

APPENDIX C — Record of previous public involvement

C-1: DOCUMENTS OF SUPPORT FROM EARLY PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE YUKON FLATS

Dendu Gwitch'in Tribal Council
P O Box KBC
Fort Yukon, Alaska 99740
907-221-2211
221-2312

June 26, 1996

Bob Stephenson, Area Biologist
Alaska Dept. Fish & Game
1300 College Rd.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Subj: Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Stephenson,

The Dendu Gwitch'in Tribal Council (formerly Birch Creek Village Council) is interested in working cooperatively with the State and Federal agencies to study the possibility of reintroducing the Wood Bison to the Yukon Flats.

We understand that the first step in undertaking the reintroduction process is in environmental assessment, and the Dendu Tribal Council is very excited to see that this assessment begin in the very near future.

The Dendu Tribe has participated in a recent discussion information meeting here at the Tribal Council office, in which preliminary introductions to the wood bison and its habitat area, behavior, food source, the variety of animal contact, was brought on as a presentation was given by the Wood Bison Reintroduction Committee member, Craig Fleener of Fort Yukon.

As a result of the meeting, and the contents, by which everyone was well pleased with what was presented, there seemed to have been a very satisfied feeling about the future presence of an animal that once roamed this area, much like the dominating moose that seems to be in need of this former counterpart on the survivability in harsh winter seasons.

If there is an answer to the above information on the "return" of the wood bison, please contact myself or Craig at the Fort and we'll talk more on this subject as the progress continues to grow. My phone contact number is here at the Tribal office, located above. Thank You very much on the attention of this matter.

Sincerely,


Winston James, 1st Chief

cc: Wood Bison Reintroduction Committee
CATG members

Chalkyitsik Village Council
P.O. Box 57
Chalkyitsik, Alaska 99788
phone #907-848-8117
fax #907-848-8986

June 28, 1996

Bob Stephenson, Area Biologist
Alaska Dept. Fish & Game
1300 College Road
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Ted Heuer, Refuge Manager
U.S. Fish-N-Wildlife
Yukon Flats Wildlife Refuge
101 12th Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Subj: Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Stephenson;

The Chalkyitsik Village Council is interested in working cooperatively with the State and Federal agencies to study the possibility of reintroducing the Wood Bison to the Yukon Flats.

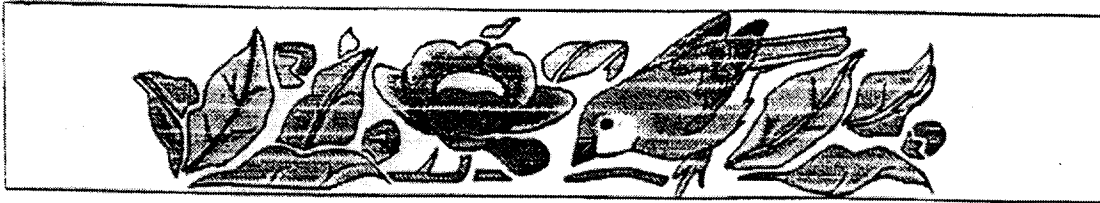
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Sincerely,


James Nathaniel Sr.
First Chief



CIRCLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
P.O. BOX 0
CIRCLE, ALASKA 99703
PH/FAX: 907-773-2022

TO: Bob Stephenson
Ak. Dept. of Fish & Game

FROM: Angela M. Ludwick
Circle Village Council
Tribal Administrator

DATE: August 7, 1996

Mr. Stephenson,

The Circle Village Council is interested in possibly reintroducing the Wood Bison to the Yukon Flats. We would like to request the ADF&G and USF&F to begin the environmental assessment.

Thank You,

Angela M. Ludwick
Tribal Administrator

CITY OF FORT YUKON, INC.
RESOLUTION NO. 97-05

A RESOLUTION TO GIVE SUPPORT FOR THE REINTRODUCTION OF WOOD BISON TO THE AREA OF FORT YUKON.

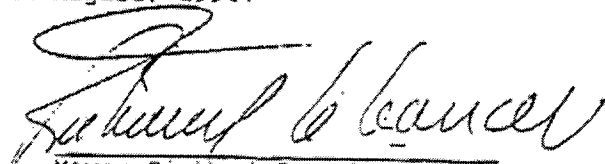
WHEREAS, Mr. Craig Fleener, student under the Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game, working on the Reintroduction of Wood Bison Study, Wishes the support of all the villages in the Yukon Flats for the reintroduction of the wood bison to the Yukon Flats area.

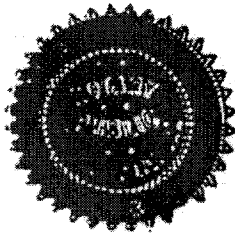
WHEREAS, City Council desires to to give support for the reintroduction of wood bison to the area of Fort Yukon.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FORT YUKON CITY COUNCIL THAT:

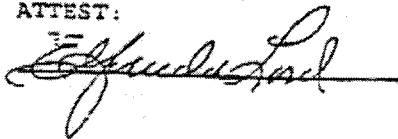
The City of Fort Yukon give it's support for the reintroduction of wood bison to the area of Fort Yukon.

Passed and Approved this 20 Day of August, 1996.


Mayor Richard Carroll



ATTEST:



Beaver Village Council
P.O. Box 24029
Beaver, Alaska 99724

August 23, 1996

Bob Stephenson, Area Biologist
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
1300 College Road
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Ted Heuer, Refuge Manager
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge
101 12th Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Subj: Wood Bison Reintroduction

Dear Sirs:

The Beaver Tribal Council is interested in exploring the possibility of a wood bison reintroduction with the state and federal agencies along with the local tribal governments.

We understand that the first step in the possible reintroduction is an environmental assessment and we would like to see the agencies work together with the tribes in completing the assessment as soon as possible.

As long as the agencies are willing to cooperate with the tribal governments in the Yukon Flats and include us in all areas of the reintroduction we will be willing to cooperate and would be interested in doing the reintroduction.

Sincerely,



Arlene Pitka
First Chief

Fort Yukon Elders Incorporated
P.O. Box 49
Fort Yukon, Alaska 99740

September 7, 1996

Bob Stephenson, Area Biologist
Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game
1300 College Road
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Ted Heur, Refuge Manager
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Yukon Flats National Wildlife
Refuge
101 12th Ave.
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Subject: Wood Bison Reintroduction


Dear Sirs,

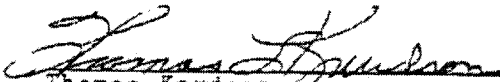
The Fort Yukon Elders Incorporated are in support of the Wood
Bison Reintroduction.

We would like to see the environmental assessment completed as
soon as possible and would like to see cooperation with all local
entities involved in the Yukon Flats.


Some reasons we are in support of this project are for subsistence
purposes, possible local employment, guiding opportunities for
local residents, and to diversify the environment.

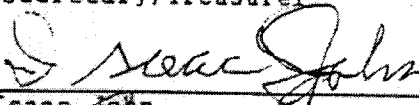
Sincerely,



Stanley Jonas
President



Thomas Knudson
Vice-President


Margaret Roberts
Secretary/Treasurer


Doris Ward
Board Member


Isaac John
Board Member


Paul Solomon Jr.
Board Member


Richard Carroll Sr.
Board Member

Venetie Tribal Council
Venetie, Alaska 99781

October 18, 1996

Bob Stephenson, Area Biologist
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
1300 College Road
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Ted Heuer, Refuge Manager
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
101 12th Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Subj: Wood Bison Reintroduction

Dear Sirs:

The Venetie Tribal Council is interested in exploring the possibility of reintroducing wood bison into the Yukon Flats.

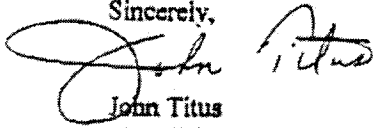
We understand bison lived here several hundred years ago but are now gone, and are on the endangered species list, and we want to help to bring them back.

We request that the environmental assessment, which is required, get underway as soon as possible.

The Venetie Tribal Council wishes to participate to the fullest extent in all areas of the reintroduction, and we will be willing to cooperate as long as we are included in the reintroduction.

Please continue to provide us with information on the project.

Sincerely,



John Titus
First Chief

NATIVE VILLAGE OF BEAVER

RESOLUTION No.:97-17

Title: Authorizing the Tribal Council & Staff to cooperate in an effort to reintroduce wood bison on or near Beaver Tribal Land.

WHEREAS: The Beaver Village Council has been presented with information indicating that bringing wood bison back to the Yukon Flats will result in a healthy herd of these animals and provide a valuable resource for future generations; and,

WHEREAS: The Council has reviewed the assessment of the project and believes there are a number of potential benefits for our community including short and long term employment possibilities, an opportunity to develop local businesses, to build a sustainable economy, and develop an educational resource for our young people; and,

WHEREAS: The Council is concerned about the future of moose and caribou populations and we support developing other wildlife resources and can see that reintroducing wood bison could improve the reliability of our food supply; and,

WHEREAS: The Council believes the people of the Yukon Flats, Alaska, and Canada should work together to give wood bison a secure future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Beaver Village Council supports the reintroduction of wood bison to the Yukon Flats and requests that Fish & Game and other agencies work with Yukon Flats communities, local governments, and land owners to develop a management plan and an agreement to reintroduce wood bison that are in the best interests of both wood bison and Alaska's people.

CERTIFICATION: This resolution was approved by the Beaver Village Council on July 2, 1997.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
1st CHIEF

DATE: June 2, 1997

[Signature]
COUNCIL MEMBER 2nd Chief

DATE: July 2, 1997

Beaver Village Council
POB 24029
Beaver, Alaska 99724
(907)-628-6126

June 3, 1997

_____, First Chief and
_____, Council Members

Dear Chief _____ and Council Members,

The Beaver Tribal Council is seriously interested in the possibility of bringing wood bison back to the Yukon Flats. We have studied this idea and believe it will provide important economic and resource benefits for our communities and especially for future generations. We have prepared and approved the enclosed Council resolution. On behalf of our community we are requesting your support for this initiative.

Our Council believes a healthy wood bison herd will be an important resource in the future and provide opportunities for employment, involvement in resource management, and an important connection to our history and our land. Your support and participation is important to make this a successful program. We hope you will send us a letter of support or a letter of non-objection and work with us in the future. We all agree that we need more information and we ask that representatives from your communities participate in future meetings and assist in moving ahead with a project that will benefit our people in many ways.

The Beaver Council is looking forward to your response and to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Bobby Winer
Bobby Winer, 1st Chief

Arthur Henry
Arthur Henry, Member

Ben Henry
Ben Henry, Member

Paul Williams Sr.
Paul Williams, Sr., 2nd Chief

Anna Joseph
Anna Joseph, Member

William Henry, Jr.
William Henry, Jr., Member

Clinton Wiehl
Clinton Wiehl, Member

Clara Joseph
CLARA JOSEPH



Circle Village Council
P.O. Box 89
Circle, Ak. 99733

Circle Tribal Council
Circle, Alaska

The Circle Village Council strongly supports Beaver Tribal Council with the reintroduction of the wood bison. We feel this will have a good comeback in the near future. We believe it will provide important economic and resource benefits for our future generations.

Please inform us of any upcoming meetings so we can help with the project.

Sincerely,


Larry Nathaniel, 1st Chief


Albert B. Carroll Jr., 2nd Chief


Sonya L. Fields, Sec/Tres.


Paul Nathaniel, Member


Kenny Ketejjam, Member

Chalkyitsik Village Council
P.O. Box 57
Chalkyitsik, Ak. 99788


June 9, 1997

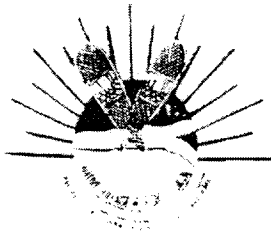
Beaver Tribal Council
Beaver, Alaska

This support letter is for Beaver Tribal Council on their interest
in re-introduction of Wood Bison Project within Beaver area.

The Chalkyitsik Village Council recommends for Beaver Tribal
Council to go forward with Wood Bison Project.

Sincerely,


James Nathaniel Sr.
First Chief



Native Village of Fort Yukon

P.O. Box 126
Fort Yukon, Alaska 99740
Phone: (907) 662-2581
FAX: (907) 662-2222

July 28, 1997

Beaver Village Council
General Delivery
Beaver, Alaska 99724

Dear: 1st Chief Bobby Winer

Thank you for sending your letter and resolution about your interest in reintroducing wood bison near Beaver. Our Council has discussed this issue and has passed resolution 97-22 supporting the Beaver Council's desire to reintroduce wood bison on or near their village lands.

Our major concern is that we want to ensure local communities are involved in co-management on a continued basis in all areas of management of wood bison and related activities.

If these concerns are addressed, the Native Village of Fort Yukon will continue to support the project.

We agree that bison will be an important food source in the future, and that they may provide future economic development projects.

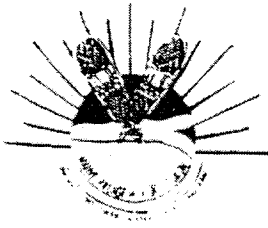
Please keep us informed of future developments regarding wood bison.

Sincerely,

Chief Steven Ginnis

cc: 2nd Chief Cheryl Williams
Council Members
Ex. Director Daisy Stevens

enc. Resolution 97-22



Native Village of Fort Yukon

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Fort Yukon, Alaska 99740
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Resolution 97-22

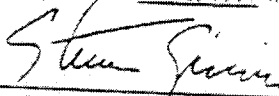
Title: Supporting the Beaver Village Council Wood Bison Project

- WHEREAS, the Native Village of Fort Yukon is the recognized native governing body for the village of Fort Yukon; and
- WHEREAS, the Beaver Village Council requested the Native Village of Fort Yukon to support the reintroduction of Wood Bison on or near Beaver lands; and
- WHEREAS, the NVFY Chief and Council Member's major concern is that co-management be included in the project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Native Village of Fort Yukon gives its support to the Beaver Village Council in their Wood Bison proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that continued support by the Native Village of Fort Yukon is contingent upon tribal co-management.

Certification: Be it known that this resolution was brought and passed before a duly called regular council meeting held on July 8, 1997 with a quorum established.



First Chief Steven Ginnis

7/28/97
Date



Anest: Council Member

7/28/97
Date

CITY OF FORT YUKON

INCORPORATED 1959

Post Office Box 269

Fort Yukon, Alaska 99740

Telephone (907) 662-2479 or 2379

Beaver Village Council
General Delivery
Beaver, Alaska 99724

Dear 1st Chief Bobby Winer,

The City of Fort Yukon has supported the wood bison reintroduction concept for several years and on August 20th, 1996, passed resolution 97-05 affirming our support.

We appreciate the letter from the Beaver Tribal Council dated June 3rd, 1997, requesting support for the Beaver initiative to reintroduce wood bison.

The City of Fort Yukon supports local government involvement in natural resource management and would like to reaffirm our support for the reintroduction project. We are pleased that your community is taking an active role in the bison project. We believe this project will be good for Beaver and eventually the rest of the Yukon Flats.

We agree that wood bison can be an important resource in the future and may provide employment, a future food source, involvement in natural resources, and economic opportunities for local people.

Please keep us informed of future project developments and meetings that we may participate in

Thank You,

Craig L. Heenan 7/30/97
for
Richard Carroll, Mayor
City of Fort Yukon
City Council

DENDU GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL
Box KBC
Fort Yukon, AK 99740

August 9, 1997

Dear Chief and Beaver Village Council Members,

Our Council has discussed the possibility of bringing back wood bison to the Yukon Flats for several years now. We believe, as you do, that wood bison have a connection to our land and our history. Our oral tradition includes instruction on bison hunting as a food source. We believe that reintroducing wood bison in the Yukon Flats is in the best interest of all those living in this basin. We recognize that careful management of a wood bison herd will provide many opportunities, not only in the present but for future generations.

We support you in your effort to establish a wood bison project that would reintroduce a healthy herd of wood bison to the Yukon Flats. We know we will all benefit from such a project. We are glad for this opportunity to show our support for your hard work.

Sincerely,


Winston James, 1st Chief


Ernest E. James Sr., 2nd Chief

cc: Bob Stevenson

DENDU GWICH'IN TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No.: 97-27

Title: Authorizing the Tribal Council and Staff to cooperate in an effort to reintroduce wood bison on or near Dendu Gwich'in Tribal Land.

WHEREAS: The Dendu Gwich'in Tribal Council has studied information for several years indicating that bringing wood bison back to the Yukon Flats will result in a healthy herd of these animals and provide a valuable resource for future generations; and,

WHEREAS: Wood bison have a connection to our land and our history, in stories passed to us by our elders, our oral tradition includes instruction on bison hunting as a food source for our people; and,

WHEREAS: This Council has reviewed the assessment of the project and believes there are a number of potential benefits for our community including short and long term employment possibilities, an opportunity to develop local businesses based on eco-tourism, to build a sustainable economy, and develop a sustainable resource for our children's future; and,

WHEREAS: This Council is concerned about the declining moose population, and the scarcity of moose in our area which are our main food source, we support developing other wildlife resources and can see that reintroducing wood bison could improve the reliability of our food supply; and,

WHEREAS: This Council would like our Tribal Land to be given serious consideration as a site on the south side of the Yukon for reintroduction of wood bison, and we have given our support to the Beaver Village Council's efforts and vision in order to demonstrate our belief that the people of the Yukon Flats, Alaska and Canada should work together to give wood bison a secure future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Dendu Gwich'in Tribal Council supports the reintroduction of wood bison to the Yukon Flats and requests that the Department of Fish and Game and other agencies work with Yukon Flats communities, local governments, and land owners to develop a management plan and an agreement to reintroduce wood bison that are in the best interests of wood bison our village communities and Alaska's people.

CERTIFICATION: This resolution was approved by the Dendu Gwich'in Tribal Council on 8-25-97 1997.

ATTEST:


Winston James, 1st Chief

DATE: 8-25-97


Council Member

DATE: 8-25-97

Canyon Village Tribal Council

October 6, 1997

Beaver Tribal Council
P.O. Box 24029
Beaver, Alaska 99724

Subject: Wood Bison

Dear Chief Winer,

The Canyon Village Tribal Council supports the Beaver Tribal Council's initiative to reintroduce wood bison on Beaver Tribal lands.

We are pleased that the Beaver Council supports this project and desires to participate in resource management and creating economic development opportunities in the Yukon Flats.

We support this project because of these reasons and for future subsistence opportunities, possible local employment, and future guiding opportunities.

Please keep us informed of project progress, and let us know if we can assist in the project.

Thank You,

Stanley Jonas



1st Chief, Canyon Village Tribal Council

Beaver Village Council
P.O. Box 24029
Beaver, Alaska 99724
(907) 628-6126
Fax (907) 628-6815

Mr. Rod Arno
President, Alaska Outdoor Council
P.O. Box 2790
Palmer, Alaska 99645

November 10, 1997

Dear Mr. Arno,

In recent months the Beaver Village Council and other Yukon Flats communities have expressed their support for the reintroduction of wood bison to this area (letters enclosed). I am writing on behalf of the Beaver Village Council to request the support of the Alaska Outdoor Council for this project. We are working with the ADF&G and Canada to move ahead with this project because it will benefit wood bison, the habitat in this area and also will be a positive development for the people of Alaska.

Our community is interested in improving renewable resources and developing local economies based on small businesses involving tourism, outfitting and guiding. We believe that restoring Alaskas native wood bison will make an important contribution to conservation and result in future economic benefits for our community as well as other residents of the state.

One of the few concerns of people living on the Yukon Flats is that local interests obtain benefits from wood bison. Interest in wood bison hunting and other uses by nonlocal people could bring economic benefits to local residents. It appears that there are different regulations that can be used to provide nonlocal hunters with an opportunity to apply for a wood bison permit in the future, and at the same time provide significant benefits for local communities and hunters. I would like to ask if the Outdoor Council would work with us to outline a management system that would be fair to both local and nonlocal interests in the future. I also wonder if you would support us where in developing local businesses related to wood bison and other wildlife, and the use of access fees by landowners.

I believe we can find common ground on these and other issues and hope the Alaska Outdoor Council will consider supporting a request for state funding for the wood bison project. We would like to find as much support as possible so the project can move ahead. We hope to hear back from you and feel free to call me at the Council office here in Beaver at 628-6126, or 2nd Chief Paul Williams, Sr. at 628-6213. If you would consider visiting Beaver sometime we would be happy to meet with you.

Sincerely,



Bob Winer, First Chief

**Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence
Regional Advisory Council**
c/o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
101 12th Avenue, Box 19
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
Phone: (907)-456-0277, Fax: (907)-456-0208
Toll Free: 1-800-267-3997

November 21, 1997

Bobby Winer, Chief
P.O. Box 24029
Beaver, Alaska 99724

Dear Chief Winer,

The Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council at its October 1997 meeting passed a motion in support of the concept of the bison reintroduction by the Beaver Tribal Council. The Regional Council understands that reintroduction would provide an important subsistence resource as well as a possible economic benefit to Beaver and the Yukon Flats area in general. We also know that there is archaeological evidence that wood bison existed on the Yukon Flats as well as traditional stories about hunting wood bison.

We look forward to hearing from your co-management committee on your progress with this reintroduction. Please keep us informed of your actions because the Regional Council is supportive of efforts that address the unmet subsistence needs of the Yukon Flats subsistence users.

Yours truly,



Charles Miller, Sr. Chair
Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council

cc: Pat Stanley, Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments
David Allen, Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Ted Heuer, Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge
Dan Reed & Bob Stephenson, Alaska Department of Fish and Game



Alaska Outdoor Council

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Mr. Bob Winer
First Chief
Beaver Village Council
P.O.Box 24029
Beaver, Alaska 99724

December 5, 1997

Dear Mr. Winer:

In response to your letter of November 14, 1997, the Alaska Outdoor Council would be pleased to support the concept of reintroducing wood bison to their former range in the Yukon Flats. This could be a good opportunity to work toward a common and worthwhile conservation goal and we commend you for taking the lead on this proposal.

Our primary concerns are that bison remain wild and free ranging and opportunities for nonlocal hunting be assured. The Council believes these conditions are compatible with your expressed desire to be able to derive local economic benefits in the future.

Our seven member Board of Directors would like to meet with you to discuss the project. The Council will be holding its annual meeting in Fairbanks in mid-March, 1998. This event would provide an excellent opportunity for you and other landowners to meet with the board.

In the meantime, the board will conceptually support the project and encourage the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to move forward this winter.

Sincerely,

Rod Arno By Madge
Rod Arno
President

**TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, INC.**

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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701-4897
PHONE 907/452-8251 • FAX 907/459-3850

December 12, 1997

received

Bobby Winer, 1st Chief
Beaver Tribal Council
Gen. Del.
Beaver, AK, 99724

Dear Mr. Winer:

This letter is in support of the Wood Bison Project in the Yukon Flats region. It is one of the goals of TCC to protect and enhance the resources for the Tribal members of TCC.

This letter is in response to the meeting that Gabe Sam held with Mr. Williams and Yukon Flats Area Biologist Bob Stephenson. The topic of discussion was the *Yukon Flats Wood Bison Project*. This particular project has a great potential to ensure that the people that live out on the Yukon Flats have a substantial subsistence resource to fall back upon.

From what was gathered about the history of this area, there once were wood bison that the Native people subsisted-on for food and clothing. If this would be the case, the only course to take is to bring back the Wood Bison and ensure that it will not be subject to extinction again.

If there is a way that this project will bring benefits to the region in terms of improving the economic base, TCC has an employment department to ensure that our people can be trained to care for the Wood Bison for generations to come. If there are any questions that you may have, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE, INC.



Will Mayo
President TCC



COUNCIL OF ATHABASCAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

P.O. BOX 33 - FORT YUKON, ALASKA 99740 - (907)662-2587
FACSIMILE (907)662-3333

RESOLUTION 01-07

Title: Bison Reintroduction

WHEREAS: The Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments (CATG) is a Tribal organization authorized by the ten tribal governments of the villages in the Yukon Flats; and,

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments is to conserve and protect tribal land and other resources; to encourage and support the exercise of tribal powers of self-government; to aid and support economic development; to promote the general welfare of each member tribe and it's respective individual members; to preserve and maintain justice for all; and to otherwise, exercise all powers granted to its member villages; and,

WHEREAS: The Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments is committed to the implementation of plans which increase sustainable culturally appropriate economic activities; and,

WHEREAS: Research has shown that bison could be a viable sustainable resource for subsistence use and economic benefit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments directs staff to review and provide options for reintroducing bison as a wild or captive stock into the Yukon Flats and present these findings to the Council during reports at the next meeting; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Council requests specific information on options for ownership and control of the herd, private lands vs. public lands, regulatory discretion, and authority over guiding and hunting.

CERTIFICATION: This resolution was adopted and approved on December 8, 2000.

ATTEST:

Larry A. Nathaniel Date: 12-8-00
Title: Chairman

Joel J. Trull Date: 12/8/00
Title:

