

My Testimony to the Alaska Board of Game

My name is Lucille A Lincoln I am Eyak on my Mother's side and Athabaskan on my Father's side. I was raised in the Copper River Valley. Since I was 9 years old, our family has always relied on subsistence, moose, caribou, fish, muskrat, beaver, rabbits, wild berries, and wild potatoes to survive on. Now with sooooo many people in our Area we hardly see any of these especially the moose, caribou, and less fish. Last year, a relative gave us a hind quarter which we shared with our 3 children, 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. As you all know that is not much. They each got a small package or two. Not enough for our subsistence way of life. We all fish and put up for the winter. Last year we got 95 fish for all of us. Because of climate change, the weather is too warm and the fish coming up the river are small. THE RIVER WASHING OUT THE BANKS is making it harder and harder to SUSTAIN our SUBSISTENCE way of LIFE. We never go into the other village lands to get game. That is a NO NO. ITS DISRESPECTFUL AND NOT OUR TRADITIONAL WAY. IF THE COMMUNITY HUNT IS DISCONTINUED IT WILL BE VERY DEVASTATING FOR OUR NATIVE PEOPLE AND OTHERS THAT RELY ON THIS FOR THE WINTER.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS

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