

My name is Orville Huntington from Huslia Alaska.

I am the Tanana Chiefs Conference Wildlife and Parks Director and I serve on the State Board of Fisheries

I want to thank you for all the good questions you have asked the public. Those questions meet the concerns of hunters everywhere.

The long list of sheep proposals before you all lack a good recovery plan for those stocks of concern to the public. This is always the main priority for me, conservation for future generations. When we manage sheep or any other game we need to have a solid science base of management and we need a good recovery plan before we start to allocate resources. Allocation for the majority of the time should only be considered when we have healthy stocks to share.

There are some bullet ballistic proposals that we am also concerned with. Individual gun rights are in constitution but use of those guns to hunt are not and needs to be protected. A lot of people prefer to use smaller ballistic bullets to hunt bear and wolves in Interior. In fact I have giving many of the smaller caliber semi-automatic rifles for our Memorial Potlatch ceremony. Like the older gentlemen from the AC I was taught to hunt with few bullets. We should not take that right to hunt with those rifles away from those hunters and all hunters. It is already a well managed part of Board policy and we should not be over regulating our hunting privileges.

Proposal 3 by the Fairbanks Advisory Committee is a good attempt to make regulations clear and I would support that proposal. We want to thank them for the sound conservation proposals I have deliberated on for them. And proposal 14 is also a good proposal and I would support it. I have not been able to use my compound bow my late wife gave me for a while because of my shoulder injury, and another tool to go out hunting is appreciated.

Proposal 19 is a needed proposal and it is always a good idea to allow board generated proposals to meet needs during the board cycle. My late Uncle Sidney Huntington wanted me to say that to the record. It was very important to him to be able to make common sense regulations we needed in real time so people could go out and hunt when there was an opportunity, and a great tool in our toolbox for management. The public process of the State is the best process we have.

Thank you for your service.