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Subject: Subsistence Harvest Survey Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Gustavus supports the harvest survey program. The harvest monitoring and documenting subsistence harvest patterns in Southeast Alaska communities project is an invaluable method to respond to a funding opportunity from the Office of Subsistence Management Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program. These comprehensive surveys in Gustavus, Tenakee Springs, Elfin Cove, and Pelican will document importance of wild resources to people in these communities.

As I understand the project, the scope would use survey samples of about 40% of Gustavus households, they're all voluntary, confidential, and anonymous. The surveys would focus on all wild foods – salmon and other fish, game animals, birds, shellfish, plants, and berries, etc. Including gardens and livestock, because of their importance to some household's food security, would be a beneficial addition.

I am pleased to provide this Letter of Support for this project. Please don't hesitate to contact me or the City Administrator if there is more we can do to assist this very important effort.

Sincerely,

Brittney Cannamore, Mayor