

October 16, 2013

TO: Commissioner Cora Campbell,

The Joint Board, during its October 12 – 16, 2013 Anchorage meeting, heard from an ad hoc Fish & Game Advisory Committee (AC). This committee was made up of 19 AC chairs or designated representatives from the six Alaska regions which include Southeast, Southcentral, Southwest, Western, Arctic, and Interior Alaska.

Among the stated concerns were training and educational opportunities for all AC members; the ineffectiveness of conference calls when holding AC meetings between remote bush Alaska villages; and a desire for an annual event which would promote different cultures and resource users to share ideas and find common ground with an ongoing, open dialogue between the six Alaska regions and the respective ACs.

The Joint Board acknowledges the institutional knowledge that is available from the volunteers that make up Alaska's 82 Fish & Game ACs and thanks the State of Alaska for its continued support.

Respectfully,

Karl Johnstone, Chair
Alaska Board of Fisheries

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Alaska Board of Game

Art Ivanoff, S. Norton Sound AC

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Randy Jackson, Upper Lynn Canal AC

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