

Petition on trapping and bear baiting

regulations

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To be delivered to: The Alaska State House, The Alaska State Senate, and Governor Sean Parnell

PETITION STATEMENT

Demand Alaska legislative attention to the growing safety concerns of unregulated trapping and bear-baiting in residential areas and on multiple use public lands.

Petition Background

The lack of adequate response from BOG-FAG concerning trapping and bear baiting issues on residential and multiple use public lands is a safety issue for all users. There is possibly a legal issue as well since trapping limits the safe use of public lands to a single use by minority users.

There are currently 473 signatures:

Previous petition signers

#542 Katy Boehm Mar 16, 2013 Cordova, AK

#541 Dune Lankard Mar 16, 2013 Cordova, AK

Please ban unregulated trapping and bear baiting in rural communities and multiple use public lands! Thank you

#540 Mark Steen Mar 16, 2013 Cordova, AK

Leave the bears alone.

#539 sarah filley Mar 16, 2013 boulder, CO

#538 Carol Hoover Mar 16, 2013 Cordova, AK

#537 Kathryn amerell Mar 16, 2013 valdez, AK

#536 Heather Craven Mar 16, 2013 Greeley, CO

#535 Mitch Doll Mar 15, 2013 Chambersburg, PA
 #534 Adrie Setten Mar 15, 2013 ANCHORAGE, AK
 #533 John Primeau Mar 15, 2013 Mentor, OH
 #532 Karen Stewart Mar 15, 2013 Valdez, AK

Please stop bear baiting in Valdez city limits. It is a safety issue and a concern to all that use residential areas for recreation.

#531 phillip plunkett Mar 15, 2013 valdez, AK
 #530 Karen Ouellette Mar 15, 2013 Valdez, AK
 #529 Ashley Mar 15, 2013 Marquette, MI
 #528 Paul Nund Mar 15, 2013 Valdez, AK
 #527 Merreley Wisner Mar 15, 2013 Valdez, AK
 #526 Derek Galbraith Mar 15, 2013 valdez, AK
 #525 Denise LOpez Mar 15, 2013 McCarthy, AK
 #524 Emerald Burrill Mar 15, 2013 Cooper Landing, AK
 #523 Stephanie Suttan Mar 15, 2013 Burlington, WA

I've worked as a cook in the backcountry of Alaska for three years, and the practice of bear-baiting is a serious concern for me. I have had personal experience with the dangers that these practices present.

#522 Hope VanDerMeulen Mar 15, 2013 Valdez, AK

Bear baiting is a danger to hikers and campers and dogs. You are introducing human food to bears, and they don't have to be that far from roads, trails or developments. If your going to hunt bears hunt them, don't feed them then shoot um. It's a sport now not a necessity.

#521 Allyson Fitzgerald Mar 15, 2013 Galveston, TX

#520 Joseph Danaher Mar 15, 2013 Lyme, NH

#519 Jesse Agee Mar 15, 2013 Anchorage, AK
 #518 Suzie Hanlan Mar 15, 2013 Anchorage, AK
 #517 Sophie Littee Mar 15, 2013 Anchorage, AK
 #516 renee ernster Mar 14, 2013 valdez, AK
 #515 leigh lubin Mar 14, 2013 Valdez, AK

Trapping and bear baiting within one mile of homes and multi-use trails and roads is irresponsible management that invites conflict.

#514 Kevin Minto Mar 14, 2013 Cooper Landing, AK
 #513 Wayde Carroll Mar 14, 2013 Anchorage, AK
 #512 tami redden Mar 14, 2013 anaheim, CA
 #511 cody grout Mar 14, 2013 Cooper Landing, AK
 #510 Andrea Onstad Mar 14, 2013 Willits, CA
 #509 DORIS WARD Mar 14, 2013 Bridgewater, Australia
 #508 carol carraluro Mar 14, 2013 warwick, RI
 #507 Lisa Moore Mar 14, 2013 Cedar Park, TX

Leave the wildlife alone, they will regulate their numbers on their own !!!!

#506 Daria VanLeuven Mar 14, 2013 Imbler, OR
 #505 Kim Layton Mar 14, 2013 Cooper Landing, AK
 #504 Mareth Griffith Mar 14, 2013 Seward, AK
 #503 Brendan Wells Mar 14, 2013 Trout Lake, WA
 #502 Chad Mar 14, 2013 Cooper Landing, AK

This is a safety issue for us on the Kenai peninsula.

#501 Todd Wells Mar 14, 2013 Trout Lake, WA

As a guide and summer resident of the Kenai Peninsula, I would like for bear baiting stations to be kept safely away from popular trails and roads.

#500 Kathryn ladig Mar 14, 2013 Girdwood, AK
 #499 Brooke Edwards Mar 14, 2013 Girdwood, AK

I am Operations Manager of Alaska Wildland Adventures. We own and operate three wilderness lodges on the Kenai Peninsula...two of which have encountered safety issues with bear baiting while hiking with our clients. Bear baiting near publicly used trails endangers everyone! Please stop this practice! Thank you, Brooke

#498 Kimberly Harvey Mar 14, 2013 Salem, OR
 #497 Bill Black Mar 14, 2013 Cordova, AK
 #496 ReAnn Johnson Mar 14, 2013 Eagle River, AK

Please consider the danger to citizens and pets when these activities go unregulated

#495 Jane Gray Mar 14, 2013 Anchorage, AK
 #494 cynthia merchant Mar 14, 2013 keene, NH
 #493 Meg Oceanna Mar 14, 2013 Greenwich, NY
 #492 ROUSSELLE JC Mar 14, 2013 SERAING, Belgium

necessary

#491 Sága Darth-Elsila Mar 14, 2013 Oulu, Finland
 #490 Pete Wing Mar 14, 2013 Haines, AK

of these areas. Hunters and trappers are not the main users of these areas, others are and they need to be protected from hunters and traps.

#452 Cynthia Hendel+RN+MPH Feb 13, 2013 Chugiak, AK

#451 Lori Wleklinski Feb 13, 2013 Chicago, IL

#450 Janet Havens Feb 13, 2013 Matteson, IL

#449 Betty Dean Feb 13, 2013 Sterling, AK

#448 Gerald Brookman Feb 13, 2013 Kenai, AK

#447 John Toppenberg Feb 13, 2013 Sterling, AK

Wildlife regulations should serve the interests of all Alaskans, not just a small subgroup - per the Alaska State Constitution!

#446 Mary Cahill Feb 13, 2013 Eagle River, AK

What happened to the sportsmen in this country?

#445 Suzette Mailloux Feb 12, 2013 Fairbanks, AK

#444 Susan Hansen Feb 12, 2013 Fairbanks, AK

Amen! Trapping along or near trails used by children, parents, and other recreational users and their pets is hazardous and sometimes deadly!

#443 Carol Jensen Feb 12, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#442 Tyler Strode Feb 12, 2013 Big Lake, AK
I don't think trapping is good any where. I don't really think it is safe for people or humane for animals.

#441 Richard and Julianne Folta Feb 12, 2013 Haines, AK

#440 Roberta Highland Feb 11, 2013 Homer, AK

#439 Christina Franco Feb 11, 2013 Fontana, CA #438 Carol Hernley Feb 11, 2013 Cordova, AK

#437 Annette Varela Feb 11, 2013 Edmonds, WA

#436 Cindy Birkhimer Feb 11, 2013 Homer, AK

#435 Laurie Daniel Feb 11, 2013 Homer, AK

#434 Dixie Belcher Feb 11, 2013 Juneau, AK

#433 Lavonne Dryden Feb 11, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#432 Steve Waldron Feb 10, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#431 Ronald T Stanek Feb 10, 2013 Anchorage, AK
Bear baiting and snaring on public lands and anywhere in AK is misguided, unjustified, unscientific, and causing more problems than before it started. Bears are learning to come to the bait humans leave in places not normally found by bears and now has become a safety hazard to hunters, hikers, and other people in the area of the bait stations. This all started in a very corrupt baseless manner by at least one corrupt person (Cori Rossi) and other like-minded outsiders.

#430 Katie Turner Feb 10, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#429 Tim Lydon Feb 10, 2013 Girdwood, AK

#428 Michele Charvet Feb 10, 2013 Seattle, WA

#427 Lavonne Hendricks Feb 10, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#426 Ken Maurice Feb 10, 2013 Caernarfon, AK

#425 Michelle Duerre Feb 10, 2013 Seattle, WA

#424 Jen-Ann Kirchmeier Feb 10, 2013 Cordova, AK
The practice of "bear baiting" is disgusting and should be banned... bears need more protections from unethical hunters (such as "gall bladder bear hunters" and idiots hunting to hang a head on their den walls....

#423 Janet Colon Feb 10, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#422 Diana Stone Livingston Feb 10, 2013 Girdwood, AK

#421 Kate Gerlek Feb 9, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#420 Janet Rader Feb 9, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#419 Derek Stonorov Feb 9, 2013 Fritz Creek, AK

#418 Jill Follett Feb 9, 2013 ANCHORAGE, AK

#417 Marjorie J. Carter Feb 9, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#416 Tom Collopy Feb 9, 2013 Homer, AK
to quote the great sportsman Jesse Ventura, "baiting ain't hunt, it's assassination"

#415 Dave Bachrach Feb 9, 2013 Homer, AK

#414 Molly Mulvaney Feb 9, 2013 Cordova, AK

#413 Eric Opland Feb 9, 2013 Anchorage, AK

I am not against all trapping but I do believe that with the amount of other users in our near to the road system wildlands that trapping should be outlawed to any use within 10 miles of any road way and yes I am one of those who's dog was caught in a trap but fortunately her shock collar saved her life.

#412 Dick Hoskins Feb 9, 2013 Anchorage, AK

Bear baiting is also inconsistent with hunting sportsmanship. What kind of character does a person have who will not face game on at least somewhat equal grounds but has to trick a bear into a snare and then essentially shoot it

in the back.

#411 Kathryn Thomas Feb 9, 2013 Anchorage, AK

1) Bear baiting is inconsistent with the statewide ban on feeding bears. It endangers everyone because it teaches bears to associate humans and food. It is not fair chase. 2) Trapping should be restricted to areas with little or no recreational traffic, i.e. far from expanding suburbia. Traps should be labeled with owner's names so we know who to contact when we see live animals starving to death, or dying of exposure, in leg-hold traps and snares. Lines should be checked frequently or not set in the first place. Again, fair chase principles, human safety, and personal responsibility ought to be the law for all.

#410 william dotson Feb 9, 2013 anchorage, AK

#409 Rita Godbee Feb 9, 2013 Willow, AK

#408 Leslie Law Feb 9, 2013 Juneau, AK

This is unethical in ALL aspects even for "hunters". It's actually embarrassing that Alaskans are even considering this...the so called rugged outdoorsman and "last frontier" entering into cowardly hunting techniques.

#407 Nancy D. Williams Feb 9, 2013 Fairbanks., AK

#406 Zara Ivanova Feb 9, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#405 Art Greenwalt Feb 9, 2013 Fairbanks, AK

#404 Wanda J Culp Feb 9, 2013 Hoonah, AK

#403 Laura Strand Feb 9, 2013 Anchorage., AK
Please stop this inhumane trapping and bear baiting!!!

#402B. Paul Feb 9, 2013 Cincinnati, OH
Find a more humane way of discouraging bears

#401 Cook Inletkeeper Feb 9, 2013 Port Graham, AK

#400 Pat Wagner Feb 9, 2013 Fairbanks, AK #399 Karen Wells Feb 9, 2013 Juneau, AK

#398 Kathi Wineman Feb 8, 2013 Juneau, AK

#397 Thomas V. McGuire Feb 8, 2013 Haines, AK

#396 Shirley Fraser Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#395 Jai Crapella Feb 8, 2013 Douglas, AK

#394 Lynn Dreiling Feb 8, 2013 Lawrence, KS

#393 Christina Zafren Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

I can think of no reason that baiting bears is a good idea for public safety or a sporting way to hunt.

#392 Linda Buckley Feb 8, 2013 Juneau, AK

#391 Stephanie Jaeger Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#390 Brandon Meston Feb 8, 2013 North Pole, AK

#389 Arlene Lidbergh-Jasper Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#388 Annie Passarello Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#387 Nancy Simpson Feb 8, 2013 Juneau, AK

#386 Stephanie Ferry Feb 8, 2013 Cooper Landing, AK

#385 Clint Hlebechuk Feb 8, 2013 Homer, AK

It is ludicrous to allow trapping in residential areas and public multiple-use areas.

#384 Laurie Fireman Feb 8, 2013 Galloway, OH

#383 Susan Baxter Feb 8, 2013 Homer, AK

We are in a new era, change the rules!

#382 Timothy R. Evers Feb 8, 2013 Niniichik, AK

unregulated trapping has killed two of my dogs and unregulated bear baiting is bringing bears into our small town. Soon some human will loose their life, this has to stop!

#381 Nicole Wells Feb 8, 2013 Tok, AK

#380 Andres R. Antuna Feb 8, 2013 Rockville, MD

#379 donna slocum Feb 8, 2013 Willow, AK

#378 Victoria mathew Feb 8, 2013 Ft. Wainwright, AK

#377 Linda Moffitt Feb 8, 2013 United States

#376 Wade Ellett Feb 8, 2013 Las Vegas, NV

#375 sharon Kelly Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#374 Angela Irvin Feb 8, 2013 Eagle River, AK

#373 Vincent Hayden Feb 8, 2013 Juneau, AK

Humans mess with the environment and there are negative consequences.

Humans tend to be selfish and self centered even when dealing with humans!
Maybe it's time to be a little more kind to the planet.

#372 Ellen Wolf Feb 8, 2013 Talkeetna, AK
#371 Sharon Lowe Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK
#370 dan schultz Feb 8, 2013 Haines, AK
#369 Lesli Ruiz Feb 8, 2013 North Pole, AK
#368 Captain James Vermillion Feb 8, 2013 Chugiak, AK
#367 Nancy DeBusman Feb 8, 2013 Copperopolis, CA

As a former long time resident of Alaska and hopefully returning in the next few years, I am and always have been opposed to bear baiting. To continue this activity and trapping close to any populated area is a crime! Do your jobs and protect your citizens.

#366 Victoria Hand Feb 8, 2013 Santa Rosa, CA
#365 Duncan Wanamaker Feb 8, 2013 Homer, AK
#364 Jenny Feb 8, 2013 soldotna, AK

#363 Anna M Olivo Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#362 Jane DiCosimo Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#361 Allen Tigert Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#360 jenness ellett-burns Feb 8, 2013 sutton, AK
my neighbor's dog lost a leg to a trap close to our residential area and the same day my dog went missing and has never been found. Traps have NO business being placed near residential areas!

#359 Ken Zafren Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#358 Phil Bma Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK
I have seen a friend's dog trapped and I have seen my dog miss a trap and these are in areas heavily frequented by hikers.

#357 Gail French Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#356 Tina Buxbaum Feb 8, 2013 Fairbanks, AK
This has always scared me while walking my dog on trails in and near town. Trapping is great, but do it a bit further out

#355 Matt Romens Feb 8, 2013 Cordova, AK

#354 Rebecca Bailey Feb 8, 2013 Sherman Oaks, CA

#353 Kimberly Bailey Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#352 Lon Mesloh Feb 8, 2013 Willow, AK

#351 Nina Faust Feb 8, 2013 Homer, AK
Please make it illegal to place traps of any kind within a 1/2 of any public use trail. This is a public safety issue.

#350 Laurie Hueffer Feb 8, 2013 Fairbanks, AK
While not opposed to trapping in a land where fur is needed for its function and not just its beauty, I disagree with the lack of effort and consideration that results in trapping in unsafe locations.

#349 Deborah Williams Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#348 Mason Bryant Feb 8, 2013 Douglas, AK

#347 Roxy A McDonagh Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#346 La Toya Feb 8, 2013 fairbanks, AK
the great thing about Alaska is that we solve our own issues without outside intervention. i'm sure with considerable conversations and brainstorming a resolve can be found, if it's an issue with one Alaskan it's an issue for the entire state. regulate now

#345 Rob Clingan Feb 8, 2013 Elim, AK

#344 Kenneth Higgins Feb 8, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#343 Kristin Timm Feb 8, 2013 Fairbanks, AK
I do not have a problem with trapping. I appreciate that some people enjoy this as a recreational activity and livelihood. For the most part, everyone on the multiuse trails in Fairbanks are very respectful of one another. Putting very large traps in high use areas close to town is not respectful of other users, and should be stopped. There is a lot of land, and there are a lot of trails out there with less family and pet use. Near and in town trails are not for trapping.

#342 Erik Kokborg Feb 8, 2013 Cordova, AK

#341 Linda Nicklin Feb 8, 2013 Juneau, AK

#340 Jacob Timm Feb 8, 2013 Fairbanks, AK

#339 Bruno Bryner Feb 8, 2013 Willow, AK

#338 James Swift Feb 8, 2013 Sitka, AK

#337 Iooimans Feb 8, 2013 Achel, AK

#336 Charlotte Sartor Feb 7, 2013 Palmer, AK
Trapping should only be allowed well off of recreational trails, only in areas that do not have heavy recreation use, and not in residential areas near homes. Trappers need to be required to check their traps regularly

#335 Carol Hedlin Feb 7, 2013 Juneau, AK

#334 Carol Montgomery Feb 7, 2013 Palmer, AK

#333 Sandra Adams Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK
trapping and bear-baiting should not be allowed in residential areas and on multiple use public lands.

#332 Marsha Odell Feb 7, 2013 Bothell, WA

#331 Iron west Feb 7, 2013 anchorage, AK
trapping should be ended in state parks and recreation areas

#330 Nancy Tankersley Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#329 Joyce Kelly Feb 7, 2013 Palmer, AK

#328 Gerald A. Sanger Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

I have no problem with fair-chase hunting -- real hunting. Bear baiting is not that, and should be illegal in AK. The Gov and legislature need to wake up and start honoring the fact that wildlife belongs to all citizens by appointing BOG members who represent all Alaskans, and not just hunters and trappers. As it now exists, the BOG is a dictatorship.

#327 Maureen Nolan Feb 7, 2013 Kotzebue, AK

#326 Ken Widmer Feb 7, 2013 Wasilla, AK

#325 John Wenger Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#324 J E McGill Feb 7, 2013 Fairbanks, AK

#323 dogan ozkan Feb 7, 2013 Fairbanks, AK

#322 Gary Holthaus Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#321 Susan Schrader Feb 7, 2013 Douglas, AK

#320 Pat Erickson Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#319 Jan Konigsberg Feb 7, 2013 ANCHORAGE, AK

#318 Andrea Lang Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#317 George and Emily Beck Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#316 Naomi Bowen Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#315 Nancy Moore Feb 7, 2013 Palmer, AK

I do not understand why the Board of Game is so unresponsive to the obvious need to protect our residents and limit trapping and hunting next to residential areas. It is irresponsible to refuse to solve this problem.

#314 Jeanne. Schaaf Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#313 Dean Rand Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

I've come upon numerous bear baiting stations in the past 15 years while I guide groups on wilderness hikes as a commercially permitted guide. These baiting areas are dangerous to the safety of my clients and myself, they should be outlawed.

#312 Dennis R Kogl Feb 7, 2013 Denali Park, AK

As a dog team driver, I had a dog that slipped his collar, get killed by a

trapper. The dog, as a commodity, had a significant value other than for the life of the dog. It's time to make trappers go out and actually trap. This is foolish to have recreational trapping!!

#311 Nancy Bird Feb 7, 2013 Cordova, AK

#310 Gene Kulawik Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#309 C Haskell Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#308 Marion B Townsend Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#307 Isaac Vanderburg Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK

#306 jim clark Feb 7, 2013 Kasilof, AK

#305 Nicole Misarti Feb 7, 2013 Fairbanks, AK

#304 stan fischer Feb 7, 2013 Anchorage, AK