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To: Jerome@alaskastatefair.org

Subject: #39 Addition to Board Packet

Dear Chairman Klein and members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board,

The Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce supports renewing the Alaska State Fair's Recreational Site License. The Alaska State Fair is one of the State's largest recreational sites. The Alaska State Fair and many of the interim events held onsite at the fairgrounds and during the Fair are recreational events, thus qualify the Fair for a Recreational Site License. Having a beer or glass of wine at the Fair or at an event on the Fairgrounds, is an important part of the experience.

To deny the Fair's ability to serve alcohol during the Fair and at interim events, is an overly strict interpretation of statute. Denial of license should not be based on legislation that hasn't occurred. This denial would be disruptive to a local, non-profit organization who contributes significantly to our regional economy and contributes over \$23 million dollars to the State and many local businesses and organizations.

Our mission at the Palmer Chamber is to provide leadership that fosters growth and prosperity by ensuring the Greater Palmer area is the best place to operate and grow a business, as well as the most desirable place to live, work, play and visit. Now is not the time to implement an overly restrictive policy that will hurt our communities and economy. We urge you to renew the Fair's Recreational Site License immediately.

Respectfully,

Ailis Vann, President
Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce