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Representative Dan Ortiz, Chair  
House Fish & Game Finance Subcommittee  
State Capitol Room 513  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Ortiz,

Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang, from the Department of Fish and Game, requested that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) follow up with you on a discussion that took place in your House Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Fish and Game relating to the transfer of the two director positions for the Divisions of Habitat and Subsistence.

During the budget process, each department was asked to propose budgetary reductions, as well as reductions to positions. Commissioner Vincent-Lang identified the aforementioned director positions as ones that are currently vacant and that he does not intend to fill. He has a plan and vision for the management of these divisions, which will be overseen by a deputy commissioner. These divisions are a priority of his; therefore, he would like to take a more active role in their management.

As you are aware, there have been many changes at OMB, including moving the Administrative Services Directors to the direct management of my office. We have also developed an in-house policy team to develop strategies that align with the budgets proposed by the Governor, in addition to ongoing efforts to find efficiencies and consolidate resources across State agencies. Our goal is to reduce duplication, increase collaboration, and deliver a better experience for the customer.

With the expansion of duties within OMB, and my vision for the office, I have set responsibilities for each position and identified a need for two additional positions at OMB. Rather than create new positions and add funding to the operating budget, we have proposed transferring the established director-level positions to OMB for our Deputy Director and Budget Director positions. These positions are critical to the workload now required of the budget office.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna Arduin".

Donna Arduin, Director  
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cc: Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang, Department of Fish and Game