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Division of Subsistence
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
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To the Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game:

The City of Dillingham would like to acknowledge support for and our participation in the planned comprehensive subsistence harvest surveys scheduled to occur in Dillingham in March and April 2022 to be conducted by staff from the Division of Subsistence, Alaska Department of Fish and Game and staff from the Department of Natural Resources, Bristol Bay Native Association. We acknowledge that funding for this project was provided By the National Science Foundation through the Pursuing Opportunities for Long-Term Arctic Resilience for Infrastructure and Society (POLARIS) project.

We have been informed that the subsistence data collected for study year 2021 will address our subsistence way of life in all its complexity including the harvest, use, and sharing of wild resources, food security, economics, and health impact assessment questions. Researchers have conveyed to us the anonymous nature of the data collection and reporting, and that participation in the survey by any member is completely voluntary.

We have planned for Dillingham residents to participate in the survey. We will be assisting the project staff with identifying residences inhabited year-round, to capture an accurate assessment of subsistence activities, migration trends, and food security in our community.

Finally, we are aware project staff will present the findings of the study for community feedback and to verify the inclusion of any community concerns for the final report. The Division of Subsistence will send a complete final report for our records and short summary reports for all community households involved in the study at the end of the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lynch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" being more prominent than the last name "Lynch".

Mark Lynch
Interim City Manager
Dillingham, Alaska