

Chairman Burnett and members of the board, thank you for allowing me to submit additional info on this subject.

Elk hunting on Afognak can be very rewarding and successful if one puts forth the effort. As I stated at the meeting, I have been a party to at least one successful hunt every year for the last 40 years.

When my shareholder friends of Afognak and Ouzinkie most of which live in the town of Kodiak, draw a tag they reserve a truck and driver and are escorted to good elk locations such as the Portage lake / Shepards ridge conservation easement area that I referred to. I do not begrudge them this advantage as portions of this land are theirs to use as they choose. These easements are working, the logging slash and stumpage are rotting away and the animals are regaining habitat although some of the roads and bridges within them are still intact and used during hunting season. **It is my feeling that these shareholders have become accustom to this style of hunting and are not interested in trying for other hunt possibilities thus limiting their success.**

Afognak charges \$200 for a trespass permit and \$500 for a game endorsement during the drawing hunt on their exclusive lands. If their lands qualify for registration hunting, they restrict the land to shareholder only access. **They could easily restrict that land to village shareholder preference to provide elk to the villages.** There is quite often a registration hunt in the eastern district where most of the land is private.

I feel that it is imperative to explore many other options before allocating a state resource in perpetuity to one user group. If this proposal is passed will help to set a new standard throughout the state of allocating a state public resource.

— Other options and observations:

— Encourage as many village members as possible to apply for permits. One villager said at the Kodiak AC that he doesn't even apply because he never wins. His odds are low.

— Request that the state allow for a special proxy hunt for village elders to increase chances of village draw success.

— Require all draw permit applications to be submitted on Kodiak island. **This would significantly increase odds of draw success for locals and villagers.**

— Explore the idea of Afognak managing a private herd of elk, bison or both from local brood stock on their land in an area such as the

Duck peninsula This herd could easily be contained and in time **could provide a steady reliable source of meat for the villagers and provide opportunities to sell trophy hunts.** If successful this could become a pilot project for other villages in

Alaska who face similar situations of competing for game. As I had mentioned the neighbor village of Old Harbor is successfully

raising bison for the community and soon for Profit. I have heard that Afognak has inquired about doing the same

— Participate in the future Raspberry registration hunt.

— To put things into perspective, Port Lions and Ouzinkie are both a short skiff ride to Kodiak and the state ferry stops in both villages.

Their grocery bills are little if any more than in Kodiak, possibly cheaper because they qualify for bypass mail and can shop abroad.

I understand their desire for elk but it is not critical to their lifestyle for subsistence as there are many other options available to them

with a six month deer season and a plethora of seafood and marine mammals at their doorstep.

— I believe that the statistical odds indicated of drawing a hunt may be ironies. Do the odds of winning a draw percentage indicate each application meaning one of six applications or is it an aggregate of the applicator.

— During deliberations I would ask if your team could parse out how many elk hunt applications were submitted with the home address of ouzinkie and Port lions.

— Lastly I believe that a waiting line in these villages for permits will cause conflict and will not serve the intended purpose because there are many non shareholders that live in these villages.

Thank you for your further considerations on prop 209

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