

**Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council**

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Walter Jim, Chair  
Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council  
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Dear Chair Jim,

I write to you on behalf of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) to inform you the Council supports Orutsararmiut Traditional Native Council (ONC) resolutions: 23-09-17 (Alaska Department of Fish and Game Mulchatna Caribou Intensive Management) and 23-10-01 (Donlin Gold Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement).

The Council represents subsistence harvesters of fish and wildlife resources on Federal public lands and waters in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region. It was established by the authority in Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Section 805 of ANILCA and the Council's charter establishes the Council's authority to initiate, review and evaluate proposals for regulations, policies, management plans, and other matters related to subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region. The Council also reviews resource management actions occurring outside their regions that may impact subsistence resources critical to communities served by the Council. The Council provides a forum for the expression of opinions and recommendations regarding any matter related to the subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region.

The Council held a public meeting on October 10-12, 2023, in Anchorage. The aforementioned resolutions were brought before the Council during the public comment period on non-agenda items. The Council voted to support both resolutions. We took further action to send correspondence to 1) the Alaska Department of Fish and Game notifying them of the Council's support for on-going intensive management of the Mulchatna Caribou herd, including predator control efforts (Enclosure 1), and 2) the Bureau of Land Management asking them to initiate the process for a supplemental environmental impact statement for the Donlin Gold Project (Enclosure 2). Finally, the Council will include both of these topics in our FY2023 Annual Report to the Federal Subsistence Board.

The Council thanks you for sharing these resolutions with us and we look forward to ONC's continued participation in Council meetings and the Federal Subsistence Management Program

regulatory process. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact me through our Subsistence Council Coordinator Brooke McDavid at (907) 891-9181 or [brooke\\_mcdavid@fws.gov](mailto:brooke_mcdavid@fws.gov).

Sincerely,



Raymond Oney, Chair

Enclosures: YKDRAC ltr to ADFG re Mulchatna Intensive Management  
R9 YKDRAC Ltr to BLM re Donlin Gold

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