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Attn: Board of Game Comments

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I am writing in response to the proposals being discussed at the meeting February 8-15, 2013 in Wasilla.

Regional and Multiple Units:

18,19,20:

Proposal 103: I **oppose proposal 103** due to the continued use of snaring animals for predator control in unit 16. Many of the reasons listed in other proposals to eliminate snaring include it being an indiscriminate and cruel method of killing. Reasons for poor moose numbers fail to include over hunting and poaching. These issues are real and I urge you to consider them as a source for poor moose numbers when making decisions regarding predator control.

Proposal 104: I **support proposal 104** which prohibits the snaring of bears. It is cruel and inhumane and is indiscriminate in its destruction of wildlife populations.

Proposal 105: I **support proposal 105** which prohibits the snaring of bears. Again it is cruel, inhumane and indiscriminate in its destruction of wildlife populations.

Proposal 108: I **support proposal 108** which suspends the intensive management of wolves in Unit 16. Intensive management of wolves in this area is leading to reduced wolf numbers ultimately negatively impacting the natural balance and subsequently increasing coyote populations. The area is close to Denali Park and wolves are a source of visitor enjoyment and one of the reasons visitors come to Alaska.

Proposal 109: I **support proposal 109**. Residents should have priority over use of hunting resources. Lengthening the amount of time does not provide for a better usage of resources. I urge the Board to limit hunting to out of state residents and out of state hunting guides.

Proposal 119: I **oppose proposal 119** as it is an example of wanton waste killing of coyote.

Proposal 120: I **support proposal 120** as a more methodical and scientific based approach to coyote management.

Proposal 121: I **support proposal 121** and the limiting of taking wolves between March 1 - November 1. I agree that taking wolves during this time results in the deaths of wolf pups which are not accounted for in the harvest numbers resulting in excessive loss of the species.