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Dear Boardmembers:

At the November 8, 2005 Board of Agriculture and Conservation (BAC) meeting the Board voted to proceed with the disposal process for Mount McKinley Meat and Sausage (MMM&S). The Board also directed the Division to proceed with the disposal and closure of MMM&S, to evaluate the options and to educate the industry about alternatives to closing MMM&S.

Attached you will find the information the Division has assembled in response to the BAC's request. We hope this information will assist you in answering questions you receive and will help the industry plan for the future.

Closing MMM&S will be a step in transitioning the industry into a private business model which will be able to handle the needs of tomorrow. We feel the options outlined in response to the closure of MMM&S are realistic and long term they will enable the meat industry in Alaska and in the Mat Su region to sustain itself. These alternatives will require hard work by the industry, support from the BAC, and the Division.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 761-3867 or email me at Larry_DeVilbiss@dnr.state.ak.us

Sincerely,



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Director

Cc: Frank H. Murkowski, Governor
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Attachments:
MMM&S Background Paper
Alternatives to MMM&S

"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."