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The Denali wolf packs. are protected from hunting while they are within the limits of Denali Park, but when these same wolves, now accustomed to humans and thus vulnerable, go a few miles beyond the boundaries of the park, that protection is no longer in place. These are the same packs that attract tourists. Please extend their protection to cover the area where these packs move beyond the strict boundaries of Denali. This extension of protection will protect and preserve the wolves, and at the same time will protect and preserve a popular tourist attraction that is good for Alaskan economy. A win win positive result!



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Hello: I have been hunting 19C for approximately twenty five years. In the last seven years, I have seen (hunting expeditors) bringing thirty to forty hunters out to Farewell during the hunting season. At any giving time there is eighty to a hundred and ten hunters in the farewells area. Most of the hunters are from out of state.

Instead of making it a registration hunt, make it a resident moose hunt only! The moose population would increase dramatically,

As far as sheep goes, the guides have killed off about any legal ram there is in the 19C area. I support making it a drawing hunt for non-residents.

Thank You!



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I represent many friends and colleagues who very much want to visit Alaska. But, all of us, my wife and I included, will not visit as long at the Alaskan (Denali) wolves are endangered or killed for various reasons which we already know about.

I urge the Board to list the wolf as endangered and make the animal worth going to Alaska and spending a great deal of time and money to see.



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Our current environment is filled with an exorbitant amount of stressors. We, as caretakers, of this planet, need to allow nature to grow and follow its natural path without disruptors. Animals do NOT know our boundaries. They only know how to survive. Please do Not allow wolf hunting outside of Denali park during breeding season to secure Denali wolf packs to continue to be healthy.



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To Alaska Board of Fish and Game Members, I have recently become aware that members of the Board of Fish and Game are unaware that many Alaska residents are deeply concerned about unbridled trapping in our state. We have hunting regs that are geared toward public safety but this is not the case for trapping. Lethal traps are legal in communities, parks, heavily used trails, public schools, neighborhoods and more. I could legally set a deadly trap on my four acres and oops kill or injure my neighbor, their pet or child. Traps maim and kill indiscriminately. Hunters with a gun are responsible for anyone they harm. It is past time for trapping safety regulations in populated areas of Alaska



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1. The average number of people hunting and trapping wolves in the proposed closure **is less than two people per year over the last 20 years.** Those average two individuals would only lose 29% of their access to wolf hunting and 50% of their access to wolf trapping (in days) in this area. It is important to note that wolf hunting and trapping opportunities are still available in surrounding game units— this would not preclude people from trapping anywhere else outside this small area during the breeding season. The impact on trappers is extremely minimal. Annually, well **over 400,000 people visit DNPP** (Fix, Ackerman & Fay 2012).
2. Proposal 152 is NOT an attempt to expand the park and this is NOT an issue of federal overreach. We are asking, as Alaskan citizens, that the Board of Game honor its mandates to manage for all Alaskans, including non-consumptive users. This is an attempt to reduce the risk on wolves that venture onto state lands, **during those weeks and months from February until summer, when research finds they are consolidating their family groups, mating, and establishing territories, and when the death of a breeding wolf is most damaging to the integrity of the pack.**



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This is clearly a proposal to eliminate trapping, one mile at a time. The broad-brush approach is not well thought out. Trapping occurs in villages, literally on porches and smoke houses, around and under cabins, on float houses, etc. To say, "No trapping within 'X' distance from a dwelling" is ridiculous.



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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I would like to request that the Board of Game implement trapping rules that would require trap lines to be clearly marked and visible to other land users. I understand that trapping is an important source of income and subsistence for many Alaskans, and I am not asking for trapping to be impeded. However, a majority of Alaskans do not trap, and public land users face risks to themselves, their children, and their pets from traps. Disclosure would allow trappers to continue trapping while also encouraging non-trappers to exercise caution. I believe such marking would reduce conflict between trappers and non-trappers.

Thank you for your time & consideration,
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I am a Michigan resident who has hunted and visited Alaska. When I heard AK is considering allowing CrossBows, aka CrossGuns, as we call them in the archery community, I felt compelled to express my concern. The CrossBow industry has been very tactful in their pursuit to gain access to archery seasons in the lower 48 for their non-archery tool. It involved what I call sympathy tactics through promoting its use for the handicapped or seniors who they like to portray as needing unfair tools to continue to hunt and so Hunting Departments can continue, or increase, revenues from hunting licenses. Do not be fooled by this sympathy tactic! If you crack the door for crossbows, they will push the door wide open and see through their ultimate goal...complete and total access to allow all hunters use of their non archery tool. Look at Michigan and countless other lower 48 states. In Michigan, their non-archery tool was approved for handicapped people, which on the surface seems to be a compassionate move. The door in Michigan was cracked. Instead of being used for those who are truly handicapped, like what happened with handicapped parking permits, many people who you would have never known were handicapped actually where, but not in the tradition sense. They are handicapped hunters, unwilling to learn how to hunt and unable to harvest game without an unfair advantage. And, like what happened with handicapped parking permits, the medical community was eager to provide the necessary documents to circumvent what was an honorable attempt to help truly handicapped people. With a CrossBow, you have eliminated the need to learn to hunt and you've embolden people to take what those of us hunters would call an ethical shot...too far and/or bad animal positioning. Just watch the ads for Crossbows and you understand why this happens. The CrossBow industry has successfully cracked the door in many lower 48 states using tactics they are now pushing in AK then forced the door wide open to the dismay of many who backed the sympathy approach...and to the detriment of the wildlife population. If you think you'll increase hunting numbers or opportunities, look at what is happening in Michigan. Despite all the talk that allowing modern non-archery equipment into our hunting seasons would open up hunting opportunities and increase license sales, the reality is hunting numbers are declining, as are license sales. There is now conflict among the varied hunting seasons because disproportionate game is being taken in Archery season by non-archery tools.

Please shut the door on CrossBows.



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I am a resident of Murphy subdivision in the Goldstream Valley. I am in favor of minimum distance requirements from dwellings and from parking areas/trailheads for setting traps and snares. I also encourage the Board of Game to consider working with other trail-user groups to require distance requirements from popular trails and to determine what will define a "popular" trail or system. Additionally, I encourage the Board of Game to pass regulation requiring that all traps and sets be identified with weather-resistant tags marked with the first initial, last name and phone contact for the trapper. Trapping activities in Fairbanks are subject to some of the most relaxed regulations on the books when one considers the damage they can do and the effect such activity has on others ability to use public lands and popular trails safely and enjoyably. Because trappers are not required to ID their traps there is no way to hold them accountable even for breaking the few laws that exist. The disparity between the rights of the trapper and other land-users is infuriating. To my mind requiring traps to be ID'd would not put them at risk of being found and tampered with but only serves to give other land users a sense that there is accountability for dangerous or illegal trapping behavior. It also allows for trappers to be made aware that their device has been involved in bycatch or an accident involving humans or pets. I grew up trapping in Maine under such regulations and we did not find it to be oppressive at all. I know that many if not most trappers are ethical in regards to other land-users and public safety. Some may even operate under the same ethics of checking traps every one or two days that I was taught growing up. Sadly, however, there are many who don't follow those ethics. There are those who don't even follow the laws but there is no way to know who they are because they are not required to tag traps. If the Board of Game and the Alaskan Trappers Association is really in favor of promoting ethical trapping and holding everyone accountable to the laws then you and they should have no problem with requiring that traps be identified clearly and discretely with current owner and contact information. Thank you for considering my concerns which I know are echoed by many in our active and varied community.



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I've been a landowner in the Wolf Townships since 1982. My wife and I have a cabin east of the Sanctuary River close to the Denali Park boundary. Over the decades there has always been the presence of wolves in the area, and their activities have added to the wild nature of the area. Hearing their calls resonant throughout the valley has always reminded us of the beauty of this land that has been protected from development, allowing this species to survive.

But since the increased pressure of trapping in this shoulder area, there have been no sign of wolves for the past 6 years. And this feels like a great loss. Besides all the scientific and land management arguments pro and con, there's an emptiness to the land without the wolves. Their presence adds something immeasurable to the experience of walking in the hills and wading the rivers. I sincerely hope that you will limit as much as possible the trapping in this area to ensure that the wolves can reclaim this territory and continue to survive as part of the natural order in this part of Alaska.



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I think that the early bow hunt for Dall sheep is an excellent idea and will provide more revenue for the state of Alaska and more opportunities for avid bow hunters while not harming the population of sheep substantially.



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There should absolutely be more bow only opportunities in this state. The moose hunt is a great place to start



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To whom it may concern,

Crossbows are not bows and belong in rifle seasons only, no exceptions, not ever.

Sincerely

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Regarding the McGrath advisory committee proposal 112 5 AAC 85.045. I feel that this would detract from the ability of current responsible hunters like myself that hunt this area and report my hunt in a timely manner to continually plan yearly hunts to this area. We have invested considerable time and resources in continuing our yearly hunt in this area. Turning this into a registration could severely limit our ability to continue our yearly trip into the future.

From my hunting partner and friend of many years sums it up best in the following statement

"My fears are... Where and when do you register? Is it online from my home in Anchorage or in McGrath at a specific time and date. Will they limit the numbers of permits in the future to only a 100 or something? Can Non-resident participate in this proposed registration hunt or will it just be limited to residents. I know the way fish and game laws work in our state is that there has to be a rule against it or you can do it. This just feels like a slippery slope to losing our hunting area."

Thank you for your time



Submitted By
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I urge the Game Commission not allow crossbows in any archery season. These weapons are capable of shots that greatly exceed what is possible with standard bows and would have a negative impact on wildlife populations. I'm 65 years old and shoot a 55 pound draw weight recurve bow. Choosing a Crossbow is nothing less than a lazy mans excuse.



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I support the request for partial hunting and trapping closures just outside Denali National Park. I support Closure Option 1— to close Uniform Coding Units 0607, 0605, and 0502 west of George Parks Highway and bounded by Denali National Park on three sides to be closed to wolf hunting and trapping from February 1 to July 31 and by trapping from February 1 to October 31. I have been sickened by the decrease of wolves in Denali National Park and I pray that this proposed closure will be accepted by the Board of Game to help ensure these wolves have a chance for a well deserved life. Thank you in advance for your support of these closures.

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I am a traditional bow hunter and believe in keeping archery simple and sporting

I would advocate even a separate season for modern compound bows but understand that may not be practical

With our ever changing world we need to keep an anchor in our roots

Please don't let that legacy vanish as our generation attempts to pass on our values



Submitted By
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A time limited buffer zone to protect the most visible wolves adjacent to the Denali National Park and Preserve is a sensible way to help with wildlife viewing for visitors and Alaskans without interfering with the interests of hunters and trappers.



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Good morning!

please consider not going forward with allowing crossbows in archery seasons. This will negatively effect the archery hunting experience but will also negatively impact animal populations. Having hunted in states where they have become legalized, opportunity has significantly dropped as more people utilize crossbows. Thank you for your time!



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I support closure 1. The wolves need protection from human hunting and trapping and this is the best option available for compromise.



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Wolves are some of the most majestic and important creatures in the Alaskan wilderness. Changes to the hunting season would allow for more sustainable breeding and allow ample time for the species to maintain its population. Please strongly consider adopting this change so that we can do what is right by the animals who share their land with us.



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I support the proposal to limit the season of harvest of wolves in the state lands bordering Denali National Park and Preserve.

This proposal is splitting the difference between allowing a winter harvest season, but also making denning, mating, and henceforth future viewing (and harvest) opportunities more likely.

The economic boom the ability to see wolves in Denali serves to the local residents is unparalleled. People show up with t-shirts of wolves howling at a moon and tell you that's why they are here. That's why they are spending their time and money here.

That's part of what makes this so important. Thank you for considering.



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Alaska needs an archery season. Most states have them. This not only gives archers an opportunity to hunt without competing with rifle hunters but a an excellent method of game management in populated areas where firearms would be unsafe.



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There needs to be more restrictive rules and regulations for trapping in and around the FNSB. Lazy and irresponsible trappers have been setting up traps near highly trafficked areas going against ADF&G recommendations. Clearly these recommendations are not enough and something similar to anchorage style trapping rules should be implemented to protect the growing population of Fairbanks from hidden traps specifically made to main or kill. Thank you for your time.



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I am one of the visitors from the Lower 48 who came to Alaska to visit friends and see the Iditarod. I was lucky enough to see a wolf loping across a frozen river during a trip on the Alaska Railroad from Anchorage to Fairbanks (the wolf was not in the national park). This was without doubt the highlight of my stay in your state, even though I also fortunately saw moose and eagles. I hope you will take steps to ensure that I and other visitors, as well as Alaskans, will have this chance in the future by ensuring that wolves can thrive around Denali.



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As witnessed here in Illinois the use of the crossbow for handicapped or older hunters leads to use of that device in all archery seasons for all hunters. Please do not follow that path. Hunting with a bow and arrow should remain just that. Anything with a trigger and not held at draw by the hunters own strength is not a bow. Some separate season for use of these alternate hunting devices may be an alternative, but inclusion as an archery device at all should be avoided. Keep the hunt in hunting.



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Аляска интересна для туристов своей природой и возможностью увидеть животных в их естественной среде обитания. Нельзя потерять это богатство в условиях катастрофически сокращающегося биоразнообразия на нашей планете..

Alaska is interesting for tourists for its nature and the opportunity to see animals in their natural habitat. We cannot lose this wealth in the face of a catastrophically declining biodiversity on our planet..

Currently, it's legal to hunt and trap wolves just outside Denali National Park. Wolf viewing opportunities in Denali are primarily provided by 1-3 packs that center their activity near the Park Road during the summer months. The same wolf packs that provide the majority of wolf sightings during the visitor season also show a pattern of use of areas just outside of the boundary of the park during the winter and spring in the proposed closure area. These wolves, which frequent the Park Road, are accustomed to the presence of humans and may be particularly vulnerable to harvest and even older breeding wolves are more susceptible to being trapped or shot.

Wolves' reproductive capacity and pack structure is most vulnerable to disruption during the breeding season (Borg et al 2015). Packs that lose breeders during the breeding season are more likely to disband. Therefore, Denali National Parks submitted this proposal where the buffer is implemented during the proestrus and the breeding season.

The hunting and trapping of wolves, particularly breeding wolves, has the potential to decrease wolf numbers, alter wolf behavior, and decrease opportunities for wolf viewing by park visitors. Borg et al. (2016) documented that the probability for wolf sighting during the period a buffer was in place was twice that of the periods when the buffer was absent. While wolf hunting and trapping just outside the northeastern boundary of the park may have little effect on regional scale wolf populations, it can have significant effects on wolf packs whose territories intersect the Park Road and on the experience of Denali's visitors.



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Please restrict trapping from the areas within 1 mile of a public trailhead and 250ft from a public trail or roadway. I now live in fear of my dog slipping out of its collar and ending up in a snare or trap. Good, respectable trappers generally do this, new to town folks and the untrained trap right off trails, this is at a huge risk to residents, children, and their pets. The times have changed, laws need to change.



Submitted By
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I just moved to Healy. I would like to protect the wolves and the study of wolves in whatever way I can, so the hunting closure proposal is one way of respecting wildlife and being good environmental stewards. Thank you.



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I feel that this 1 mile circle trapping ban is rediculos and removes way to much area of trapping. It would effectivly end my trapping, as 1 circle mile is well over 500 acres and 4 square miles.



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On Proposal 152 i support Closure 1, as described in this proposal. This closure of approx. 200 sq. miles would close the entire area of Stampede townships (a cutout of state lands surrounded on three sides by Denali National Park) up to the George Parks Highway.

There is a smaller option, Closure 2, which exempts portions of the Western townships. I oppose Closure 2 because of the complexity of administering such a remote open area.

I support the seasonal closure in Proposal 152 as a way to protect the integrity of wolf packs that den and spend summers in Denali National Park, and move into the Stampede Townships during late winter and spring. Although some wolves that enter the state lands in the Stampede area are dispersing, the majority return to den, pup and spend summer months in the park. Visitors to our national park come for the beauty but primarily the wildlife. Please vote to protect our wildlife for our future generations to enjoy.

Thank you,

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To whom it may concern, As a non resident hunter i hope that the board will look at the positive impact that the bow only moose and sheep season will have on our opportunities to have extra days in the field. This will also not cause any more impact on other weapon seasons which is a positive. I also strongly encourage the board to keep crossbows where they belong, only allow disabled hunters to use them! Crossbows are not a piece of archery equipment. A person can shoot a bolt 150 yds very accurately, that will impact the harvest during archery and lesson all of our quotas.



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I am strongly opposed to letting crossbows into archery season except for hunters over sixty years of age. The crossbow with its effectiveness passing that of a shotgun and muzzleloader should not be included in a primitive weapons season. It has way too many advantages and always being cocked and locked, scoped and being able to consistently shoot out to 100 yards accurately. Even the vice president of PSE says they made a mistake pushing for the crossbow to be included in archery season.



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I write today with regards to the separate proposals to extend the moose season with an archery only season and to allow crossbow use for all senior citizens. Archery seasons, in my view, provide archers a chance to enjoy more days in the field with a minimal impact on our hunting resources. Furthermore, I am very excited about the idea of coming to Alaska and having fewer rifles in the field during a time. For these reasons, I support the moose season.

On the other hand, crossbows have consistently shown to result in *increases* of harvest rates. Simply put, crossbows do not belong in the same category as archery tackle. That said, my understanding is that Alaska already has a provision for disabled hunters to procure use of a crossbow, should they wish. I would urge the board to not muddy the issue by adopting any crossbow-specific regs or widespread use.



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Please stop the trapping and hunting of wolves because our family values the concept of conservation areas for wildlife. Thank you.



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Hi I would like to add a coment about interior Caribou hunting, i believe we need to figure out a fair way and maybe a point system in possibly making forty mile herd a draw , thousands race to be able to shoot a caribou before season closes and it seems to be getting a bit dangerous, bullets flying everywhere, everyone in a rush, with a draw we can relax and enjoy the season when we draw , this should not effect the natives and thier susistance tags. Alot of folks i talk to are getting discouraged over the amout of hunters racing towards Caribou. Just something to think about. i believe we need a point system to be fair to everyone.



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I had the honor of driving bus at Denali over 24 summers. Alaska is one of the last places on the planet to view wolves in their natural habitat. Visitors save money their entire lives to behold such a wonder. Save the wolves, save Denali and honor our visitors with Alaska s wildlife and beauty. Please stop the hunting and trapping. No one needs to eat a wolf. Thank you for saving our world class wildlife viewing opportunities.



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Dear Alaska Board of Game,

I am a 27 year resident of Alaska and a 22 year resident of Fairbanks. During my 27 years in Alaska I have spent considerable time in Denali National Park every one of those 27 years.; I work as a small group photography and Natural history guide, and as a single person operator, I contribute in excess of \$350,000 per year into the local Interior and arctic economy. For each of the last 27 years a portion of my business has involved tourism in Denali National Park, which collectively has put millions of dollars into the local economy. In the mid 1990's prior to the trapping buffer zone in wolf townships/Stampede corridor I used to see a few wolves a summer, with each sighting a highlight for my clients. With the implementation of the buffer zone, the number of wolf sightings that I experienced with my clients while driving through the park increased exponentially, adding greatly to the experience of these visitors to Alaska who went home and told their friends about the great experience they had in Denali National Park. When the buffer zone was removed, my wolf sightings dropped to ZERO. This is not some small unmeasurable decrease in wolf sightings, I went from having one to 7 wolf sightings per drive through Denali National Park to ZERO. There was a direct correlation with the removal of the buffer zone and the lack of wolves on the park road. My clients ask why their friends saw wolves in previous years and they are no longer sighting wolves in the park? When I explained to clients that our state department tasked with managing all wildlife in the state decided to remove a buffer zone for wolves on the park boundary resulting in Park wolves being trapped by a few individuals in that boundary area, my clients could understand why a state agency would not do everything in its power to help preserve a wildlife resource that contributes so much to the state of Alaska's economy? This is a huge black eye on the state of Alaska and the Board of Game. My understanding of the Alaska constitution is that the Board manages wildlife for the greatest good of all Alaskans. I can no longer stand up for Alaska and the Alaska Board of Game to the visitors that I interact with and I can no longer try and talk people into visiting Alaska who call me wanting to book a trip but not wanting to support a state where the government is actively killing the wildlife that people are paying a lot of money to see.

In conclusion this short sighted lack of management by the Alaska Board of Game is damaging the tourism industry that literally thousands of Alaskans depend on to make a living. The financial cost of not re-instating the buffer zone in the Stampede Corridor is huge to many small tour operators like myself. There are hundreds of millions of acres of land where people who want to trap wolves can go trap them. To protect a VALUABLE wildlife resource for Alaskans and visitors to Alaska to enjoy in a National Park, is part of what the Board of Game should be doing for every Alaskan.

Sincerely

Hugh Rose



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Re Prop 50 Archery only moose season

I am opposed to expanding seasons for Moose statewide. This includes archery only seasons, registration or otherwise. Moose become increasingly more vulnerable beyond the hunt seasons we already have in place as rutting intensity increases. I am a bow certified hunter in Alaska.



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Re Prop 53 Registration archery seasons for Dall Sheep

I am opposed to expanding seasons for Dall Sheep statewide. This includes archery only seasons, registration or otherwise. I am a bow certified hunter in Alaska.



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In support of providing buffer around the Denali Park boundary. It is important to provide a buffer against trapping and hunting around the border of Denali to secure the integrity of the wolf pack that can cross over, especially critical during the breeding season. This unique place where tourists come specifically to view wolves not only helps the economy of the region and provides a positive image of good and solid management of the park. It is important to keep the integrity of the pack so as to maintain a healthy balance of mature wolves that can pass on their skills to their offspring. As a regular visit to Denali for observing wolves specifically, this would be an important aspect for me to continue my visits there rather than Yellowstone.



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Hi, I'm a dog owner who frequents extremely popular paths such as the dike behind the Fairbanks airport and Murphy Dome. As trapping activity seems to have increased and likelihood of our dogs being baited and caught in a trap immediately near trailheads goes way up, I'd just like to add my voice as a concerned pet owner. A law requiring trappers to stay at least a mile away from popular trailheads seems like a common sense move.



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My comment concerns moving falconry from a 3 year to a six year cycle. I approve and encourage this change. The Alaskan falconers have come to an agreement on non resident take and there's really no other issues to be examined. I would prefer the six year cycle. Thanks,
Tim Sell



Submitted By
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Trapping makes me sick to my stomach. The sooner non lethal leg traps are eliminated the better.



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Dear Sirs,

Large predator populations are dwindling globally and they have been proven to maintain ecological balance and be beneficial for prey population control and health.

Predator populations need large tracts of land even when their numbers are small.

In Denali National Park the opportunity to view large predators is a big draw for visitors, so economically it is justified to protect wolf populations.

Trapping is a barbaric form of animal control. As humans we can do better if we really need animal control.

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Please support the partial closure of hunting and trapping season.

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 08:52 PM AKST



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RE: PROPOSAL 51: Remove the bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for nonresidents over the age of 60 hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region

I oppose changing the nonresident restriction of one sheep every 4 years. Changing this restriction would provide less opportunities for other non residents, if the same non resident kept hunting each year.

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 08:55 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 52: Change the nonresident general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing permit hunts

I believe that all non resident sheep hunting should be on a drawing permit basis. Currently, non residents have a high success rate and changing to a drawing permit would provide a process to decrease the overall harvest by nonresidents.

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 08:57 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 53: Establish an archery only registration permit hunt for Dall sheep in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region

There is ample opportunity for bow hunters to hunt for sheep without creating a separate season. We should be working to have less special hunts rather than more.

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 08:58 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 84: Extend the sheep season in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area within Units 24A, 25A, and 26B

There is ample opportunity for people to hunt sheep with the current seasons. We do not need to expand the season

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 09:00 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 85: Open an archery only registration sheep hunt in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area in Units 24A, 25A, and 26B

There is ample opportunity to hunt sheep with the current season. We do not need to extend the season.

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 09:02 PM AKST



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RE: PROPOSAL 123: Expand the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A

There is ample area to hunt in the current regulation, we do not need to expand the area.

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 09:04 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 127: Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A

The current area provides enough opportunity. We should not expand the area. If the area was expanded it would infringe on hunters that are hunting in the current controlled use area that enjoy hunting without atvs encroaching on their hunting area and decreasing their hunting experience.

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 09:06 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 128: Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A

the controlled use area should not be decreased in size. Hunters currently enjoy hunting in the controlled use area because there is no intrusion by ATVs.

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 09:08 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 134: Open a resident youth hunt for moose in Unit 20C

There is currently ample opportunity for youth to hunt. We should not be creating more special hunts.

Jeffrey Sperry

12/08/2019 09:10 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 152: Establish closed areas for the taking of wolves near Denali National Park in Unit 20C

Currently the wolves have all of Denali national park which is a huge area. We do not need to expand areas of no trapping/hunting for wolves.



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I am not in favor of people over 60 years of using a crossbow to hunt in the archery season



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I was born in Anchorage in 1947. My father's company built the first Eielson Center in Denali National Park when I was only 12 years old. Our family camped up where J.B. Warrack was building the center and the wildlife we encountered was nothing less than amazing. My husband and I have been lucky enough to be drawn for the road lottery many times in the last 25 years. We always saw wolves roaming or chasing caribou. Until the last time we were there - just after the buffer zone was eliminated. Wolves are an important part of the Denali ecosystem as well as being an important draw for tourism. The buffer zone needs to be reinstated to protect the wolf packs that are an integral part of the Park and the ecosystem that it encompasses.



Submitted By
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2/17/2020 7:41:00 AM
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Dear Board Members,

I have enjoyed moose hunting in Alaska in the past and I am adamantly opposed to allowing crossbows in **any archery season**, ANYWHERE!

The "camel's nose has already been thrust under the tent" as they say with the allowance of crossbows in Alaska archery only seasons through the "method and means exception" and with current state of the art mechanical advantages regards vertical compound bows, that should be advantage enough in an archery only season.

At age 76, with a new full shoulder replacement and using a recurve bow to take an elk last fall, in my opinion, you have already made enough allowances to Recruit, Retain or Reinvigorate bowhunters.

DO NOT cave to the crossbow lobby.

Sincerely,

Rich Thompson

Newberg, Oregon



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It is about time the board of game proposes to close hunting and trapping of wolves outside Denali Park. I SUPPORT Closure Option 1—to close Uniform Coding Units 0607, 0605, and 0502 west of George Parks Highway and bounded by Denali National Park on three sides to be closed to wolf hunting and trapping from February 1 to July 31 and by trapping from February 1 to October 31. The BOG is an absolute disgrace!



RE: PROPOSAL 136: Extend the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B
Remainder as

I have been considering another hunting trip to Alaska for moose, but with the recent doubling of fees, the shorter season, and the later opener for non residents, it is no longer worth the cost. I will probably not go unless this proposal is adopted. I support this proposal.



RE: PROPOSAL 136: Extend the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B Remainder as

I have been considering another hunting trip to Alaska for moose, but with the doubling of fees, the shorter season, and the later opener for non residents it is not worth the cost. I will probably not go unless this proposal is adopted. I support this proposal. I do want to note that I completely agree with Alaska's intent to manage their wildlife populations through hunting regulations, including moose. The intent to manage the population is fully supported on my part, but creating fair hunting opportunities for resident and non-resident hunters should also be the intent of ADF&G. Creating equality in the season lengths would help to achieve this fairness.

Roy Westphal

12/16/2019 10:03 PM AKST



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RE: PROPOSAL 121: Establish hunt areas for moose drawing permit DM770 in Unit 20A

Many of the moose taken under this draw are taken very easily with rifles it should have been divided up among the bow hunters years ago to make it more sporting.

Roy Westphal

12/16/2019 09:52 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 133: Establish the Stampede Trail Management Area in Unit 20C for archery and muzzleloader hunting only

I agree, but I think the boundary should be all the way to the Nenana river, not just to the parks highway.

Roy Westphal

12/16/2019 10:24 PM AKST

RE: PROPOSAL 152: Establish closed areas for the taking of wolves near Denali National Park in Unit 20C

The park has restrictions, we don't need to expand the protected area to include populated areas and private property. People should be able to hunt or trap wolves getting too close to homes or subdivisions. The idea of putting this in place so a person can see a wolf from a bus is ridiculous.



Submitted By
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2/17/2020 8:29:25 AM
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Please do not allow further use of crossbows. Where I live, it has only increased harvest rates and not increased hunter number. It is a tool for opportunists. Not hunters.



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I support Closure Option 1— To close Uniform Coding Units 0607, 0605, and 0502 west of George Parks Highway and bounded by Denali National Park on three sides to be closed to wolf hunting and trapping from February 1 to July 31 and by trapping from February 1 to October 31.

Wolves, which frequent the Park Road, are accustomed to the presence of humans and may be particularly vulnerable to harvest, and even older breeding wolves are more susceptible to being trapped or shot.

In Alaska, wolves are among the most desired species for viewing, and state wildlife management includes mandates to provide for multiple uses, including non-consumptive uses such as wildlife viewing. More than anywhere else in Alaska, wolves in the eastern region of Denali National Park (Denali), provide significant wolf viewing opportunities as visitors travel along the Park Road. Denali is recognized as one of the best places in the world for people to see wolves in the wild and several thousand park visitors may see wolves in a given year. In addition, viewing large carnivores, particularly wolves and grizzly bears, is a main indicator of a satisfying visitor experience in Denali National Park.

Non-consumptive users of Wildlife viewing bring an important socio-economic benefit to the state of Alaska, with wildlife viewing activities in Alaska supporting over \$2.7 billion dollars in economic activity in 2011. Forty percent of visitors to Alaska reported hoping to view wild wolves during their visit. (ECONorthwest 2012).