

To whom this may concern,

My name is James Isidore, resident of Alakanuk Alaska, I am an avid subsistence hunter, I am writing in concern of proposal 13. I have read the proposal and in all honesty, we local hunters are not illegal hunters, or hunting for just antlers. 99.9% locals in unit 18 depend on moose as a source of meat throughout the winter months, and have been for the past 15 years. Abiding by hunting laws in unit 18 is paramount to all local hunters that I know of. Hunting violations are rare. One person or a hand full of peoples illegal hunting actions or activities should not reflect on or against everyone else's best interests, or be used to eliminate a source of income in a rural area where making money only comes from very few sources. Being able to sell cut off antlers from legally caught moose helps most hunters on the lower yukon where our fuel costs are 5-7 dollars a gallon. Seeing from first hand, very few hunters target large antlered moose, and all hunters I know in unit 18 teach their children good hunting morals, such as myself. I directly took it as an insult from this proposal saying unit 18 hunters are teaching their children immoral hunting or illegal activities by way of selling antlers. Conservation of all big game from all over the world has the same theory, taking old past prime game. The encouragement of taking young game is not a healthy management strategy, nor has anything to do with a "traditional" hunt. This proposal, thought of by a small handful of people, with no public interest, input, or announcement, is a violation of our rights as residents of this unit, and in my personal opinion an insult against their own people. I personally don't believe or agree of what they think of their own units hunters and their morals as hunters. The moose population in unit 18, to my knowledge is extremely good from what I see first hand, and is so well that it is encouraged by the ADFG to take cows or calves if alone. I know many people in unit 18, we all know what is in our best interests in subsistence hunting. Not being able to be allowed any say, give feedback, or opinions into hunting regulations is not right. This proposal is completely off course to preserving, protecting, or even upholding any hunting moral or any real relevant hunting law. I believe this hunting proposal should be removed for many reasons, the biggest is lack of local and public input. They give the impression that us unit 18 hunters are criminals, we are far from that. We are hunters.

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