Councils, in whole or with modifications, on 48 of 54 proposals. The Board deferred **WP20-26**, which would allow for the use of snowmachines to assist in positioning wolves or wolverines in Units 9B, 9C, 17B, and 17C, until its summer 2020 work session. Furthermore, the Board accepted the recommendations of the Councils on all 17 WCR's, voting to maintain status quo on 13 of them. Details of these actions and the Board deliberations are contained in the meeting transcriptions. Copies of the transcripts may be obtained by calling the toll free number 1-800-478-1456, and are available online at the Federal Subsistence Management Program website, <https://www.doi.gov/subsistence>.

The Board uses a consensus agenda on those proposals where there is agreement among the affected Council(s), a majority of the Interagency Staff Committee, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game concerning a proposed regulatory action. These proposals were deemed non-controversial and did not require a separate discussion. The consensus agenda contained one statewide proposal **WP20-08**

requiring traps or snares to be marked with a name or State identification number for all furbearers in all units. The Board deferred to nine of the ten Councils' recommendations, rejecting WP20-08. The Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council took no action on WP20-08.

The remaining proposals affecting the Kodiak/Aleutians Region appeared on the non-consensus agenda: **WP20-25** (to conduct a subsistence user prioritization and establish a season and harvest limit for Unit 10 caribou on Unimak Island) and **WCR20-04/06** (caribou in Unit 9C remainder and 9E). The Board adopted WP20-25 with the Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) modification, partially accepting the Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council's recommendations.

The Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council took no action on WCR20-04/06, while the Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council supported modification of WCR20-04/06, as recommended by OSM. The Board modified WCR20-04/06, as recommended by OSM, rescinding the caribou closure in Unit 9C, that portion draining into the Naknek River from the north, and Graveyard Creek and Coffee Creek.

The Board appreciates the Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council's active involvement in and diligence with the regulatory process. The ten Councils continue to be the foundation of the Federal Subsistence Management Program, and the stewardship shown by the Council chairs and their representatives at the Board meeting was truly admirable.

If you have any questions regarding the summary of the Board's actions, please contact Donald Mike, Council Coordinator, at 907-786-3629 or donald_mike@fws.gov.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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