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Please reject all of the above proposals.

The factually challenged so called Cooper Landing Safe Trails Committee has worn out it's welcome.

They recently manipulated the Cooper Landing Fish and Game Advisory Committee composition and election process in an attempt to load the AC with anti trapping supporters. This after filing multiple legal complaints against the AC which the state promptly dismissed. One of the more laughable complaints was that a member who has served 20 years on the AC was somehow in the wrong because surely that member must have deprived an anti trapper from being on the committee.... .

Despite, or more likely because of, their rabid efforts they managed to lose sympathetic seats to active subsistence users in the last election. Therefore claims that 90% of Cooper Landing residents back their anti subsistence positions do not hold up.

At one town meeting, Senator Sullivan's office suggested, to many heads nodding in agreement, that the constant anti trapping complaints coming from "Safe Trails" may cause Cooper Landing's subsistence status to be questioned. This after "Safe Trails" first crashed, then hijacked the meeting which was meant to focus on emergency ambulance and fire services. Many eyes rolled and attendees departed as the same tired refrain of doom and gloom was once again recited.

During the last AC election, "Safe Trails" nonprofit status became a topic of discussion. Their response, to paraphrase, 'we take money, just like PayPal.' So finally we can understand why, after 10 years of no local trapping conflict that I'm aware of, they persist in beating the doom and gloom drum that trapping is an ever growing problem and concern: Cash flow.

I could go on but I will close with "Safe Trails" mission to eliminate local subsistence activities is unwelcome.

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