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ATTN: BOG COMMENTS**

February 7, 2013

Dear Chairman & Members of the Board:

We are aware that an Emergency Petition has been submitted relative to removal of traps and snares from a site where a deer, caribou or moose had been released alive from a trap or snare. Apparently, there has been a lack of consistency regarding interpretation and enforcement of existing regulations. We understand the issue and agree that all parties will benefit from a clarification of this matter.

We recognize two possible ways to resolve the confusion:

- (1) redefine the meaning of "take" in AS 16.05.940(34), or**
- (2) inserting a parenthetical comment in 5 AAC 92.095**

We feel that option 1 is fraught with difficulties. We encourage you to pursue option 2. Our suggestion for wording of the parenthetical comment is as follows:

"This restriction does not apply to deer, caribou or moose which were released alive and are no longer at the site."

Thank you for considering our input on this matter.

Sincerely,



Joe Letarte, president