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Mr. John Jensen, Chair  
Alaska Board of Fisheries  
Mr. Ted Spraker, Chair  
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Dear Chairmen Jensen and Spraker:

The Office of Subsistence Management's State Subsistence Liaison will not be attending the January 11-23, 2018 Alaska Board of Fisheries meeting in Sitka or the February 16-23, 2018 Alaska Board of Game meeting in Dillingham.

Office of Subsistence Management staff will monitor the meetings though the Board Support Section web stream. It is possible local area Federal Agency staff may be in attendance at these meetings to assist with inquiries regarding local area level management concerns or practices.

We appreciate and value opportunities to attend and provide direct input at each meeting but recent funding cuts have unfortunately impacted the Office of Subsistence Management's travel budget. Both the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Board of Game will receive Office of Subsistence Management comments for a variety of proposals by the posted deadlines.

Sincerely,

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