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Comments: I support this critical policy change.

My family has had a cabin up Berners Bay for a couple of generations. My grandfather and dad built the cabin, and it has been an integral piece of property in maintaining our Alaskan subsistence way of life. The bulk of our salmon and moose meat have come from this land, and the use of their cabin made this possible. With the sudden passing of my dad and passing of my grandparents, my family was allowed just one transfer. The rules made it difficult as it could only be transferred once to someone born before 1980, which would be our aunt. However, she isn't in the best health.

My sister and her husband use this cabin when they gather salmon and berries, keeping the Alaskan traditional way of life in whatever ways they still can, just like my dad and grandfather did before them. Having the cabin is critical for this as weather is unpredictable. However, under the current policy if our aunt passes, the cabin must be removed at our own personal expense. This does not support younger generations maintaining a traditional way of living off the land as part of our Alaskan Tlingit culture. My family would not have a way of gathering the meat and berries we currently have access to with using this cabin.

Please pass this policy so my family, as well as other Alaskans, can keep this traditional way of life alive and pass it down to our younger generations.