



unapologetically **FOR ALASKAN RESIDENTS**

PO Box 60095, Fairbanks, Alaska 99706 (907) 371-7436
email info@residenthuntersofalaska.org web www.residenthuntersofalaska.org

February 10, 2020

To: Senator Josh Revak

Re: SB150 - *Repeal the termination date of the Intensive Management surcharge*

Dear Senator Revak,

Resident Hunters of Alaska **supports** SB 150 to repeal the termination date of the Intensive Management surcharge fee and we want to thank you for sponsoring the bill.

Resident Hunters of Alaska supported the recent hunting license fee increases as well as the Intensive Management (IM) surcharge for both residents and nonresidents. The IM surcharge is important to continue as the Pittman-Robertson 3:1 matching funds received from the federal government from the sale of hunting licenses and tags is not available to be used for predation control programs.

We want to stress that our IM law is intended to benefit Alaskans who depend on moose and caribou to feed their families, that when certain game populations are low, predation control may be necessary to regrow herds. Residents are supposed to get a hunting preference when those populations are low. As our IM Law states, *the highest and best use* of these game populations is to feed Alaskans.

Nonresidents also benefit from successful predation control programs after populations are again within the IM population and harvest objectives and hunting opportunities are available again to all. That's why it's important nonresidents also pay for IM programs. We welcome nonresident participation, but only after herds have once again reached IM objectives.

Sincerely,

Mark Richards

Executive Director Resident Hunters of Alaska
9907) 371-7436