

Federal Subsistence Board

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Mr. Ted Spraker and Mr. Tom Kluberton, Chairmen Alaska Department of Fish and Game Boards Support Section P.O. Box 115526 Juneau, Alaska 99811-5526

Re: Reinitiate efforts to update the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Subsistence Board and the Alaska Boards of Fish and Game.

Dear Chairmen Spraker and Kluberton:

I want to thank Chairman Kluberton for reaching out to the Federal Subsistence Board during the January 2016 Federal and State of Alaska Subsistence Subcommittee meeting to investigate the status and potential for cooperative efforts to review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the regulatory boards. The previous MOU expired in November 2014.

During its January 12, 2016 work session, the Federal Subsistence Board expressed an interest in reviewing the status of the MOU and reviving this effort with the State of Alaska.

Please keep the Federal Subsistence Board apprised of any future planning for this endeavor via the Office of Subsistence Management. We look forward to reengage with the State of Alaska on this important issue.

Any questions regarding this letter can be addressed directly to Eugene R. Peltola, Jr., Assistant Regional Director, Office of Subsistence Management at (907) 786-3888, gene_peltola@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Tim Towarak, Chair

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