

## **Department of Natural Resources**

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RE: Mt. McKinley Meat & Sausage Plant Survey Results

The Division of Agriculture, at the request of the Board of Agriculture & Conservation (BAC), developed a survey to assess the interest in transitioning the Mt. McKinley Meat & Sausage plant from state ownership to the private sector. The three surveys conducted (below) were open to the public for a 15 day period and closed on May 30, 2014. Thank you to those that took the time to participate in the surveys. The survey results are listed below:

- Red Meat Industry http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/MMMS/INDUSTSURVEY.pdf
- Red Meat Processing Plants <a href="http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/MMMS/PROCSURVEY.pdf">http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/MMMS/PROCSURVEY.pdf</a>
- Chef & Restaurant http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/MMMS/CHEFSURVEY.pdf

The public is invited to provide oral comments on options for the plant's future during the public comment session of the BAC meeting, which will be held from 1-2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2 in the conference room of the Division of Agriculture's Palmer office. Comments during the meeting will be limited to three minutes per person. Written comments may be submitted in place of oral comments but must be received no later than July 2 at 12:00 pm and should be addressed to the Board of Agriculture and Conservation, C/O Director Franci Havemeister, at 1800 Glenn Highway Suite 12 Palmer, Alaska 99645-6736, via fax at 907-745-7112 or by e-mail to me Franci Havemeister@alaska.gov.

To participate remotely in the July 2 board meeting, call the toll free number 1-800-315-6338 and enter the pass code 12211# at the prompt. Comments during the meeting will be limited to three minutes per person. For special accommodations due to audio or visual impairment, contact the Division of Agriculture at 761-3851. A TDD line for this meeting is available at 907-269-8411.

Sincerely,

Franci Havemeister Director