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Dear Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Chair and Board Members:

We appreciate your hard work on behalf of all Yukoner's and your dedication to Yukon's wildlife. We are especially grateful for the way you have carefully considered how to approach the most recent slate of regulation change proposals, which have proved to be quite complex and controversial over the last several months.

Given your ownership of the regulation change process, the purpose of this letter is to request that regulation change proposals 1, 2, and 3, which are currently under an extended public comment and review period, be set aside immediately and/or shelved until the next available review cycle. This action would thereby end the ongoing consultation process in this current regulation change cycle and provide an opportunity for all involved parties and stakeholders to focus their efforts on the national / local health emergency caused by COVID-19 until such time as this crisis is resolved.

We understand and appreciate that the actions you have taken to date have been unprecedented. Providing an extended public comment period to the three moose proposals has resulted in additional work, delays, and much additional thought on your part about how to conduct this "non-standard" process. In the midst the COVID-19 health crisis, the public meetings scheduled after Environment Yukon's re-release of the moose proposals have been postponed until further notice, and now public meetings are not possible and are unsafe for a period of months. As such through no one's fault, the new process you outlined has become unworkable.

In light of the above, we respectfully request that the ongoing regulation change process be brought to an end and the outstanding moose proposals be moved into the next regulation change cycle.

The COVID-19 pandemic has Yukoner's concerned enough without causing worry for licensed moose hunters especially as wild game harvesting is important for food security at this uncertain time.

Thank you for considering our request at this important time.

Best regards,

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