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To: DFG, BOG Comments (DFG sponsored)
Subject: Comment on BOG Proposal 209
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Reference- Proposal 209

Dear Sir or Madame,

This letter is in support of proposal 209 regarding black bear hunting in area 6D, Prince William Sound. As both a big game transporter and a hunter, I support proposal 209 in lieu of a registration hunt for a few reasons. I believe that limiting hunters to one bear every three years will reduce sow and young boar harvest because hunters of questionable ethics will be less eager to shoot any bear they see when their time in the field is running short. I also tend to believe that many local boat owners hunt and/or take friends out annually. Restricting the harvest to one every three years would be effective in reducing harvest among that highly successful group of annual hunters. While achieving lower harvest, proposal 209 would also preserve the quality of hunting in Prince William Sound. I believe that a registration hunt, although simple from a management perspective, will lead to crowding and competition in the field- attributes associated with other registration hunts where access is fairly easy. A registration hunt would also make it impossible for out of state hunters to plan, as there would be no guarantee of opportunity.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

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