

To the board of game,

I oppose bear snaring (support proposal 105)

Once more we the citizens of Alaska are asking you to stop the horrific, inhumane and cruel practice of bear snaring.

Bear snaring is an indiscriminate method of killing - males, females, females with dependent cubs, and cubs themselves are killed - and is therefore unscientific.

Bear snaring sites present public safety issues for hikers or campers who may inadvertently approach a site where a sow is defending a snared cub.

Bear snaring does not adhere to principles of fair chase hunting.

Bear snaring does not take into consideration the large and growing wildlife tourism industry and the economic benefits of visitors who come to see bears.

Enforcing bear snaring regulations presents difficulties for already overburdened wildlife enforcement officers.

Bear snaring has great potential for taking two generations of bears at once. When a sow is snared, she and any cubs accompanying her are shot. Because bears have a low reproduction rate, it is not sound management to kill two generations at once.

Bear snaring is an inhumane method of killing. A bear remains caught in the snare until the trapper returns to shoot it.

Bear snaring further damages Alaska's already poor reputation for unscientific, inhumane wildlife management policies.

As a subsistence hunter and avid outdoorsman I am asking you to stop and consider what the people want. And not your own agendas.

Thank you for your time,

Buck Curry