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EXHIBIT 10
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HB 63

Dear Committee Members,

We have several people in our county who trap or are otherwise involved in the fur business. As such, we have concerns with HB 63.

This bill appears to address fur dealers, but in reality will affect all trappers and predator hunters.

In particular we are concerned with:

Section 2 – Part 1: Dealers log book is an accepted and understood term. Changing “book” to “records” actually makes the law vague.

Part 1(b) How specific must the location be described?

Section 2 – Part 2: Existing law specifies “book”, a specific item. The change to “complete records of the dealer” is too open ended.

Section 5 : This section seems to preclude due process. The agency makes the charges, hears the case, and issues the decision.

We are opposed to HB 63.

Sincerely,

Petroleum County Commissioners

[Handwritten signatures of Petroleum County Commissioners]