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The Honorable Kevin C. Duffy
Commissioner of Fish and Game
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Dear Commissioner Duffy:

In order to comply with the new statutory requirements brought into effect by the passage of SB-155, the Board of Game has determined that we must make findings on three criteria before predator reduction can occur in GMU 19D East. In the course of board discussions and previous findings that included moose population and harvest objectives, specifically 2003-140-BOG, Guidelines for a Unit 19D East Predator Control Program, the board has obviously discussed these criteria without actually ever officially adopting them, as the new statute requires.

With that in mind, the board at its recent teleconference meeting of June 30, 2003, voted to send a letter to you addressing those criteria, so that the requirement set out in SB-155 is met.

For a predator management program to commence in GMU 19D East, the board must find that:

1. Objectives set by the Board for the Unit 19D East moose population have not been achieved,
2. Predation is an important factor in the lack of achievement of objectives,
3. Reduction in predation will benefit the ungulate population.

The board finds that these criteria are met and requests predator reduction action to proceed in GMU 19D East, as recommended in Board of Game Findings 2003-140-BOG.

Sincerely,



Mike Flieglo
Chairman, Alaska Board of Game