

Hello,

I have reviewed the comments regarding proposition 24 and wanted to bring to the board's attention that the majority of submissions in favor come from individuals outside of southeast Alaska, and largely outside the state as a whole. This seems to be the result of an email blast from a bowhunting association asking members (any and all) to submit a comment in support.

The comments are public for a reason, and everyone has the right to make a submission but that does not mean all comments carry the same value. I hope the board grants the appropriate weight to these types of comments from individuals with no connection or understanding of the area versus those of long-time local residents that have a deep connection and understanding. To that point, there were virtually no comments in support of this proposition from local residents. For those who voted/commented in support, I think it is worth noting that for many this won't impact them one way or another as the licenses would only be for residents. It will have an impact on the people who live here and are opposed.

Lastly, I believe it is an important distinction that not passing this proposal WILL NOT take anything away from bowhunters. All current opportunities will remain, and this will only preserve an area that already provides value.

Thank you for your time,

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