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**Testimony Before the
Alaska Board of Game
by
Moses Toyukak Sr.**

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Mr. Chairman and Board members, thank you for the opportunity to testify before the Board of Game today. My name is Moses Toyukak Sr. I'm a resident of Manakotak, where I resided for the last 59 years around the Bristol Bay area. I commercial fish during the summer months May, June, July, and August for the last 52 years. At the age of seven, I helped my mother on the beach of Igushik at her set-net site until I was 11. When I was 12, I fished with my father who was a sailboat fisherman that is still living today. I have hunted and fished all my life, it is my way of life – doing subsistence to provide for my family and others such as elders; and people that have lost a loved one that used to provide for them. I'm here to testify in favor to proposal numbers 119 and 121 that would implement predator control management. For the protection of moose and caribou the range of the Mulchatna Caribou herd. I have seen the wolves in our area become more populated that kill the food for our families. I also oppose proposal 34 that would open a nonresident registration hunt in the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 17A. The Togiak area does not have a moose population that would sustain both residents and nonresidents. The moose population must increase before this proposal should be considered. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game

board members can make a difference to ensure our subsistence way of life will be cherished. Thank you for your time and for listening to my testimony.