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Alaska Board of Game  
Anchorage, AK

Dear Board of Game,

I am writing this comment in support of PROPOSAL 62 - 5 AAC 92.029.  
Permit for possessing live game. This proposal will allow the release  
of sterilized, feral cats into the wild.

Hello,

My name is Wendi Partusch and I am writing this comment in support of  
proposal 62-5AAC 92.029 which would allow the implementation of a Trap,  
Neuter and Return program in our state.

I have been a volunteer at Anchorage Animal Care and Control, Mojo's  
Hope and Alaska's Kaaats for several years and am currently on the  
board of Mojo's Hope.

I support instituting a TNR program for many reasons. The first and  
most important being that the current practice of trap and kill is  
inhumane and simply doesn't work. Year after year the problem of  
community cats continues. I believe that by allowing community cats to  
be vaccinated, sterilized and returned if feral, to their colony this  
will help break the reproduction cycle in a humane way and overtime the  
number of feral colonies will go down. TNR programs have been very  
successful in many other communities nationwide.

Allowing a TNR program would also help the State save money because it  
would not be paying to euthanize the feral cats. Another benefit is  
that qualified organizations such as Mojo's Hope are prepared to help  
educate, manage, fund and collaborate with local shelters and other  
rescue groups at no cost to the state. This would take the burden off  
of the Municipality and with funding being scarce, why not take  
advantage of the help being offered? Caretakers that are currently  
monitoring colonies could openly participate in TNR, rather than just  
managing the colonies in fear. When the number of feral colonies  
decrease we will see the benefits to the wild bird population as well.

I believe it is time that our state join the 650 municipalities  
nationwide that have successfully adopted a TNR policy. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Thank you for your consideration.

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