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**RC 056**

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Copper River Unit 11 & 13 hunter and Ahtna Athabaskan

**Proposal 1**

I do not support this proposal, a Bag limit already is defined as the maximum number of fish and game permitted by law to be taken by one person in a given period other definitions will use the word kill.

**Proposal 4**

I support the inclusion of harvestable parts of the bird to include wings, gizzards and the heart,

Hearing the disrespect that is occurring by having dumpsters full of dead geese with only the breast taken is outrageous. This to me is like going to buy or get a chicken off your farm and only taking the time to get the breast and throwing the rest away.

Proposal 53-I urge the Board to determine a positive finding for migratory birds on a statewide basis

**Proposal 6**

I support this proposal, we do have trappers and trap lines in our area, this will help elevate wanton waste and can also bring a little economical help to the trapper to be able to sell the catch.

**Proposal 26**

I support this just by means of residents of Alaska do not count on a raffle or auction to feed their families. They should be able to still hunt in a regularly open season they are eligible for and bag an animal if they so happen to win an auction or raffle. I do think there should be a difference for nonresidents.

**Proposal 41**

I support this proposal and think that the State of Alaska should mirror the federal regulations for purchase of duck stamps

**Proposal 42**

I do not support this proposal, I think that non residents would need to have a guide to be able to safely navigate our state and for the safety of others should have a guide to hunt moose and large black animals.

**Proposals 14 & 15**

I do not support this proposal based on my own cultural and traditional upbringing. Ahtna Tribe like our other Alaska Native Tribes have the utmost respect for this animal so much so that we do not say its name out loud. If we have this much respect for this animal to not even speak its name, it would also not be acceptable to kill a sow with cubs. These are accidents and anyone doing this on purpose would not be treated well, they also lose their luck when hunting. This proposal hinders on the people's ability to practice their culture.

**Proposal 54**

I oppose this proposal ABOG must implement Tier II for wildlife population when there is not enough harvestable surplus to provide a reasonable opportunity for all subsistence users of that population.

**Proposal # 55**

I do not support this proposal. Alaska Natives have clear and distinct differences in religious ceremonies versus celebratory ceremonies. Religious ceremonies are protected under the US and Alaska State laws to protect our freedoms

of religion. The practice of harvesting big game for potlatches is a honoring of the deceased this is not a practice that happens for all ceremonies.

**Proposal 56**

I support proposal 56 to change terms and add definitions and strengthen the purpose of the intent of the community hunt. The reporting and harvesting must be regulated better and real consequences for non-reporting.

**Proposal 57**

I support the proposal the Board has put forth to further define the terms of community.

**Proposal 66**

I support the Proposal the Board has put forth however, it should be based on a real time threat to or a biological concern or threat to meeting objectives for the population. It should not be based on a preconceived notion or on a forecast.

Thank you Board of Directors for your time and using your great process for public input.