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Cliff Judkins, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game
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Dear Cliff,

The Board of Fisheries recently considered the request to hold a Joint Board meeting for the purpose of reviewing previous Joint Board findings on the five non-subsistence areas as specified in 5 AAC 99.015. Comments received from the public regarding the need for a Joint Board meeting are based on considering a new non-subsistence area in Game Management Unit 13 for the management of moose and caribou. The basis for establishing non-subsistence areas are based on 13 socio-economic characteristics of the area as specified in AS 16.05.258(c). The Board of Fisheries discussed the request and none of the members concluded that there is a need for reviewing non-subsistence areas or holding a Joint Board meeting at this time.

Because there is value to holding periodic Joint Board meetings, I am recommending that subcommittees of each of the two boards work with their executive directors and develop a list of potential topics for use in assessing the need for a Joint Board meeting at a future meeting cycle.

Best regards,



Vince Webster
Chairman, Alaska Board of Fisheries