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Anthony Christianson, Chair
Federal Subsistence Board
1011 E. Tudor Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Chair Christianson,

I write to you on behalf of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) to follow-up on correspondence previously sent to the Federal Subsistence Board (Board). The Council is still awaiting replies on several topics.

At our recent Council meeting on August 21-23, 2024 in Bethel, the Council discussed the issue of correspondence with the Board. The Council is frustrated that the Board and the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture have not responded to several of the Council's letters. Therefore, the Council members voted to re-send the following letters to you:

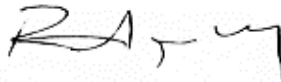
1. **RAC.22043** Four Council letter regarding salmon bycatch (6/7/2022)
2. **OSM.23102** YKDRAC letter regarding Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim salmon management and bycatch (8/16/2024)
3. **OSM.23046** YKDRAC letter requesting Council member compensation (5/11/2023)
4. **24025** YKDRAC letter requesting Traditional Ecological Knowledge be recognized in State law (2/27/2024)
5. **A24034** Seven Council letter requesting timely and meaningful action on bycatch and salmon management (3/24/2024)
6. **A24044** Six Council letter regarding correspondence issues (4/3/2024)
7. **A24047** Nine Council letter regarding Council member compensation (4/3/2024)
8. **A24067** YKD and EIRAC letter regarding need to revise the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act (7/11/2024)
9. **A24078** Six Council letter regarding statewide caribou issues (7/12/2024)

The Council asks for Board responses where requested. The Council also asks that the Board re-send the letters that you previously elevated to the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture with a reminder that replies to our Council and others are outstanding. We feel it is unfair for

our correspondence to go unanswered and that we must ask for replies a second time. These letters are not meant to be informational; they regard important subsistence issues that need to be addressed with meaningful action. Other Councils have also written to the Board about the lack of effective two-way communication between the Councils and the Board and Secretaries. In lieu of written replies, the Council would be open to discussions with the Board and Secretaries on a recurring basis so that important subsistence issues do not continue to go unaddressed.

The Council thanks you for working to ensure that our correspondence is replied to in a timely manner by the Board and the Secretaries or their representatives. 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@ios.doi.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray", is centered below the word "Sincerely,".

Raymond Oney, Chair

cc: Federal Subsistence Board
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