

For the Record, my name is Karen Linnell, I live in Glennallen but, am from Chistochina. I am here to speak to proposals that affect the Copper River Basin. My home is over 150 miles long. I have family from Mentasta to Chitina. There has not been a time in my life that I have not eaten from that land, even when I moved away for work. You can find AITRC's full comments in PC001.

Regarding the Community Hunt – We oppose 210 & 211 to eliminate the CSH. There is a lot of misinformation regarding this hunt- the CSH does not pose a biological concern and it is not unconstitutional this is detailed in the legal report and in PC001. The fact that the AOC put this proposal forward on the basis of being unconstitutional after their sister non-profit lost their case in 2018 is really a waste of your time and energy. The State Community Subsistence Hunt does not create classes but applies to all Alaskans – provided that they meet the definition of Community. Also, the federal Community Harvest System does not negate the State's responsibility to provide for Subsistence opportunities.

We support proposal 53 to increase the Caribou quota to 500 and proposal 59 to increase the quota of any bulls to 150. The original quotas were established based on the eight communities that formed the CSH. Now there are several other communities participating in those hunts and there has not been an increase to recognize their needs.

Regarding eliminating the draw hunts in GMU 13 – We support eliminating Non-resident draw hunts – the focus needs to be on providing for subsistence needs through Tier I and CSH. The demand is greater than what is available.

We are opposed to expansion of youth hunts and creation of specialty bow hunts.

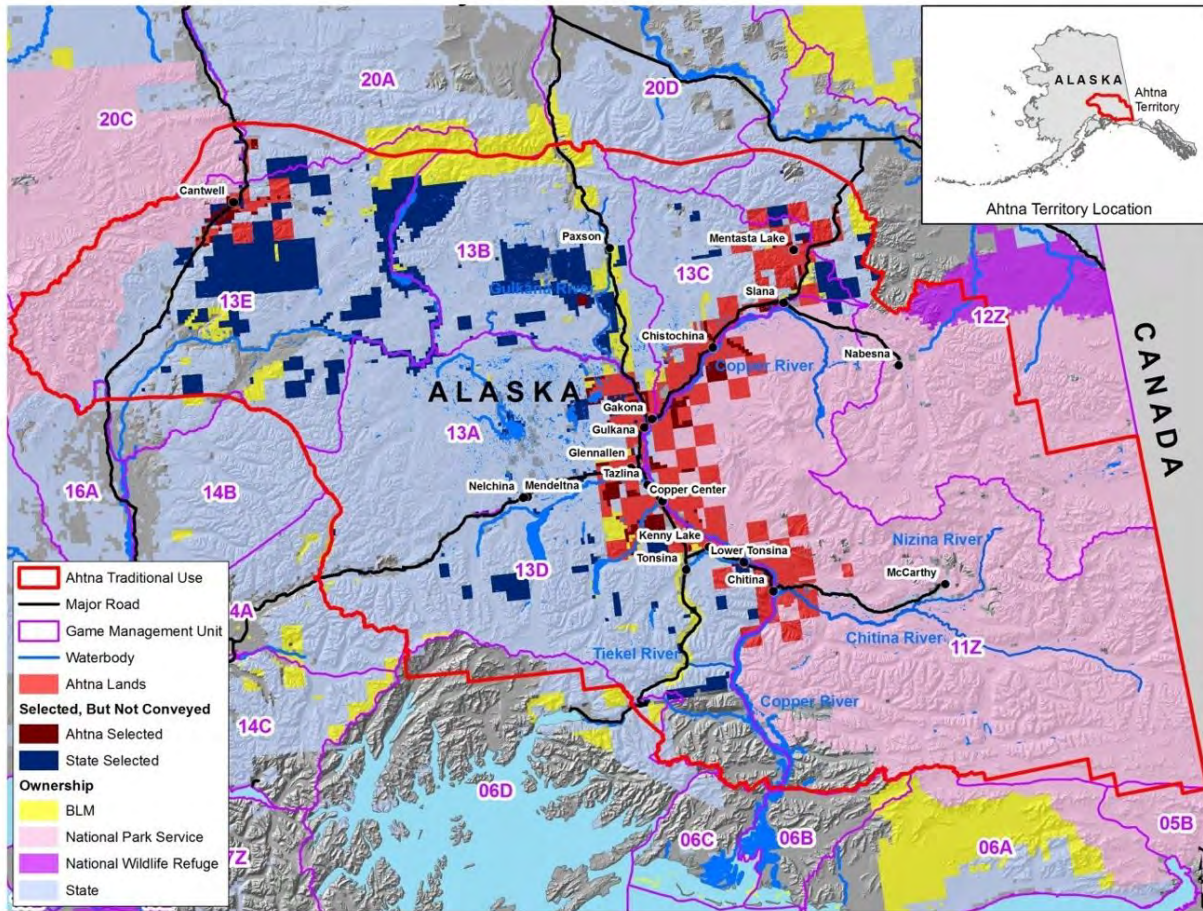
It's interesting to hear the Commissioner talk about food security, when consulted by USFS he and his department failed to recognize an emergent need of Kake. You folks are just experiencing food chain delays in the stores here – it is far worse in the remote areas. Now you are seeing what rural communities are experiencing. When you have prices like \$10/gallon for milk, \$18/5# sugar, or \$1 per potato and \$11 for 1# of hamburger – subsistence foods are even more crucial. \$65 for 25# of rice. These are the types of prices that are in rural Alaska.

Regarding having all the registration hunts online will disenfranchise those who live in remote areas. I recently heard that a village spent all of their CARES act funding trying to get broadband to their community and it is still does not have service. Until there is equity in internet and cellular service, you cannot support an online only process.

I do have some numbers regarding land ownership and federal opportunity that I can share with you.

There were 2915 federal permits issued for caribou at two permits per person, that equals out to 1455 hunters – a good portion of those are from Delta. There were 40 moose permits issued and 80 caribou permits issued under the AITRC managed hunt with zero harvest of moose and zero harvest of caribou in its first year.

Ahtna Traditional Use Territory



**GMU 13** **TOTAL ACREAGE:** **14,962,100**

	BLM	%	NPS	%	USFS	
13A	43,202	0.29%				
13B	486,783	3.25%				
13C	31,604	0.21%	18,179			
13D	107,133	0.72%	9,660	0.06%	345,605	2.31%
13E	304,692	2.04%	668,708	4.47%		
	973,414		696,547		345,605	

**Available to Copper Basin**  
 1,001,253 6.69%

**Available to Cantwell Residents**  
 1,198,693 8.01%