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To: Ted Spraker, Chairman; Alaska Board of Game
Board Members, Alaska Board of Game

SUBJECT: Support: Proposal 29; Unlawful methods of taking furbearers; require time limit for checking traps Meat, furs and hides

Congratulations to Anne Robbins-Shuder for her very well written and timely proposal to have set time limit for checking traps. This would greatly reduce animals suffering in traps for days on end, and also improve quality of fur. The time has come to support more humane trapping!

SUBJECT: Reject: Proposals 127,128, 173, 174; Salvage of Game Meat, furs and hides

These proposals cannot be aligned with ethical handling of wild meat. So one of the most charismatic wild animals in the world, the great Alaska brown bear, is now to be shot over bait and then allowed to rot in place..?? Imagine just walking away after the shooting session- would one be proud of that at the end of the day?..

If it is so inedible for human consumption, what about basic conservation ethic, at least making that wild meat available to the Alaska Zoo, The Alaska Conservation Center on the Seward Highway, making it available to the many mushers who would be so grateful to receive that protein source? The list goes on..

And all of this, to make it more convenient? Because individuals involved can commit to shooting a starving bear over bait, but can't be bothered with any follow-up to provide that meat to those to whom it would be very desirable? Such wanton waste.. We are down to the bottom of the barrel regarding conservation ethics with these four proposals..

SUBJECT: Proposals 180, 181

Support these to reduce and eliminate trapping in high conflict areas.. Trappers should be able to get away from our high use trails for kids and dogs, or they should not be trapping..!!

Sincerely,


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