

My name is Gloria Stickwan I am providing written testimony on Proposal 59, Proposal 64/65 and Proposal 211.

I support Proposal 59 to increase the CSH Any Bull moose allocation to 150. In 2009, CSH was created for the Ahtna's eight villages, at the time, we asked for 200 moose, however, the allocation for CSH moose was 100. We agreed to this number because CSH was a new subsistence hunt for the eight Ahtna villages.

In 2011, other residents were allowed to participate in the community subsistence hunt. In 2021 CM300 Moose Hunt had 61 total groups participating in this subsistence hunt. The increased number of CSH participants in this subsistence hunt over the years has reduced the chances of members of the Ahtna Tene Nene group to harvest a moose. Game Management Unit 13 has a General Hunt and 4 Drawing Hunts along with CM300 moose hunt. We are competing with all of these other hunters hunting for moose. Our chances of harvesting a moose is low. We do not have the means to hunt 10 miles off the highway system. Increasing the allocations for moose to 150 would increase opportunity to hunt and harvest an Any Bull Moose.

I support Proposal 64 and Proposal 65 to make it optional for Elders who hunt alone to either bring moose hide in from the field or leave it in the field. A few elders do hunt for moose by themselves, moose hides are too heavy for an Elder who is alone to carry from the field. Most elders do not have an off-road-vehicle to load moose hides on to bring it in from the field. If an Elder hunts with another younger person who is signed up in the hunt, they should be required to take moose hide from the field.

I am not requesting the Board to eliminate the requirement to remove the moose hide to be taken from the field, just that it be an option for an Elude in the field by himself or herself to leave moose hide in the field.

I oppose Proposal 211 to Repeal the Copper Basin area community subsistence harvest hunt area for moose and caribou & Proposal 244 – Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts. Eliminating the CSH Tier II moose subsistence hunt will take the Board back to square one. We will have to go back to Tier II for moose and caribou. I am in opposition to going back to Tier II moose hunt, I would like the Board to keep CSH Tier II moose hunt, and to do a moratorium on changes to the CSH with one exception, and that is to increase the Any Bull Moose to 150 allocation.

This proposal as written contains errors. CSH is a constitutional subsistence hunt. In 2018, the Supreme Court made a decision that CSH meets the “equal access and equal protection clause”.

The Board has to provide for subsistence priority for moose and caribou as stated in Section 16.05.258. We must have a reasonable opportunity to have a subsistence hunt for moose and caribou in the Copper Basin.

Board cannot take federal hunts into consideration when making a decision for moose or caribou hunts in the Copper Basin. Board must provide a subsistence hunt.

The cost of living has increased tremendously within the past year. CSH subsistence hunt is needed now more than ever. We pay more for food cost, electricity and fuel, and other utility bills than others who live in urban areas. Additionally, Sockeye and King run have been low as well. We are not catching fish either. We really need to have the CSH in place to harvest a moose or caribou.