

NOV 18 2016

CLERK'S OFFICE

17, Nov. 2017

William Seward, Haines Borough Manager, Members of the
Haines Borough Assembly and Mayor Jan Hill,

RE: Heli-ski Map Revisions

The expansion of the heli-ski map has the potential to negatively impact wildlife. Until data can be quantified and evaluated, it will be unclear as to what the potential impacts may be.

The ADF&G Advisory committee recommends that decisions regarding expanding the heli-ski map be suspended until ADF&G biologists have an opportunity to complete their preliminary evaluation of occupancy and use by mountain goats, bears and wolverines of the areas in question.

Preliminary results are expected in the spring of 2017. We encourage the manager and assembly to wait until results are presented so that any decision regarding the expansion will minimize impact to wildlife.

Sincerely,



Tim McDonough

Chair

on behalf of the ULCAC