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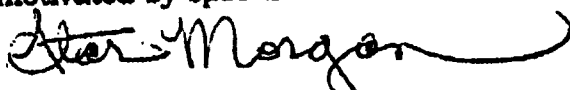
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**Subject Matter: Bethel meeting regarding Predatory Control Area Unit 15c and WOLF eradication:**

Yesterday a news article brought to my attention your meeting in Bethel this week regarding the above matter. I have lived on the Kenai Peninsula since the late 70's and in the Homer Kachemak Bay area since 2005. I live on the outskirts facing the Caribou Hills. Please consider the following:

1. I have never seen a wolf ever on this peninsula, even though I spend the majority of time outdoors. I see plenty of moose on a daily basis.
2. There is no scientific proof or studies showing that wolves are substantially affecting the moose population.
3. The factors you fail to consider are road kill and **HUMAN POACHING**, probably the biggest factors.
4. Another MAJOR factor I learned from the last three years of talking to local moose hunters in the Unit 15C area IS THAT BECAUSE OF THE **WARMER WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER**, the moose are staying longer in higher inaccessible areas. The hunters are not seeing them for this reason, not because of wolves.
5. Wolves live on this peninsula and in Alaska because Alaska is their home and natural habitat.
6. I have been told that the local advisory committee has recommended **AGAINST your plan to eradicate wolves and allow aerial hunting in the Unit 15C area.**

For the above reasons and others, I am also totally opposed to wolf eradication and aerial wolf hunting on the lower Kenai Peninsula Unit 15c area, or anywhere on the Kenai Peninsula. Your plan is senseless, unethical, and motivated by special interests of hunters; aerial wolf hunting is a cowardly act.



Cc: Gary Stevens; Paul Seaton