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Alaska Board of Fisheries and Alaska Board of Game
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To members of Boards of Fisheries & Game:

Ahtna Tene Nene" wishes to comment on future meetings of Alaska Board of Fisheries and Alaska Board of Game.

It is in Ahtna People's best interest that future ABOF and ABOG meetings be postponed until such time occurs when the public can meet in person.

Fisheries and game proposals will be addressed before both boards that may deeply affect our resources in the Copper River Region. Community Subsistence Hunt proposals and Copper River fisheries proposals will be brought before board members, and we may not be able to attend these meetings in person to voice our concerns.

We should be able to attend an in-person meeting without restrictions placed upon us, such as limiting number of people who may attend a public fisheries or game meeting, or to provide public testimony via phone call to board members.

Providing written comments, phone calls to board members or limiting a number of people who can attend public meetings would jeopardize the public process of providing equal opportunity for all members of the public to attend a public meeting to voice concerns.

We also agree that absolute and necessary actions on fisheries and game regulations may still be made by board members and ADFG Department. ADFG still has EO on fish and wildlife resources. Renewing regulations such as antlerless moose hunt is still a board decision. All other regulatory matters that will affect fisheries on Copper River and subsistence hunts in our region should be put on hold for now, until such time as when we can meet in person.

Please consider postponing public meetings for now.

Sincerely



John Dye, Chair