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Anthony Christianson, Chair  
Federal Subsistence Board  
1011 East Tudor Road, MS 121  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-6199

Dear Chair Christianson,

The Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council (Council) writes to you to kindly request that the Federal Subsistence Board (Board) reaffirm their support for the Hunter Ethics Education and Outreach initiative that our Council spearheaded and was actively working on prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Council held a public meeting on October 5-6, 2022, during which we discussed the desire to resume work on this initiative. Our Council first brought our request for a hunter ethics education program to the Board in our 2010 Annual Report. Since that time, hunter ethics education has been a major priority of our Council because we believe it will help reduce conflict among user groups in our region, create greater respect for the resources upon which we depend for subsistence, and potentially serve as an example of fostering respect and promoting cross-cultural understanding in other subsistence regions across Alaska. Our Council envisioned an initiative that would strive to:

1. create partnerships and collaboration between Federal agencies, State of Alaska, Tribal organizations, hunter organizations, military bases, as well as guide and transport services;
2. be inclusive and move forward in a positive way; and
3. create a dialog between subsistence and commercial/sport users.

In 2016, the Board gave its full support for a hunter ethics education initiative, and in 2017, approved an action plan developed by the Office of Subsistence Management (OSM) in cooperation with our Council and a number of stakeholder groups. Together, OSM and stakeholders developed overall goals for the Hunter Ethics Education and Outreach Initiative:

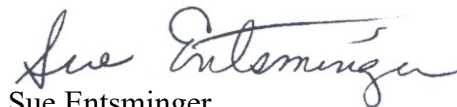
1. work towards better hunter ethics and respect in the field among all user groups,
2. reduce conflict between user groups through education and outreach, and
3. strive towards understanding and tolerance for different cultural hunting values.

In 2017 and 2018, OSM organized workshops that attracted participation of representatives from over 40 different groups and organizations. Through these workshops, participants developed concepts for a few pilot projects that included Local Community Hunter Liaisons to engage with hunters in the field and an outreach campaign called “Hunt Like an Alaskan” aimed to initially engage military personnel new to Alaska at bases in the Eastern Interior region (Fort Wainwright Army Base and Eielson Air Force Base). Smaller working committees formed to move various pilot projects forward. Unfortunately, changes in OSM staffing and then the COVID-19 pandemic, slowed much of the progress being made on this initiative.

The Council now seeks the Board’s support to continue this initiative that received so much public interest and is of critical importance as increasingly diverse user groups continue to vie for scarce resources. We also enquire if any of the Federal agencies represented on the Board would be able to provide modest funding (see attached estimate) to resume the work associated with the “Hunt Like an Alaskan” pilot projects. Finally, we would like to offer our appreciation to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service who have continued to support seasonal Local Community Hunter Liaison positions in the Arctic and Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuges, which was one of the pilot projects developed through this hunter ethics initiative.

The Council thanks you in advance for considering our request to resume this important initiative. We look forward to continuing discussions about the hunter ethics education and outreach and how the program may be further expanded. If you have any questions or would like to follow up, please contact me through our Council Coordinator, Brooke McDavid, at (907) 891-9181 or [brooke\\_mcdavid@fws.gov](mailto:brooke_mcdavid@fws.gov).

Sincerely,



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Chair Regional Advisory Council  
Eastern Interior Region

Enclosure

cc: Federal Subsistence Board  
Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Members  
Office of Subsistence Management  
Interagency Staff Committee  
Administrative Record

Updated 1.13.23

## Estimated Funding Needed to Resume Hunter Ethics Education and Outreach Initiative Pilot Projects

### Pilot Project: HUNT LIKE AN ALASKAN

#### Goals:

1. Refine the pilot project “Hunt Like an Alaskan” hunter ethics outreach strategy
2. Develop and distribute printed and video outreach products
3. Hold outreach events on Wainwright and Eielson bases

Expense	Cost	Notes
Finalize and print 2018 workshop report	\$3,000	The report captures thoughts and ideas provided by the 40+ workshop participants, but requires significant editing
Working group meeting to refine “Hunt Like An Alaskan” strategy and messaging	\$6,000	Includes travel; goal to review and refine “Hunt Like An Alaskan” strategy and messaging, determine needed outreach products, and define roles
Outreach product design	\$5,000	Includes contractor fees
Outreach product printing	\$5,000	Brochures, posters
Video outreach products	\$5,000	Videographer, editing
Outreach travel costs	\$10,000**	For staff and rural residents to attend in-person outreach events at Fort Wainwright and Eielson bases
	<b>\$34,000</b>	

\*\* Denotes costs that could recur annually, remainder are one-time costs

### Pilot Project: COMMUNITY HUNTER LIAISONS

#### Goals:

1. Continue to fund existing community hunter liaison positions in Fort Yukon and Circle
2. Evaluate current program and expansion of project to other areas of the region
3. Create additional liaison positions in other areas of the Eastern Interior region

Expense	Cost	Notes
Fort Yukon and Circle Community Hunter Liaison positions	\$20,000**	Contribution breakdown for 2022: \$5,000 Arctic NWR; \$7,600 Yukon-Charley Rivers NP; \$7,400 Yukon Flats NWR (includes overhead, supplies, etc)
Working group meeting to evaluate existing program and explore expansion	Staff time	Evaluate success of current Community Hunter Liaison pilot project positions and explore opportunities to expand into other areas of the EI region such as Arctic Village, the Taylor Hwy, and Elliot Hwy
Additional Community Hunter Liaison positions	\$16,000**	Estimated annual cost per additional position
	<b>\$36,000</b>	

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