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ATTN: Board of Game Comments  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
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Dear Members of the Board of Game:

The Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge appreciates the opportunity to comment on proposals to be considered by the Alaska Board of Game during its March 13-17, 2015 meeting addressing Southcentral Region issues. We reviewed the proposals that could potentially affect resources on the refuge and offer the following comment regarding proposals 144 and 145.

**Proposals 144 and 145 – Take No Action**

While I support opportunities for appropriate subsistence and sport harvest of wildlife on the refuge, these specific proposals are unnecessary because Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge is planning to eradicate the non-native arctic fox from Chirikof Island beginning in 2015. There likely will be no fox remaining on Chirikof Island by the fall of 2015 or 2016. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is generally aware of these eradication plans. In the interest of not causing the Board to spend unnecessary time on the issue and not confusing the public over harvest opportunities, I recommend that the Board of Game take no action on the proposals.

Thank you for your time to review our comment on these proposals. If you have any questions, please contact me at 907-235-6546.

Sincerely,

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