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Central  
Delta Junction  
Eagle  
Fairbanks  
GASH  
Koyukuk River  
Lake Minchumina  
McGrath

Middle Nenana RIVER  
Middle Yukon River  
Minto-Nenana  
Ruby  
Stony Holitna  
Tanana-Rampart-Manley  
Upper Tanana Fortymile  
Yukon Flats

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October 20, 2020

To: Shannon Miller  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
shannon.miller@alaska.gov

Re: New proposed regulations governing importation of domestic sheep and goats under 18 AAC 36

Dear Ms. Miller,

The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee voted unanimously at its October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting to support the DEC proposed regulation changes and amendments to 18 AAC 36 as written:

<https://dec.alaska.gov/media/21093/18-aac-36-animal-health-regulations.pdf>

This is a much-needed start to protect wild caprinae species from diseases such as *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (Movi) that can be transmitted from domestic to wild stock. While the committee understands the proposed regulations are not perfect from every perspective, they are a step in right direction.

Sincerely,



Kirk Schwalm