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Comments: Good morning-

I appreciate your returning my phone call yesterday to detail somewhat the plan for this reality show. Knowing how many people are involved and for how long is important.

I am opposed to permitting this project in this place in this time frame. As you may or may not know, this area is an important subsistence area for folks in the Petersburg Borough. The west side of Duncan is well used by locals during this time of year for moose, deer, and waterfowl hunting. The deer season in this area runs from August 1 through November, and there is a two buck limit. This allows residents that may be limited by time and transport to harvest a second buck, as the areas located closer to town only allow 1.

You mentioned that each "team" from the show would be given a bow and 8 arrows for their survival quest. I'm concerned that contestants may not be proficient with a bow, and state law requires that bow hunters for big game must be certified. This could result in wounded animals.

While the area is controversial, the time of year is as well. This is a time frame where locals are filling their freezers. I expect there are more than a few residents opposed to this permitting, and I expect you would get this if Zarembo Island, Thomas Bay, Salmon Bay, or any other area you can think of were proposed. The controversy would be minimized if the time frame were later, or even prior to August 1. I do understand that this could have a small economic impact to some businesses in town. Those impacts would still be realized no matter what calendar date were utilized. The impacts to subsistence for the proposed dates would be a definite loss for locals. It makes sense to schedule this for a time that would minimize those negative impacts and still allow for positive economic impacts. The other alternative would be to permit another area farther from local settlements that isn't a well used subsistence area.

Again, please note my opposition to permitting this proposed activity. I appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Thanks,

Max Worhatch