## Findings for the Alaska Board of Game 2024-231-BOG

## Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game provided during the Western Arctic/Western Region Regulations Meeting

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

In October 1997 the Board made a positive customary and traditional use determination for muskoxen on the Seward Peninsula. In making that determination, the Board found that horns and hides are not used for trophy purposes. We also recognize the Alaska Supreme Court held that game taken for subsistence is taken primarily for food and not for trophies.

These findings are to recognize customary and traditional uses of muskoxen horns in subsistence hunts on the Seward Peninsula for appropriate subsistence uses as defined by the legislature. Muskoxen horns from these hunts may be used to make tools, clothing, for shelters, and for making and selling of handicrafts including for sharing.

Vote: <u>7-0</u> January 29, 2024 Kotzebue, Alaska Jerry Burnett, Chairman Alaska Board of Game