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Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 3:54 PM
To: Debra Thompson
Subject: Fwd: Sea Otters

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From: William Ware <wware@ccthita-nsn.gov>
Date: Fri, Dec 22, 2017 at 11:55 AM
Subject: RE: Sea Otters
To: Mark Jensen <mayorjensen@petersburgak.gov>

Thanks Mark. I have been a part of discussions Tlingit and Haida, as well as Sealaska, has been engaging in with Don Young, Sullivan and Murkowski. I think it would be good to have discussions with local hunters and artisans to unify and therefore strengthen our positions.

I haven't seen a letter, but would be interested. There is only a handful of us who hunt around here, for a few different reasons.

1. We have little local support of the artisans.
2. Fish and Wildlife are sneaky and looking to entrap our Natives. While I support folks who break the law to be held accountable. But I myself have been harassed by undercover enforcement to sell for double the price of a hide, on more than once occasion.
3. The cost of hunting, in winter, and the cost of processing hides.

These are just discussion topics we can also address in our efforts to make it more appealing to local Native hunters.

Thanks and Merry Christmas.

Will

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From: Mark Jensen<<mailto:mayorjensen@petersburgak.gov>>
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 12:09 PM
To: William Ware<<mailto:wware@ccthita-nsn.gov>>
Subject: Re: Sea Otters

Will, the assembly hasn't taken a formal position on this matter yet. We did send letters out to organizations to ask for their input, you should be receiving one of the letters as a local hunter. Senator Sullivan is planning on looking at the MMPA in 2018 for changes that can be made to possibly make harvest of otters less restrictive. Not sure what his approach will be on this.

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From: William Ware <wware@ccthita-nsn.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 10:23:27 AM
To: Assembly
Subject: Sea Otters

Good morning,

I was reading an article on KFSK regarding Borough Assembly DC Travel. In the article it mentions that one of the topics the assembly would like to address in DC is the management of sea otters.

As one of the few hunters in our area, I haven't heard the position of the assembly, or what you will be lobbying for. I have obvious interest as it appears to be a priority for the borough.

That being said, could someone please share the plan or position of the assembly? In the meantime, I would hope that our Borough would consider collaborating with hunters, artisans, organizations and entities that are already working with our congressional delegation on the topic of sea otters. As an integral part of our way of life is also affected by the increase of sea otters, our Native people have just as much concern as the commercial interests in the proper management of this. Getting our perspective would also be beneficial to your efforts.

On another topic, I would advise that our Borough talk with Central Council Tlingit and Haida on the Transboundary mine issue. While Tlingit and Haida isn't taking lead on this, they are taking lead on getting base line water quality testing on the Stikine and Taku rivers. This regional Tribe has strong political pull with both the State and the Feds, and furthermore has been in discussion with counter parts in BC regarding fears of mining in our head waters.

In this day and age, collaboration is the key to success...in funding projects, pushing and promoting agenda's, and for the wellbeing of every community. No longer can Petersburg rely on being an island unto its own. We must be willing to reach out to groups that we may not be comfortable with or have a history of reaching out to.

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