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To: Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game

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To Whom it Concerns:

I support Proposal #92.

I feel that access to passage birds and fresh genes is the obvious part of what falconry brings to the conservation table in North America. By virtue of the fact that falconry has been the largest nomination to UNESCO's Intangible Human Heritage List and will be celebrating its 6th anniversary of appointment to that list, falconry stands on its own as a cultural, economic, scientific, and conservation event. Because we can trap, train and hunt a wild raptor means we not only release successful breeding stock but we, as keepers of the ancient art, are prepared to pass on unique knowledge of behaviors and other elements both to conservation organizations, and also to falconers across the international community who do not have the privilege of taking passage raptors.

To quote another falconer's response to the issue of non-residence take in Alaska:

"In the future I feel that non-resident take will foster better relations with falconers on an interstate basis and I encourage you to consider that the biology supports that it will have no impact on wild populations at up to 5% levels. Alaska has a long reputation for welcoming people to travel to your fine state to hunt fish or take game and it should not stop when it comes to falconry."

Please support our fine falconry traditions in North America and allow those of us who can travel to the pristine state of Alaska to do so.

Respectfully,

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