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Food Security and Independence Task Force Releases Report for Public Comment

Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 (ANCHORAGE) – Today, the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) announced the start of a public comment period for the [Food Security and Independence Task Force](#) Report draft.

“Alaska is at the end of the supply chain, and as we saw with COVID, our supply chains are easily disrupted, creating a major problem for our people,” said **Governor Mike Dunleavy**. “My goal with the creation of this task force is to identify where and how we can improve and stabilize our means of food production and wild food harvests here in Alaska.”

This task force was established with [Administrative Order 334](#) with the goal to deliver a report that addresses the many challenges facing Alaska’s food systems to the Governor. This draft report addresses directives directly from AO 334 as well as identifies areas where further research is needed.

“This process has been filled with robust discussions surrounding the challenges we face in Alaska concerning food security and production,” said **DCCED Commissioner, Julie Sande**. “I am honored to participate in this task force and urge the public to contribute during the public comment period. This report will only be made stronger from the input we receive from the people that are directly impacted by food insecurity.”

The public comment period will close on Monday, October 31, 2022. After incorporating public comments, the final Food Security and Independence Task Force Report will then be published. To review the draft report and submit a comment, visit the Food Security and Independence Task Force website here: www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/FoodSecurityTaskForce.aspx

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