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To: The Board of Directors for the Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee

From: Pam Randles, President, Alaska Chilkoot Bear Foundation

The Alaska Chilkoot Bear Foundation (ACBF) would like to request that the Advisory Committee ask Department of Fish and Game to conduct a population study of bears in Unit 1D.

ACBF is a 501c3 non-profit that seeks to create partnerships to ensure that all elements of the ecosystem exist in harmony for the future. As such we are concerned with wildlife management especially bear management.

In order to effectively manage wildlife, Fish and Game needs to have the most accurate information possible about the wildlife in question. Management without evidence of population density and seasonal patterns leads to unsustainable practices from either under- or over-estimating local bear populations. It is sort of like a bank account. If you don't know how much you have, you can't decide the best way to spend or save.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pam Randles