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Regarding Proposal 172 that you will be considering at your March 14 - 18 meeting in Anchorage: I strongly urge you to remove black bears from the classification of "furbearers" in order to stop trappers and hunters from using snares. Snaring of bears is a cruel, indiscriminate and unethical practice. I am affiliated with the Alaska Wildlife Alliance. Since the majority of Alaskans do not speak up about how our wild animals are treated, I speak for the millions of Americans who love to visit Alaska to observe live bears functioning normally in their natural habitats. A wounded bear in constant pain does not function normally and is very dangerous to humans.

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