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**[EXTERNAL] EIS must gather subsistence data on caribou harvest**1 message

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To whom it may concern:

I am requesting that the Coastal Plain EIS please recognize Alaska Statute 16.05.094. According to this law, the Alaska Fish and Wildlife Division of Subsistence must gather and share information on the details of state residents' subsistence needs. These are to include evaluation of "the impact of state and federal laws and regulations on subsistence hunting and fishing, and when corrective action is indicated, make recommendations to the department." These recommendations may include "amendment and appeal of regulations affecting subsistence hunting and fishing." This seems to resonate, as well, with ANCILA's purposes. According to the 1980 Act, oil and gas activities may proceed only IF they "avoid significant adverse affects on fish and wildlife" and "provide the opportunity for rural residents engaged in a subsistence way of life to continue to do so." Additionally, there are no data on the role of subsistence caribou hunting for the Gwich'in People in Alaska's Fish and Wildlife Division of Subsistence files. I recommend a minimum of three years of Porcupine Caribou Herd studies in relation to the needs of all villages dependent upon them.

You must work with the Gwi'chin people, and listen to them and respect their knowledge of the land that they have inhabited for tens of thousands of years. No to do so is unethical and wrong.

Sincerely,

Phoebe Rohrbacher