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Aang (Greetings):

Thanks for the opportunity to meet with you and Juan Leon Guerrero regarding the proposed changes to the current harvest regulations. I am looking forward to having our changes in place as quickly as possible.

I have thought about your request to break out our proposed regulation changes incrementally, starting with the ability to harvest young of the year first. I am going to agree with this hesitantly, I fear that the rest of our traditional harvest requests with fall to the wayside. I sincerely hope my fears are not realized and we continue to work to implement regulations that fit our community's needs and harvest patterns.

I understand changing federal regulations is a tedious and time consuming process, however I would like to request that I be provided a timeframe on when the draft notice of receipt of petition for rule making will be available for our review and it will appear in the Federal Register. I look forward to working with you on this process and being kept informed on its progress.

So with this letter I am authorizing the pursuit of our requested regulation changes to be done incrementally, starting with young of the year harvests first. From there I would like to see us moving ahead with fall harvests and hunting of young of the year and sub-adults per our submitted regulation change request.

Qa}aalaku{... Thanks,

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