



Tanana Chiefs Conference

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To: Mr. Glenn Stout
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From: Tanana Chiefs Conference
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Subject: Support - "Proposal 151 March Moose Season GMU 21D"

We are extremely humbled and thankful at Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) for the opportunity to support the outstanding wildlife management and Local AC effort and support that led to Proposal 151 within Game Management Unit 21D by Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G), and for their kindness and providing critically needed data to our 42 villages and tribes in the TCC region through their wildlife research programs. TCC provides a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical, mental and spiritual wellness, education, socioeconomic development, and culture of Interior Alaska Native people. TCC is organized as Dena'Nena' Henash, or 'our land speaks;' an Alaskan Native non-profit representing 37 federally recognized sovereign tribes and 5 Native Associations (NGO). I am writing to express the TCC fully supports the ADF&G's proposal 151 to manage a spring moose hunt in the Middle Yukon River.

TCC Tribes are an association of countless subsistence hunters and trappers with a mission of protecting and promoting continued use of all Wild Game and Fur Bearing Animals, and traditional cultures within the Alaskan Interior. The Yukon Area is home to some of the healthiest Wild Game and Furbearer populations in the world. Moose, along with all other terrestrial mammals, provide key dietary and cultural support for our tribes.

The spring moose hunt the department is proposing for 2019 would help fill critical needs for subsistence moose meat in GMU 21D in area of the southern Koyukuk Controlled Use Area and Northern Unit of the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge to local communities of Kaltag, Nulato, Koyukuk and Galena.

These rural hunts provide locals with a critical source of food security and shared meat for rural Alaskans and indigenous people who have resided in these areas for millennia. Improving the available subsistence resources in spring when people are running low on meat. Because when most locals who trap predators all winter, are usually firefighting or doing other seasonal work

when fall hunts occur in the Middle Yukon area. A spring hunt shows fairness to those who work hard at limiting predation in areas where management is difficult will provide these trappers and hunters a significant means to feed their families until summer.

Please, let me know if you need any other letters of support for this effort, or if you have any questions we can help you with. We fully intend to gather further support from Village Corporations as well as Doyon Limited Regional Corporation in thanking and supporting ADF&G at every level. And we not only give thanks but fully support all efforts by our people and the ADF&G in this regard.

Sincerely,


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