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I am Ben Cook, I am a small start up farmer. I SUPPORT allowing emus being allowed in Alaska. This animal poses no threat to native wildlife, it can not establish a wild population, it is not known to spread diseases to any of our wildlife. Emus are a viable option to small farmers in Alaska they require less space and less winter feed than larger red meat animals. It produces a large amount of good quality red meat, and is recognized by the American heart association as a healthy alternative to beef. PLEASE REMOVE "BY PERMIT" FROM ALL ANIMALS NOT ON THE CLEAN LIST And in the description title. You don't offer permits and it is deceptive in making the public think animals not on the clean list can be brought in by permit.



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Why not?



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Emus should be allowed to have in Alaska. The eggs are a great food source and these birds are a joy to raise!



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What possible practical reason might there be to not allow emus, it's not like they could survive in the Alaska wild and impact the ecosystem,



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I support livestock farming including emus Rhea's and ostriches bees cattle goats pigs sheep and other livestock, I support agricultural farming. The Emu the ostrich and the Ria have very little chance of establishing a wild flock and even if they did they'd make great meals for predators which is most likely what would happen before A Flock was established. They don't spread any diseases to any of our native wildlife, farming is important Alaska we can lose a port at any moment and I realize hunting and fishing is also important Alaska they're not under threat. Farming does not replace hunting and fishing it just gives us a little bit more food security especially because not everyone gets a moose every year and if they did we wouldn't have a moose population. I support emu ostrich Rhea farming I support farmers I also support livestock and agriculture Farmers being allowed on the board of fish and game. We are a closed range state so live stock farming poses little to no risk to wildlife. I also want to see the deceptive wording "by permit" removed from the title and and all wording about animals allowed or not allowed in the state. This gives the public a false idea that their is a process to bring animals into the state for farming or pets. You dont have permits so its deceptive.



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I Support farmers being allowed to farm! I Support farmers being allowed to farm Emus, Ostriches, Rehas, and all forms of meat and egg birds. I Support Farmers being able to farm goats, cattle ,sheep, reindeer, ox, and other recognized farm animals. I support Bee farms, I support back yard farms, family, farms, independent farms, commercial farms, and I support start up farms. I support Agurculture farms, I support livestock farms. I support farmers being on the fish and game board. I SUPPORT FARMERS! I do not support those who would limit what few farming opportunities Alaska has. I support food security! Farmers feed the world.



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All Ratites should be allowed in Alaska. There is absolutely no valid reason to exclude any ratites that the USDA has recognized as poultry for decades.



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I support adding Emu to the list of clean animals.



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I support the idea of Emus being added to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit.



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Owning emus in Alaska could provide a niche market for farmers and young farmers starting up operations. In turn helping with Alaska's food security. Alaska produces less than 2 percent of its own food. By adding another industry to Alaska's agriculture it could possibly help with that. Emus are not indigenous to northern regions nor can they breed with native wildlife so them being an alien species is not an issue.



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They sell emu in most other states this is not a bird that if escaped could survive a winter here so why not if someone put the effort to raise the and keep them have at it?!



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I think every American should be able to raise Emu and other animals for the purpose of food and prosperity.



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Allow emus without a permit. Right thing to do.



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The emus I have been around have been well cared for. The owner was very knowledgeable about the bird and ensured it was safe to be around. The owner also made sure the emus had a proper enclosed area to inhabit. Please add emus to the list of animals allowed in Alaska.



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90% of emu is useable the conversion rate for feed is much higher, they have red meat like beef, they make leather, therapeutic oil, the meat is healthy, use less water, are light and don't tear up soft soils, lay 20-50 eggs per year, eat mice and rodents as well and we can raise our own feed here, provide Alaskans with food independence, as with out earthquakes there has been several times when stores ran out of food, make great pets and companionship,



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I support Emu in Alaska.



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As an Alaskan I believe in independence and self-sufficiency. Therefore I think that anyone who wants to raise emus for meat or enjoyment shouldn't be hamstrung by regulation.



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While emus are poultry, emu is a dark, red meat, like beef. Emu is recognized as Heart Healthy™ by the American Heart Association, and ranked best in 15 out of 20 essential nutrients in a USDA funded study at the University of Wisconsin. “Emu came out lower in fat, including saturated fats, but higher in protein,” reports American Emu Association president Gerald Edwards. “It was also higher in iron and several other essential vitamins than the other six meats tested.” Emu meat can also be eaten by people with Alpha-gal disease, a syndrome that causes an allergic reaction to red meats, but not Emu meat. Please consider having Alaska join the other 49 states that allow families to own and produce emus the same as other poultry. Thank you for your consideration.



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I believe you should be allowed to raise emu without a permit!



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I support Emus being legal to own in Alaska.



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Lizards and snakes are allowed. Why not Emu's? They are good grazers and gentle on the land, adaptable to the climate and aren't a threat to any local wildlife



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A useful animal with healthy choices of food for interested Alaskans



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Farmers, all growers of food or potential food, should be encouraged, unless you are planning on killing and eating humans. It is the best use of world resources to raise/grow it locally. All else is ignorant, arrogant foppery. All species of the world move to other doable environments via some mysterious forces of the universe--hitching rides on wind storms, floods, floating debris, ships, suitcases, trucks, trains, automobiles, airplanes, migration...who knows what else. Nature is brutal, and when the next extinction level event (or war) comes around (and its coming), it will remove a lot of us, our doings and animals also. Be grateful for farmers and help them raise food.



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I support and would utilize ability to have emus on my private owned land



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Emu I believe should be allowed to be kept and raised by those individuals showing knowledge necessary to raise them. I am an emu owner in Michigan and not only do I enjoy them on a pet basis their meat and oil is harvestable commodities and will generate income. Emu eggs are delicious and 1 egg can feed a large family. They are interactive animals and can fend off intruders in their habitat well. They can be territorial and require monitoring around new people or surroundings. I enjoy my emu very much and find them very interactive . A prospective owner must have adequate space, shelter, and a minimum fencing of 5'. Higher would be better but 5' will suffice. Access to fresh water is essential.



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I want emu to be added to the list of animals allowed with out a permit



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Please allow these birds to be raised and sold here. Unless the State has a concrete reason it thinks an emu would be dangerous to our state, it's addition to our farms could only be another source of potential income to our farmers and another source of locally sourced meat for our tables.



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We looked at getting emus up here years ago but then they talked that ratites were not allowed! Very lame! No good reason! I think they'd do great up here and they are so delicious! Please put them on the clean list!



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emu are wonderful animals smart curious and a joy to care for also as a food source but mine are strictly pets even though emu meat is a regular farmed animal too so they could be a food source there also if people wanted to raise them for that reason also



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Emus should be legal to own/raise in all 50 states.



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I have got support from the Governor, as well as a letter of support, and also a letter of support from Congressman Don Young, as well as a supportive phone call to the State Veterinarian who says there is no reason that Emu should not be treated the same as all other poultry and that they do not carry any other diseases and is willing to provide a letter of support if he can get permission from Commissioner Brune who I have tried to contact through email and phone regarding this, the USDA supports this as well. Do the right thing and allow Americans and Alaskans to have the right to raise these birds without unwarranted and immoral laws being used to prevent them from exercising their rights as free people without the tyranny of illegitimate and unjust prohibition and add them to the clean list, its time now, will be at all meetings to make sure we get this done



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The prohibition against emu seems arbitrary and i can see no good reason not to allow them that doesn't also apply to other domestic poultry and livestock already on the "clean" list.



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Legalize all Ratites at per USDA guidelines, stop abusing farmers, and add them to the board,



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I support having emus in alaska



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Emu are wonderful birds. They also aid owners in controlling of insects and wild animal invaders such as opossum, raccoon, and many other. Responsible owners should be allowed to possess emu on their property with proper fencing and care of the animal. This is my baby boy in the attached picture



Photo of a juvenile
with bird was removed.



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I can see no reason why emu should not be able to be farmed if logistically possible to do so.



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Emu cannot survive in the wild here in Alaska so it will never be an invasive species. They can however be raised to produce meat and eggs. The eggs are used for food as well as art. So the bird has multiple benefits. They are considered livestock everywhere else in the United States and are in the clean list in every other state.



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As long as the species in question is no reasonable/credible threat to the Alaskan ecosystem (which, in this case the Emu, being a large flightless bird from considerably warmer climes and incapable of migrating far enough to escape or otherwise surviving the extreme Alaskan winter on its own, cannot pose a threat to native species by invading and occupying ecological niches, and therefore is no threat to the Alaskan ecosystem) I believe it is every Alaskans right to own said animal simply on their own volition, without government bureaucracy to hinder them.



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Emu are a practical addition to Alaska agriculture. They pose no threat to any native species. Emu are raised for eggs and meat which would be an excellent opportunity here in Alaska.



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It is my right as a free American to keep Emus on my property without the government interfering or regulating.



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Proper food necessary for the animals need is not available in Alaska, the transportation is VERY stressful for them, there are no doctors to care for them, the cold will damage their legs. For all of these reasons and more under this law the proper care and ethical welfare of these creatures are at stake.



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A careful investigation has to be done to make sure that emus can be farmed in Alaska successfully. Scientists have to ensure well-being of emus in the local climate and local diet, which will be very different from their native. Moreover, there is a concern of introducing a non-native and potentially harmful species to the local environment. It is not just the birds but also their diseases and parasites.



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no no no Lord knows what sort of weird diseases will be brought in. Protect our wildlife first



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I think allowing Emu in Alaska is a bad Idea. I have two pair of Emu in Oregon, And I have visited Alaska. Emu are very Intelligent and sensitive birds. They Also need a lot of outdoor space to do well. Alaska is too cold much of the winter for them to be outside and they will not do well inside.



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Emus are delicate, curious, and social birds. Ratites have specific nutrient requirements and it is unlikely that their feed will be easily available in Alaska. Feeding emus alternatives such as game, chicken or dog feed provides inadequate intake of lysine and deflourinated phosphate, propagating an imbalance of protein metabolism, which often leads to problems with their bones. In their natural habitat in Australia emu diet consists mostly of young green plant material, seed heads, fruit especially berries, and insects. Consumption of dry plant matter or mature leaves of trees or scrubs is inadvisable. Proper welfare of captive emus must ensure access to the environment that will allow birds an ability to meet the nutritional needs; I do not see how of Alaskan whether will provide for optimal wellness of the birds. Emus are very prone to joint injury which is increased in presence of ice. Exposure to cold temperatures in the last, will affect birds' behavior, necessitates increased nutritional needs, and requires provision of shelter to assist in thermoregulation needs. The most, however, do not like to be enclosed and will be at risk of becoming hypothermic. There will also be in an increased risk of sustaining foot injury due to frost bite. The petition, if approved, will allow emus to be raised for meat. Transport is a particularly stress inducing experience for the birds and welfare consideration should be thoroughly assessed before initiation of transport. Ratites have demonstrated significant depletion of glycogen increased pH and other signs of high stress response due to transportation. This poses a severe danger to animal wellness as they do not transport well and require considerable skill of a butcher to assure humane harvesting. There is often a lack of competent vet who will provide care to the birds. This is a major problem in other states that do not have measures that assure bird welfare and allow un-permitted ownership of ratites. For reference attached please find a book *The Welfare of Farmed Ratites*. Members of the board, I urged you to exercise due diligence and review the book in its entirety as you weigh on the ethics of animal welfare as you are contemplating this vote. I oppose emu ownership in Alaska on the grounds of high risk of animal endangerment and conditions not suitable for animal welfare.

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From: [terry turner](#)
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Subject: Emu Farming in Alaska
Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 9:28:52 AM

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Thank you for considering this matter,
Terry Turner, President of the American Emu Association (AEA)



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There is no good reason to stop a person from keeping emu's.

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November 5, 2019

Alaska Department of Fish & Game
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To the Alaska Board of Game:

We, Ahtna Tene Nene', oppose Agenda Change Request (ACR) 4 by Mr. Watkins to change the community subsistence harvest hunt bag limit in Unit 13 for moose.

ACR 4 should not be approved because it is predominantly allocative, there is no biological conservation concern in Unit 13 for moose nor is there a threat to meeting objective for the population. ACR 4 does identify an unforeseen, unexpected event or effect that would restrict or reduce reasonable opportunity for customary and traditional wildlife uses in Unit 13.

ACR 4 is predominantly allocative in nature. Members of Alaska Board of Game should not take up this allocative ACR outside of the regular cycle. Mr. Watkins is requesting to change Any Bull Moose hunt in Unit 13 to a General Season Hunt-one bull with spike-fork, or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on at least one side. Public members should be given an opportunity to provide public testimony on change to the community subsistence hunt.

According to ADFG biologist in Glennallen, the Bull to Cow ratio is currently above objective in Subunit 13B. Moose count will be done in Unit 13 later in the month of November 2019. As of this date, there is no conservation concern for moose in Unit 13B. ACR 4 is unwarranted.

If ACR 4 was approved, it would restrict and/or reduce a reasonable opportunity to harvest a bull moose. It will also hinder a customary and traditional lifestyle and dependence upon the resource. Larger bulls are higher in elevation during the early opening moose hunting season. Local subsistence hunters would have a burden placed upon them hunting for a larger bull moose.

Please do not approve ACR 4 during deliberations.

Sincerely,
Stoua Steward
for
Eleanor Dementi
Eleanor Dementi, Chair