



March 14, 2013

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Boards Support Section
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Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

Dear Alaska Board of Fisheries members:

We would like the members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries to consider our request to hold the 2014 PWS/Upper Copper River/Susitna River Finfish meeting in the Copper Basin area.

Customary and traditional use of salmon and other finfish in the Copper Basin area is important to the Ahtna People. Decisions that are made by members of the Alaska Board of Fisheries on our way of life are vital to the Ahtna People. We, the Ahtna People, attend ABOF fisheries meetings, travel long distances and spend an enormous amount of monies to attend these meetings because of the importance of these meetings that affect our way of life.

We would like to extend an invitation to hold the 2014 PWS/Upper Copper River/Susitna River Finfish meeting in one of the communities of the Copper Basin. A fisheries meeting could be held at the community hall of Copper Center or Tazlina. There are two restaurants in the area, bed and breakfast businesses and hotels in the Copper Basin area to accommodate members and the public.

Please consider our request to hold a historic meeting in one of the communities of Copper Basin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Jackson".

Nicholas Jackson,
Chair of the Ahtna, Inc. Board