



December 18, 2023

Dear Legislators of the 33rd Alaska Legislature,

The Petersburg Borough Assembly supports House Bill 201, sponsored by Representatives Himschoot and Hannan, which will change the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges to align with the requirements to receive a Permanent Fund Dividend (AS 43.23).

Passage of HB 201 will benefit all Alaskans by:

- 1) limiting the amount of time and reasons one can be absent from the state and still qualify for a resident license;
- 2) making residency requirements easier to enforce; and
- 3) protecting subsistence resources for year-round Alaska residents.

The statute changes proposed in HB 201 will ensure that Alaskans who qualify for a resident hunting, trapping, or sport fishing license are in fact year-round residents of Alaska who deserve the increased bag limits that are the privilege of state residents.

We urge the 33rd Legislature to pass HB 201 into Alaska law.

Respectfully,

Mark Jensen
Mayor