Stories

From
On The Land

Indigenous Food Sovereignty & Security Values

- Our culture is intrinsically linked to food security and sovereignty
- Our calendar and work schedule follows seasons versus workweeks
- Harvesting and preparing food must be part of everyday life

- We are relatives of plants, animals, land, air and water
- Sense of empathy and kinship with other life forms
- We honor those relationships with ceremony

- We only take what is needed to survive to ensure sustainability
- Zero waste – every part of animal or plant is used
- State and Federal policies do not align with our values
Cow Hunts & Alaska Board of Game

Availability:
- Hunting pressure decreases number of easily accessible moose
- Cow hunts jeopardize future availability

Indigenous Culture:
- Cow hunts are against tradition – only taken for survival or ceremony
- Waste is the worst form of disrespect

Decision-Making Power:
- BOG does not equally weigh public testimony, especially Indigenous Knowledge, with Western science
- BOG demographics is not reflective of our interests
Cow Hunts & Alaska Board of Game

Accessibility
- Regulations do not feed locals
- Too many permits still given to outside hunters

Stability
- BOG has too much influence in decision-making
- Cow hunt can affect future moose population

Health & Wellness
- Fish and wildlife need to feel safe
- Health of land directly affects animal and human health
- Mental and physical health of hunters and those they feed

Health & Wellness
- Fish and wildlife need to feel safe
- Health of land directly affects animal and human health
- Mental and physical health of hunters and those they feed
Questions

- How do we train scientists to think like we do?
- How do we inform researchers in order to develop a holistic, cyclical framework for observing?
- How do we equally weigh Indigenous Knowledge with Western Science?
- How do we begin observing to protect the health and safety of lands, waters, animals and humans?
- How do we communicate urgency for protection of our natural resources?
- How do we change regulations to prioritize feeding ourselves first?
Enaa Basee
Questions
Eva Burk
edburk@alaska.edu
907-322-7467