Southcentral Alaska, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Western Interior Alaska, Seward Peninsula, Eastern Interior Alaska, and North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils

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Anthony Christianson, Chair Federal Subsistence Board 1011 East Tudor Road, M/S 121 Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199

Dear Chair Christianson,

We write to you on behalf of Southcentral Alaska, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Western Interior Alaska, Seward Peninsula, Eastern Interior Alaska, and North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils (Councils) to highlight issues related to Council correspondence and request that the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) address these issues.

The ten Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils met together during the All-Council Meeting March 5-8, 2024, in Anchorage, Alaska. Among the items discussed were issues related to Council correspondence. These issues include: 1) promptness of Board's replies to or transmittal of Council correspondence; and 2) the lack of direct replies to the Councils from the Offices of the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior to correspondence, which the Board forwards to them.

The Councils request the Board develop more streamlined processes to respond to Councils' correspondence and coordinate with the Secretaries to implement procedures for their replies to the Councils. There are several letters pending replies to the Councils from the Board and the Secretaries that are of great interest to us, and we look forward to seeing those responses.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. The Councils look forward to your reply. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Katerina Wessels, Council Coordination Division Supervisor, Office of Subsistence Management, at 1-800-478-1456 or (907) 786-3885 or katerina_wessels@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Greg Encelewski, Chair Southcentral Alaska Regional Advisory Council

Raymond Oney, Chair Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council

Jack Reakoff, Chair Western Interior Alaska Regional Advisory Council

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