City of Coffman Cove Resolution 21-04

A RESOLUTION of the Coffman Cove City Council supporting the petition put forth by the residents of Southeast Alaska and Prince of Wales Island included in Game Management Unit 2 (GMU 2) to Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Governor Dunleavy to follow the current wolf harvest management plan for GMU 2 as written, including the full 4 ½ month season.

WHEREAS, the management plan states that the season length is based on the most current population estimate, which is 318 wolves; and

WHEREAS, it further states there shall be a 4 1/2 month season; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's proposal of a 2-week season is insufficient to manage the current wolf population; and

WHEREAS, the estimate of 318 wolves is the highest population ever recorded and nearly double the prior year's estimate of 174; and

WHEREAS, the local residents of Southeast Alaska and Prince of Wales Island overwhelmingly agree the wolf population on Prince of Wales Island and GMU 2 is at an all-time high; and

WHEREAS, the Sitka Blacktail Deer population is at an all-time low, leaving the residents of GMU 2 with severe difficulty harvesting venison; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF COFFMAN COVE, ALASKA HEREBY FULLY SUPPORTS THE PETITION PUT FORTH BY THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHEAST ALASKA AND PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND INCLUDED IN GAME MANAGEMENT UNIT 2 (GMU 2) TO ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND GOVERNOR DUNLEAVY TO FOLLOW THE CURRENT WOLF HARVEST MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GMU 2 AS WRITTEN, INCLUDING THE FULL 4 ½ MONTH SEASON AND OPPOSING THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAMES'S PROPOSAL OF A 2-WEEK SEASON.

ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE CITY OF COFFMAN COVE, ALASKA ON THIS W DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

ATTACHMENTS: WOLF HARVEST GMU 2 PETITION

Mayor

Clerk

Ena Cavaretta