

Letters to the Tundra Times

Do we want more people?

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Do we want more new people in our area? Can we cope with progress? Do their wishes coincide with the wishes of the long time residents?

When new people move in, — unlike residents, who want to have greenery and space and wild animals. These new people want more paved roads, more shopping centers, more communications, more street lights, hospitals, libraries, theaters. They want to be in the country without leaving the city life behind. Soon they're on the boards: school, city election's, Borough, City Planning & Zoning. You name it, they're trying to get it.

The wild fur bearing animals catch of these new people is high. New boats and motors, extra time on their hands, they hunt, Moose Caribou, Bears, Sheep, Goats, and game birds. Name any animal, some of them are interested. What about commercial fishing?

We have the Creeks, the RIVERS, LAKES, our own MOUNTAINS, even the TUNDRA, ingrained in our minds, bodies and souls.

This land is us and if we want to give it away let's do it over-

night, and get it over with! Otherwise, let's attend our Borough meetings, Planning and Zoning meetings, School Board meetings, and Native Village Council meetings.

We must hang on to what we have, **STARTING TODAY!**

This is a fact, and if you doubt that you've just read... Look around your area then consider the effect it's having on you and your family and your loved ones.

Now coming into this picture is O.C.S.

More dangerous to your life style, as far as change goes, than anything else.

Wake up people! Don't let this change take you by surprise!

Thank you,
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Break the law or starve

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Dear Editor:

Hardly wait for your next

paper to come off of the press. Sure miss late Mr. Stickman.

I want to comment on a letter on your Volume XVII No. 40 issue — Unit 13 Look Out.

I wonder how a game board consisting of seven (7) members who are from, Alaska? Why do they make up regulations like the one Hiene Gene talked about? I strongly believe that the majority of Alaskan hunters go out for "meat" our food for the winter. Usually we want to get a "bull" because they are really fat during our hunting season. But if you don't get a moose before he gets into Rut and all tough muscle and no fat you need to get a cow moose. Or have a tough winter! I don't want to break the Law but I don't want to starve today either. I, (like many other hunters) don't carry a spotting scope and measuring tape when I'm hunting moose.

Maybe the local "Advisory Committee" for F & 6 can get some "proposed regulation" changes next year.

Best Wishes,
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