



RESTRICTING SPORT HUNTERS TO PROTECT THE TCC REGION MOOSE POPULATIONS

WHEREAS, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development and culture of the Interior Alaska Native; and

WHEREAS, The Alaska Native people have stewarded the lands and waters of the for over 10,000 years to sustain the fish and wildlife populations that are critical to our survival and hold cultural and spiritual significance to our Tribal Members; and

WHEREAS, The TCC Tribes rely on the subsistence harvest of moose to support their families health and well-being and practice cultural traditions that have been passed down through the generations; and

WHEREAS, Subsistence salmon fishing has been closed on the Yukon River since 2021, which puts additional financial burden on local families and essential cultural practices cannot be passed to future generations; and

WHEREAS, Each year sport hunters from outside of the villages harvest moose simply as trophies with little regard for the value of the meat, which is often spoiled or discarded; and

WHEREAS, The effects of climate change are putting excess stress on the existing moose populations and making hunting increasingly difficult for subsistence users; and

WHEREAS, If moose populations are not managed conservatively, it will have significant impacts on food security, cultural practices, and the mental and physical health of our Tribal Members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors supports increased restrictions and lower harvest levels for non-local, non-subsistence sport hunters to protect the moose populations and prioritize subsistence uses of the moose populations in Interior Alaska, specifically Game Management Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 and to identify other game units that are impacted by sports hunting that are within our region pursuant to Alaska Statute 16.05.258 (the State subsistence priority law) and Sections of 804 and 815 of Alaska Native Interest Lands Claim Act.



CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 14, 2024 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.

Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Yukon Koyukuk Subregion