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Dear Alaska Board of Game Members,

We at AFC understand the comment period for proposed changes to falconry regulations has passed, but recognize the need to defend the standing of our organization in response to the comments made by the representative of the Alaska Falconers' Association. While as noted in our letter to Mr. Tilton (attached), we appreciate any organization taking the time to provide factual comments intended to assist Board Members to base decisions in updating regulations; however, in this case we take exception to the inflammatory and slanderous comments directed toward founding members of our organization. The statements made were clearly an effort to discredit our organization and are simply untrue. We should also add, we do in fact have a resident Alaskan as a member, he is an active falconer and in total support of our positions on non-resident take of raptors. He also wishes to remain anonymous. There are other Alaska falconers who support us in our efforts to open Alaska to non-resident falconers, but many of them have expressed their desire to remain anonymous and will not join our association due to the exposure of being vehemently ostracized by certain individuals in the Alaska Falconers' Association.

Thank you for your time.

Bill Meeker

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