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## **Statement re: Dunleavy Administration, North Slope Borough Sign Fish and Wildlife MOU**

Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat (VOICE) applauds the State of Alaska, North Slope Borough and Alaska Department of Fish and Game in their Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to advance cooperation on issues related to fish, wildlife, and their uses. VOICE has worked diligently with the Borough and Governor Dunleavy's office to ensure local input on management issues, and has always held that decisions affecting the region should involve those who live here and stand to be most impacted.

"This MOU is an excellent example of agencies working together to ensure the sustainability of our economic and subsistence resources. The North Slope has and continues to live with the consequences of unilateral, heavy-handed decisions made in Washington, DC. It's crucial that we work together and fight for a seat at the table before important decisions affecting our communities, and our state, are made," said VOICE president Sayers Tuzoyluk Sr.

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### **About Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat**

*Voice of the Arctic Iñupiat (VOICE) is a 501(c)4 nonprofit organization established to provide direct input from the people of the North Slope in matters of Arctic policy. VOICE's membership includes 24 entities from across the North Slope including tribal councils, municipal governments, Alaska Native corporations, Alaska village corporations, educational institutions and other regional entities.*