

An Alaskan Cry for help

To the Editor,

ALL ALASKANS, A CRY FOR HELP!!!

Do not do to OUR Alaska what has been done to the Lower 48. If you have only recently moved to Alaska (sometime within the last 10 years) you will understand this letter.

There has been so much controversy over the Subsistence Initiative no one really knows what it means.

The only reason there is such a big stink about subsistence is it means big money to some people. They are the ones who started all this "Repeal" business.

After travelling in and out of Bush Alaska all my life, 32 years (was born in Fairbanks), and living in Bush Alaska for the last six years you just do not see someone from out here making \$70,000 a year as articles in the papers say.

Those that make that kind of money are stationed here through the University system or Alascom or something of that caliber. Those types of positions are in only a few Alaska villages, the center village (hub) for many surrounding ones.

You have seen game wiped out in so many states, history has not changed around here since we had history.

Through these *RESOURCE MANAGEMENT* laws we are only *preserving* the *Resource* for *ALL ALASKANS* and our offspring to enjoy for years to come.

If you do not know how Bush Alaskans are, let me give you a clue (this includes non-Natives living amongst Natives).

No one has ever fought or been stingy for land or food. There is enough for everyone. If some family, for whatever reason it may be, does not get to go out for their own meat everyone helps by passing meat around to those families.

It is part of Bush Alaska's first fish of the year, game meat, etc. to bring good luck in hunting, fishing, trapping, etc. "What goes around, comes around."

If you think you hear racial overtones from Native people it is only because of the waste they see when urban hunters come out to hunt.

One of the most delicious and nutritious parts of a moose

is its head for moosehead soup or moosenose soup. It really hurts the people to see so much meat left behind, so much that what is wasted could feed whole villages all winter.

Native respect for game is something natural (religious, if you will) and held very high in their society. Some Native people even eat the hooves off a moose, so you see a moose is eaten literally from head to toe without anything being wasted.

ALASKANS, please think twice before you vote in the November 2, 1982, General Election. Please vote "No" against the repeal and let our Alaska Board of Game and Board of Fish continue to do a good job managing the fish and game resources in this Great Land. **HELP SAVE THE RESOURCE!!!**

Sincerely,

Donna M. Christie
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P.S. The Subsistence Law is only to save what is left of the Resource if it should ever get to that. Personally, can not ever see it getting to that with the good management laws we already see on the books and will continue to be put on the books as necessary.

What is real motive

To the Editor:

I find it hard to believe that the real motive behind the capital move effort is to improve government. I was born and raised in Juneau and first attended a legislative session at the age of three. I know something about "access." All it gives you is a front row seat . . . unless you have power, money and influence.

Pro-movers have yet to make any arguments in favor of radically changing the way the state government operates. Instead, there has been a lot of rhetoric and simplistic reason-

ing about how moving the capital to the center of the state will somehow magically change everything, making bureaucrats responsive and politicians honest.

For almost two centuries our nation's capital has been accessible to the majority of the population, yet to my knowledge no one has ever accused the bureaucrats and politicians in Washington D.C. of being responsive or honest.

No, what I really think is behind this effort is not to

build a centrally located capital city, but rather to centralize the capital resources, the surplus revenues.

This being the case one can be sure, should the November vote favor a move, the last thing we can expect is for the pro-movers to try and build a city for less than \$2.8 billion. At the expense of many, a few shall profit.

Good-bye Permanent Fund Dividend checks. Hello state income tax.

Sincerely,

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