Greetings!

Many thanks for your most welcomed e-mail and call.

We appreciate you asking the Koasek for our thoughts on the H.716 bill.

We didn't have to much time, to really research the bill. How much revenue will be lost? How many licenses will be issued? We believe it is a great bill, except will it affect any of the other programs that the Fish & Game sponsor now. Such as the conservation camps, fishing derby's, and the hunter safety courses. These, are just a few great programs that the Fish and Game, have every year.

Also, the bill doesn't say anything about a citizen of a tribe, that is not a Vermont resident.

Our tribe is proud of who we are. We believe in protecting the wildlife of the State of Vermont, and our people.

There is one more question, we have for you. When something comes up, that involves the four Abenaki Tribes, at the state house, is there a contact person, that will contact all four tribes, to let us know. All the chiefs should be notified, because a lot of times we are not. Because one Chief, is not a spokesperson for all of the Tribes.

Best regards,

Chief Shirly Hook Chief Colin Wood

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