

Name: Natalie ---

Comment:

I am writing to oppose proposal 75. As a frequent traveler to Alaska, and as someone who regularly supports the tourism economy of the state, I am shocked and horrified to learn about proposal 75. I am urging you to reject this proposal, as it is inhumane and unnecessary.

If this passes, I can guarantee I will never support Alaska's tourism industry/economy again, and I would urge my friends and family to do the same. It is a disgusting proposal. Leave the wildlife alone.

Name: L A

Comment:

Do not go through with Proposal 75. This is a death sentence to the wolves being impacted.

Name: Sarah Abrahams

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Patricia Adamo

Comment:

I vehemently oppose prop75. The widespread areal killing of wolves and bear is an idea that suggests these species need to be managed when they give so much back to the environment and keep the environment healthy. Wolves are ecosystem guardians!!! They bring an ecosystem back to health and keep ecosystems healthy if allowed to be there. We need wolves for our survival and the bear also needs to be present for a healthy ecosystem. The public wants these two species to be on their public lands. Please stop prop 75!!!

Thank you

Name: Caroline Adams

Comment:

Aerial shooting of wildlife is wrong. Indiscriminate slaughter of these animals has no place in this country. It is our duty to protect the wildlife here, not cause harm.

Name: Manon Agterberg

Comment:

It would be absolutely devastating if this proposal would be accepted. We are called to care for the wonderful creation that is the earth, and for all of the creatures in it. Not to destroy them! I cannot understand what the desire behind this outrageous proposal is. The planet needs Alaska and it's nature as is. Please do not pass this. Please protect the bears, wolves and other precious, precious wildlife. Let. Them. Live. Stop this cruelty.

Name: Ole Agterberg

Comment:

It's terrible and absolutely horrible that there is a proposal like this. Do not attack and destroy these wonderful animals. Stop this cruelty at once and please protect the wonderful, valuable wildlife that roams Alaska. The planet needs them. We need them.

Name: Ashley Ahmadi

Comment:

Please reconsider the unnecessary slaughter of these beautiful wolves and bears. We all have a right to exist on this planet, but must co-exist and SHARE space. Please don't do this. There is enough murder and violence.

Name: Betsy Allen

Comment:

The proposal by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to aerially gun down bears in Unit 16 to reduce the brown bear population by 60% is both unethical and ecologically reckless. This method of population control disregards the critical role brown bears play as apex predators in maintaining the balance of their ecosystem. Killing these animals en masse disrupts natural processes, undermines biodiversity, and sets a dangerous precedent for wildlife management. Furthermore, such extreme measures lack sufficient scientific justification and fail to address the underlying causes of wildlife conflicts or prey population declines. Sustainable, humane solutions should be prioritized over brutal tactics like aerial gunning.

Name: Kathryn Alsop

Comment:

Stop killing animals who were on this land before us. It is their land and we are borrowing it

Name: Daryan Alter-Klanke

Comment:

Stop This Crazy killing and Look out for a smarter solution

Name: Bharath Ambati

Comment:

Please stop killing wildlife and disturbing natural habitats for human necessities instead try to figure out ways how to coexist and live with nature.

Name: Sarrie Anderson

Comment:

This is ridiculous you want to gun down “brown bears” to reduce the population! Shake your heads! So what do you like to do with all the people that are over populating the world. Leave the poor bears alone!! They are just living and surviving like all the animals on this earth.

Name: America Arenas

Comment:

Proposal 75 needs to be opposed. It is inhumane and truly disgusting.

Name: Aaron Armas

Comment:

It seems quite radical to try to control the bear population in Unit 16, the bears contribute to the ecosystem and if there is an opportunity, other alternatives rather than gun them down should be revised.

Name: Maria Luz Arredondo

Comment:

This is an outrageous and unacceptable act of violence against innocent creatures. Alaska do better! It is imperative to protect our wild animals instead of slaughtering them! Gunning down hundreds of bears and wolves from a helicopter is not only inhumane but also environmentally destructive. These animals play a crucial role in maintaining the delicate balance of our ecosystem. I refuse to stand by and condone this tragedy. Abolish this proposal now and choose compassion over cruelty!

Name: Sofia Arreguin

Comment:

Land is only valuable if its ecosystems are protected. Bears and wolves are top predators in ecosystems and when they are removed, there are immense negative consequences. It's called a trophic cascade. We must protect all organisms in ecosystems, in order for the ecosystems to thrive. People can only benefit from land if there are healthy ecosystems.

Name: Nick Asreen

Comment:

Made aware of this by Brooke Bartleson. It's incredibly disappointing to see a state fish and game agency not only consider, but submit, a proposal asking to aurally gun down big game like bears and wolves. As a wildlife biologist working down in Florida, I've only ever seen grizzly bears and wolves in Yellowstone National Park. I have many friends in this field who enjoy viewing and hunting wildlife such as myself. Why not distribute more bear and wolf tags to local hunters? Spread the word for ecotourism. If you think bears and wolves are this abundant to be going to such drastic measures like aurally gunning them down to simply increase ungulate populations, why haven't you increased/spread the word about hunting more bears and wolves before this happened? I know many people including myself that would pay good money to view and hunt bears and wolves among other species in Alaska. I really hope y'all reconsider this proposal. Appreciate your time.

Name: Georgia Avery

Comment:

Proposal 75

I absolutely oppose this proposal. It is irresponsible and wreckless. It is not conservation, but mass slaughter. Tax dollars pay for your organization, supplies, staff education. This is a despicable way to forgo what your organization stands for and is expected to do. Why not increase the number of hunting licenses? Maybe increase predators? You are supposed to be experts in maintaining this ecosystem. Please do that responsibly and sustainably.

~ Georgia Avery

Name: Pat Azlin

Comment:

I Oppose Proposal 75. Many Alaskans love to hunt. This isn't hunting. The proposed acts permit acts against nature which have no element of sport or sporting chance. As a frequent tourist to Alaska, I consider the regulatory approval of animal slaughter as a strong negative, when choosing where to spend \$10,000 on vacation. I can easily choose British Columbia. Your choice.


Name: A B

Comment:

Proposal 75: A motion to kill 73-80% of wolves, 80% of black bears, and 60% of brown bears is not just disgusting and bloodthirsty—it's an appalling act of ecological vandalism masquerading as wildlife management. This proposal prioritizes greed and convenience over ethics, science, and common sense. It would leave Alaska's wilderness gutted, its ecosystems shattered, and its reputation tarnished by barbarism. Targeting these apex predators under the flimsy guise of 'management' is nothing more than state-sanctioned slaughter to serve the interests of a few, at the expense of nature itself. Alaska deserves better than to be known as the killing fields of North America. This proposal is a stain on any claim to responsible stewardship and should be condemned outright.

Name: Andree Bair

Comment:

The proposals in Unit 16 are an outrage and does not have the best interest of the economy in mind. This ain't about conservation anymore, it's politics and killing just for the  of it. Unacceptable

Name: Ioana Bakardzhieva

Comment:

The nature has its own way to reduce the number of bears and wolves. Shooting animals from a helicopter is cruel and unnecessary.

Name: Mara Baker

Comment:

I oppose proposal 75, because decimating a native population is never a solution. It disrupts the natural of populations and historically has always lead to overpopulated game and human risk (due to collision events, spread of disease, and the reduction of natural resources). I implore you to reconsider and to analyze how poorly this has gone in other states.

Name: Emily Ball

Comment:

There is no justification for the killing of these animals

Name: Latrece Barcik

Comment:

My family and I love Alaska and especially Lake Clark NP. We vehemently oppose Proposal 75. Aerial gunning is abhorrent and there is absolutely no reason for it, or the elimination of any of these majestic animals. Do better, Alaska. There's room for all of them.

Name: Tom Barreto

Comment:

Absolutely oppose shooting these bears!

Name: Matt Barrett

Comment:

I oppose the involvement upon the bears and extremely am against the ideology of killing them.

Name: Cynthia Bartos

Comment:

I oppose this ruling! This will hurt the ecosystem killing all of those poor brown bears and you already are killing wolves!

Name: September Barylski

Comment:

Oppose of gunning down bears in Alaska 16.

Name: Lauren Bates

Comment:

This land belonged to these animals first. Throughout the world animals are being killed and displaced just because humans says so. This has to stop and these species of animals need to be protected.

Name: Bergen Battiston

Comment:

I oppose proposal 75. Studies have shown that targeting other large predators does not increase human moose and deer intake. There is not enough evidence to cut these large mammals' populations so drastically.

Name: Natalie Battistone

Comment:

I am not an Alaskan resident so I understand my comment may be dismissed. I reside in Idaho where there is a similarly deeply polarizing ongoing conversation around wolf management. I wanted to comment here just to share that wolves are a self-regulating species. They can only breed once a year and mate extremely selectively (most mate for life.) They limit their own population and their presence really does not necessitate additional management. I am opposing the proposals herein that seek to broaden the timeframe within which they can be hunted/trapped and/or simplify the means to do so. Aerial hunting is inhumane, as is trapping, any extensions to these practices are unnecessary in my opinion. Please consider mitigating the proposals to intensify wolf management. Thank you for time and consideration.
respectfully, natalie battistone

Name: Bonnie Bautz

Comment:

I appreciate the difficulties presented by overcrowding in nature but it's 2024. Have we really no better answer than to indiscriminately kill animals natural to the area? Wolves and bears are not only beautiful, majestic creatures, they are integral and imperative members of our ecosystem. Please. Find another, better way to handle what you see as a problem. One day I hope to visit Alaska, in all of its wild beauty. Not some scaled down version moulded to suit humans.

Name: Tiffany Bazart

Comment:

Opposed to shooting down wildlife. That is why we visit Alaska, it is their home

Name: April Beach

Comment:

I understand the need for population control, but this form of execution is absolutely barbaric and the massive reduction cannot be allowed. For population reduction please use other less aggressive tactics.

Name: Ross Beal

Comment:

I do not support the implementation of a minimum trap check period anywhere in Alaska. The primary basis for this position is that a requirement to check traps within a set time window could force a trapper to be out in hazardous weather conditions. If a trapper were facing a man-made deadline for checking traps, he could be faced with the severe cold of arctic winter or intense storms of coastal Alaska. These conditions (and others) could be life-threatening.

Another scenario could involve a trapper suffering from illness or injury. Facing an artificial deadline, the trapper could once again be forced to venture out under circumstances which could lead to further injury or even death.

In addition, low population densities of many furbearer species do not justify checking traps frequently. The number of animals caught under this scheme would not cover the trapper's expenses. Trappers must make a profit to justify the time and effort they invest. Trapping systems in Alaska have evolved over decades to be as efficient as possible. Trappers have learned that allowing several days to pass between trap checks allows for efficient harvest of the renewable fur resource.

A minimum trap check period would place an unnecessary burden on law-abiding trappers, with no benefit to the furbearer resources.

Name: Ally Bebbling

Comment:

PLEASE SAVE THE BEARS. 🐻

Name: Polly Beckett

Comment:

This is disgraceful!! Animal should be protected by us not destroyed !

Name: Kali Bell

Comment:

Absurd

Name: Stephanie Bensley

Comment:

This is an inhumane way to decrease and control wildlife population.

Name: Hollie Bertram

Comment:

What have we become? Humanity at its lowest in history. We are here to protect and watch over this planet. Instead all we seem to know is how to kill. Exhausted..aren't you

Name: Eryn Best

Comment:

As a resident of a state with many apex predators I urge you to oppose Proposal 75. In Florida we value and protect our bears, panthers and alligators.

Name: Mary Bicknell

Comment:

Alaska has an opportunity to model conservation efforts in a way that benefits local economies while meeting environmental goals. Raising hunting quotas mobilizes already existing population control measures with residents and allows for economic growth. It's so disappointing that a state with such a unique opportunity to benefit residents while heading warning of advocates of the land and animals would consider controlled shooting. Consider alternative measures please

Name: Katalina Biondi

Comment:

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Name: Alex Blackburn

Comment:

Brown bears are essential to a balanced habitat and allowing nature to take its course over time is the best way forward. Save the bears

Name: Leah Blickensderfer

Comment:

Please do not do this. These animals are such majestic creatures and deserve to live. People keep taking their land not these beautiful animals.

Name: Ben Boon

Comment:

Killing bears and wolves is disturbing behaviour leave nature alone

Name: Christopher Bopp

Comment:

Save the bears. Save all animal. save mother nature.

Name: Diane Borden

Comment:

There is absolutely no good reason for eliminating 60% of the bear population. You are most likely not going to be eating the meat and even if you are you still don't need to eliminate 60% of that population. Stop tearing down forests and their homes and they will have a proper place to live without invading your place to live. Find a way to relocate like we do alligators. In Florida we recognize it was their home first. And seriously...aerial killing. That isn't hunting. That's outright murder. Disgusting.

Name: Joseph Borgeson

Comment:

RELEASE THE TAGS FOR HUNTS AND MAKE SOME MONEY

Name: Leesa Bowman

Comment:

Hello. I am not a resident of Alaska but I am a US citizen. When someone mentions Alaska I think of beautiful forests, mountains, rushing rivers, pristine lakes, and an abundance of wildlife, both predators and prey. I am horrified at the thought of wolves, brown bears, black bears and all other predators indiscriminately killed for "hunting". We just got wolves off of the endangered species list but once again it seems our species is bent on decimating their populations, and now more animals are on the list to be "killed" in the name of "hunting". God created all creatures, and all creatures have a purpose in God's plan, yet man is bent on killing whatever they deem as "in the way" or "bothersome". All these animals in Alaska, from predator to prey, have a purpose in balancing the ecosystems they live in. When people decide one of those animals isn't important the balance is skewed and sometimes takes decades to restore. Alaska is one of the last remaining natural beauties of the US, not only the landscape but the animals that live there. Please rethink the killing sprees that are being proposed all in the name of "hunting" and protect the beautiful, wild landscapes, and the animals, both prey and predators, that live there. Make Alaska a place where people come to enjoy nature and all in it, like safaris but in the wilderness, instead of people coming in to steal, kill, and destroy all that is Alaska. Protect this place that not only people call home, but thousands of different animal species. Set the example of how man can truly protect the environments and animals that God has given us to steward until He returns. Thank you for listening

Name: Karen Boyle

Comment:

Your proposal is outrageously careless. Why would you decimate wildlife populations of bear and wolves? I could see if you were overrun with them but it doesn't appear you are. Wildlife has the right to exist and we humans should be privileged to be in their presence. Respect for nature in this disrespectful world is more important now than ever

Name: Sanja Božović

Comment:

No

Name: Ally Bradshaw

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Owen Brady

Comment:

Let nature balance itself. This is ridiculous, cruel, and not based on sound science. Predator prey relationships have managed themselves since the dawn of time without human interference. This is just a giveaway to sport hunters.

Name: Pat Breeding

Comment:

Me and my family do not in anyway shape or form support the legislation to kill any of these animals set forth in this new law.

Name: Cédric Brion

Comment:

Let's preserve nature and wildlife... while there's still time...

Stop cruelty

Cédric from Belgium

Name: Michelle Britton

Comment:

I oppose this proposal - it's deplorable to think that humans should further encroach on these native species' habitat and drastically reduce their population.

Name: Greg Brown

Comment:

There is absolutely no excuse for making a decision to kill any wolf without a solid, peer-reviewed, ethical study supporting the reason. If there are numerous such studies suggesting that wolf populations are not the cause of dwindling caribou or other herd animal decline, and we decide to kill wolves anyways, we are only furthering the notion that humans are incapable of responsible land and wildlife management.

Name: Alexander Buess

Comment:

wildlife numbers control themselves. there is no need to kill the majority of their population.
this can be well observed in Yellowstone.

Name: Wolfgang Burger

Comment:

Aerial gunning - is absolutely sickening!!!!

And The implementation of such measures not only raises ethical questions but also lacks scientific evidence supporting their effectiveness in increasing prey populations for hunters.

The world is watching, stop this cruelty!

Name: Nancy Burger

Comment:

First of all aerial gunning of wolves, brown bears, and black bears at the borders of iconic wildlife viewing regions, including Denali National Park and Lake Clark National Park - is sickening cruelty!!!

And

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to

human safety. So why does Alaska continue to get away with outdated and incorrect management practices?

Name: Diana Burnside

Comment:

As an animal lover and someone who has spent time as a tourist several times in beautiful Alaska, I am shocked and disappointed in your decision to aerially kill bears and wolves. Shame on you! Please reconsider this barbaric plan and leave the animals be!

Name: Michael Busa

Comment:

I'm a life long hunter and conservationist in Pennsylvania, there is no reason to hunt bears and wolves by helicopter. It's a waste of resources both from nature and tax payer money.

Name: Jamie Butscher

Comment:

This is absolutely ridiculous and very unfortunate that humans would do this. We should not be harming living animals.

Name: Kellie Byars

Comment:

Everyone involved. Please. I am told this is not a benefit for conservation or the local community. Let them be wild. Let us preserve what is natural and let them regulate themselves. They have the right to be here and we are responsible for protecting their rights to live.

Name: Mary Byrne

Comment:

This is outrageous ! These animals don't need to be gunned down, and reduced down to almost nothing. We are taking over their land, and they are the ones getting punished. These are wild beautiful animals that we need to learn to live with !! I'm 1000% against this !!!!

Name: Matt C

Comment:

There is definitely a better solution than killing the bears that are not bothering anyone. Relocation, plant prey elsewhere to help them migrate, deterrents. I am opposing proposal 75.

Name: Dawn C Shilling

Comment:

The bear population is already down. I am appalled that this is even on the table for review.

Name: Melissa Caicedo

Comment:

The proposal allowing the murdering of Brien bear population is absolutely outrageous. The brown bear population is a KEY driver in tourism for Alaska. Wildlife in general is a massive source of income for the state. How DARE this proposal be considered given the impact it will have on the entire state and community? Are we really optimizing for a small percentage of people here (hunters)? Since when optimizing for the enjoyment of a small population the way to make policy decisions affecting an entire state? It's utterly despicable and outrageous. Please stop this nonsense!

Name: Matt Callaway

Comment:

Reducing Brown Bear by 60% leaves an unsustainable population. This does not appear to be driven by science, but by lobbyists pressing politicians. Follow the science.

Name: Janet Cameron

Comment:

One of these proposals would authorize the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to conduct aerial gunning of wolves, brown bears, and black bears at the borders of iconic wildlife viewing regions, including Denali National Park and Lake Clark National Park. The implementation of such measures not only raises ethical questions but also lacks scientific evidence supporting their effectiveness in increasing prey populations for hunters.

Studies have shown that Alaska's predator control programs, aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters, do not effectively increase human moose harvests. Additionally, these programs would have serious and negative impacts on the Denali and Lake Clark ecosystems.

Name: Josh Campanella

Comment:

Dear Board of Game,

I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the proposal to implement aerial predator control of wolves and bears in regions bordering Denali and Lake Clark National Parks. The proposed reduction of bear populations by 60-80% and wolf populations by 73-83% would have far-reaching negative consequences for both the ecosystem and local economies.

From an ecological perspective, such dramatic reductions in apex predator populations would likely trigger widespread trophic cascades. Wolves and bears play crucial roles in maintaining ecosystem health by regulating prey populations, influencing prey behavior, and contributing to biodiversity. Their presence affects everything from vegetation patterns to small mammal populations. The removal of such large percentages of these predators could lead to:

Overgrazing by unchecked prey populations

Changes in riparian habitat quality

Disruption of scavenger communities that depend on predator kills

Altered vegetation composition affecting numerous other species

Furthermore, these areas represent some of Alaska's premier wildlife viewing destinations, supporting a robust tourism industry that provides sustainable, long-term economic benefits to local communities. Wildlife viewing tourism creates year-round employment opportunities and brings significant revenue to local businesses, lodges, and guide services. The proposed predator control measures could severely impact this crucial economic sector by:

Reducing wildlife viewing opportunities that attract tourists globally

Affecting the viability of bear viewing operations and wildlife tours

Diminishing the wilderness experience that makes these areas unique

Potentially harming the reputation of Alaska as a premier wildlife destination

While I understand the desire to increase prey populations for hunting opportunities, the proposed method of aerial predator control seems disproportionate to the goal and fails to consider the broader economic and ecological implications. I urge the Board to consider alternative management strategies that better balance the needs of all stakeholders and maintain the ecological integrity of these remarkable areas.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Name: Rachel Camper

Comment:

So sad to think that we continue to bring animals to extinction. People are uneducated and unwilling to learn how to live among nature. You invaded their homes and make laws that will almost bring these animals to extinction. Gross.

Name: Jason Carpenter

Comment:

How will you explain to your kids and grandkids that YOU had a hand in the destruction of some of the country's most majestic animals? And for what exactly? Future generations are watching you right now, make no mistake.

Name: Jennifer Carpenter

Comment:

OPPOSING #75. ADAMANTLY OPPOSED to aerial shooting of bear, or eradication or senseless killing of bears of any kind in attempts to control bear population or otherwise.

Jennifer Carpenter

Anchorage, AK

Name: Tasha Carruthers

Comment:

Protecting wildlife is paramount both to ecology and economy! Don't take the easy way out and think your hand are tied. That is cowardice. There are options if you are willing to use your head and heart.

Wildlife is a cornerstone of the economy in northern communities like ours. Please reconsider.

Look at these baby bears. They are a family. You will forever be the person who made this decision, do the right thing. Protect the bears in THEIR natural habitat.

Name: Lois Carta

Comment:

This is not conservation. This is not a decision made with local economies or natural resources in mind.

This is lazy, irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves so much more care.

Unit 16 shares its souther border with Lake Clark

Name: Caden Carter

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Mary Carwile

Comment:

STRONGLY OPPOSE!!!!

Name: Cassandra Casey

Comment:

Please do NOT allow the bear population to be shot at or decreased. Please SAVE THE BEARS. they are a gift to this planet. Even Planet Earth series promotes the need to save our animals not destroy them. We need bears. They are a beautiful part of this planet. They do not deserve to be destroyed or eaten for meat nor harmed for land space. The bears are a necessity part of the life food chain of the animals out in nature. Save them. Don't kill the bears.

Name: Tanya Castanon

Comment:

Save the bears

Name: Charlotte Catry

Comment:

I'm opposed to the decision to reduce wolves and bears populations

Name: Samantha Caughey

Comment:

Bears are natural treasures and should be protected, not gunned down. This is unacceptable.

Name: Sarah Cella

Comment:

This motion should NOT pass. If it does we run the risk of endangering these species as well as impacting the natural order of our environment. As humans it is our job to adapt to our environment, not the other way around!

Name: Franklin Chen

Comment:

I vehemently oppose

Name: Chelsa Christensen

Comment:

Humans should never impose on the life of animals that have rights to their own land and freedom.

Name: Howard Church

Comment:

Poorly thought out idea. Definitely do not support

Name: Lauren Cicero

Comment:

Leave the wild, WILD!

Name: Brady Clarke

Comment:

To suggest such a measure of population control of an apex predator comes at the cost of an entire ecosystem. Never has there been a positive outcome to reducing these populations besides a benefit to artificial systems such as human entertainment, development, or economy. To approve a proposal to drastically cull these healthy populations would lead to a cascade of environmental degradation similar to that of the Yellowstone River. Please reconsider this proposition and keep Alaska wild.

Name: James Clarke

Comment:

In terms of the proposals lifting restrictions on bear hunting, I strongly oppose it. Not only will it harm the brown bear population and leave baby bears risking having their mothers killed or vice versa, but it will damage the delicate ecosystem that is the great Alaskan wilderness.

Name: Donavon Coatney

Comment:

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Name: Ella Cole

Comment:

Absolutely oppose! There's no any scientific reason to doo this! Outrageous!

Name: Megan Coleman

Comment:

I'm disheartened to read of this proposal to gun down bears. It is a disservice to the community and to the animals who make it beyond special. Please do not consider this route. Best, Megan Coleman

Name: Benjamin Collins

Comment:

It makes no sense to kill all these animals in their natural habitat. Killing all these animals would likely lead to a boycott of the state and will hurt wildlife conversation efforts for decades to come

Name: Eric Cooper

Comment:

I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposal to kill wolves and brown bears via aerial shooting. As a wildlife photographer I'm appalled at the lack of scientific need being applied to the reasoning for allowing such culling of these incredible animals. They draw many dollars annually through tourism and recreation and it's incredible shortsighted to so willingly murder two of Alaskas most precious natural resources. Please reconsider this and vote to oppose this proposition.

Name: Lachlan Corbett-Cousins

Comment:

Hunting and killing the bear and wolves in the area would only lead to devastation of the area and ecosystem. By hunting them, there won't be enough biodiversity first of all and moose, rabbits, other herbivores will flood the area eating all the vegetation and running the biome. We've seen this already in Yellowstone so there is nothing to suggest this is a good idea. Yellowstone took over a hundred years and still isn't fully recovered. This act will only ruin Alaska for its inhabitants and tourists. Keep the wolves and the bear.

Name: Emily Cormier

Comment:

Strongly opposing proposal 75 due to the harm it would inflict.

Name: Eva Coscubiela

Comment:

We have to take care about wildlife.

Name: Susan Costello

Comment:

I heard about the unnecessary and inhumane hunting of wolves please leave them alone. They are a valuable part of nature and the ecosystem. Thank you.

Name: Stephanie Cotton

Comment:

Save the bears

Name: Olivia Coulet

Comment:

Wildlife has to be protected, not killed!!!

Name: Tara Cox

Comment:

I oppose the killing of the bears at Lake Clark. This is absolutely horrible. Please, Please don't allow this to happen!! Thank you!!

Name: Griffin Craddock

Comment:

This is disgusting and could be handled in a much more proper way. Things like this make no sense.

Name: Kathleen Cronk

Comment:

This is outrageous on every level. Gunning down bears as smart and sentient as they have been proven to be is not right.

Name: Dave and Rita Cross

Comment:

We are quite concerned for Alaska's wolves, their protection and the preservation of two National Parks. Basically, we want to see ethical and science-based wildlife management! The Alaska Board of Game seems to liberalize hunting and trapping

regulations at the detriment to wildlife!

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management, but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers! Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to human safety! So why does Alaska continue to get away with outdated and incorrect management practices?

One of these proposals would authorize the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to conduct aerial gunning of wolves, brown bears, and black bears at the borders of iconic wildlife viewing regions, including Denali National Park and Lake Clark National Park. The implementation of such measures not only raises ethical questions but also lacks scientific evidence supporting their effectiveness in increasing prey populations for hunters! Is it now cowardly to kill wildlife using aerial gunning?

Studies have shown that Alaska's predator control programs, aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters, do not effectively increase human moose harvests! Additionally, these programs would have serious and negative impacts on the Denali and Lake Clark ecosystems!

Please see the list of proposals below that we oppose concerning wildlife killing!

We so hope that our concerns are given serious and humane consideration and that the suggestions are given serious thought and action!

We are grateful for your time and efforts to make the changes for more humane hunting policies!

Sincerely,

Dave and Rita Cross

Name: Deborah Crouse

Comment:

Slaughtering carnivores is only a temporary and EXTREMELY costly way to, temporarily, increase struggling ungulate populations.

The bigger issue is that this is an arcane, cruel practice that does NOT represent the wishes of the MAJORITY.

Please let's work together to find long-term, cost-effective, viable and humane solutions.

Name: Taires Cuevas

Comment:

Bears are living beings and deserve to live in this planet as much as we do. God created all of us to live here. If you do not believe in God, they still have as much right to roam around the Earth as you do.

They are sentient beings who do not deserve being brutally killed "to lower their population." If their population grows out of control, nature will take care of it.

Please stop this!

Name: Shawn Cunningham

Comment:

OPPOSE

Name: Michelle Da Costa

Comment:

Absolutely atrocious and a shame for all humanity if this goes through. Completely opposed and disgraceful.

Name: Samantha Daniel

Comment:

Alaska is known as the last frontier for a reason. By increasing bear and wolf hunting quotas, local economies benefit, which bring additional funding to wildlife agencies. Eliminating bears and wolves by aerial shooting using state-owned aircraft is inhuman and immature thinking at best. By shooting these animals down by aircraft you will only be hurting the pockets of your government and it's residents.

This is not conservation. This is the mind of a greedy, senseless child that just wants to kill things for fun. This is lazy, irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves so much more care. It benefits no one in the end. Use your brains, and do what's right by your government, your people, and the animals that make Alaska the last frontier.

Unit 16 shares its souther border with Lake Clark National Park, one of the last pristine brown bear habitats left on earth. The brown bear population here is already under extreme threat from the devastating development of the Johnson Tract Mine, collapsing silver salmon runs, and the impending threat of continued salmon run decline.

You will lose SO MUCH more by allowing this happen. Do not rob this world of another natural wonder out of human greed. It's disgusting.

Name: Leda Darocxi

Comment:

I would not like to see the population decline of bears and wolves.

Name: Julia Darrow

Comment:

OPPOSE PROP 75!!!! This is WRONG. Every life on earth has the right to be here. These animals were here long before you were even an idea, get it the [REDACTED] together.

Name: Vironica Dart

Comment:

Proposal 75 Oppose

Name: Jessica Davis

Comment:

Oppose proposition 75- do not kill the bears and the wolves

Name: Craig Day

Comment:

Oppose Prop 75

Not enough information about why the Department wants to increase ungulate populations

Not enough information about why the current predator population is limiting the current ungulate population

Not enough information about efforts taken to increase ungulate populations and allowing current predator populations

Overall lack of transparency

Government should provide more information to the public.

Name: Will Deberg

Comment:

This is absolutely heart breaking and ridiculous.

Name: Anna DeLuise

Comment:

I fear you'll kill too many bears and wolves. You need those predators to balance put the food chain. You should instead increase bear and wolf hunting quotas to benefit the local economy.

Name: Rick Devries

Comment:

I am opposed to this proposal

Name: Seley DeYarus

Comment:

We are living within the 6th Great Extinction. At this moment in time, we who are living have a profound responsibility to safeguard wildness and wildlife as pressures on their existence outpaces any other time.

To seek to destroy bears and with no dignity or respect for their lives - it is heinous. It is lazy of mind and lacks any rigor to apply principles of science to the role and contribution these beings are making to the ecosystem.

But even more basic - is respect for life. Americans are gunning each other down, gunning wildlife down, clearcutting forests and forgetting decency and kindness.

It is simply wrong to gun down another life and to do so from helicopters is obscene. Wake up from the moral slumber that stupefied your spirit.

Why don't you focus on ensuring the safety and longevity of the wildness you ought to protecting and stewarding. Indigenous people around the world are the only true guardians of biodiversity so perhaps you should hand the oversight of Alaska's wilderness to its true people.

Shame on you! Shame on your ignorance and brutality.

Do not proceed to approve this grotesque proposal and further fire the people who thought of it in the first place. They are wrongly employed.

With all sincerity,
Seleyn DeYarus

Name: Michael Dilks

Comment:

Killing the bears is inhumane and not right. I oppose it.

Name: Peyman Dinarvand

Comment:

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to human safety.

Name: Rena Dinkelspiel

Comment:

This is the animals home, let them be. What a cruelty bring to propose

Name: Garrett Dixon

Comment:

Aerial gunnery of predator species for ungulate species is lazy wildlife management and an irresponsible overreach of government practice. Alaska is great because of the enormous untouched landscape that allows for natural regulation of ecosystems, it's one of the last places on earth where human influence on population dynamics is minimal. Therefore it makes no sense to take such action to reduce predators in unit 16. Bear populations in unit 16 almost certainly coincide with populations within Lake Clark National Park. Good populations of brown bears are relied on heavily by local communities for tourism.

Name: Marina Doherty

Comment:

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Name: Isabel Doody

Comment:

Bears and wolves are keystone species, meaning they play critical roles in maintaining the structure and health of ecosystems. They regulate prey populations (like moose and caribou), which prevents overgrazing and helps maintain vegetation and soil health.

Studies have shown that predator culling often fails to achieve its goal of increasing prey populations, especially in the long term. Prey populations are more influenced by habitat quality, weather, disease, and natural cycles than by predator numbers.

Wolves and bears hold cultural significance for Indigenous Alaskans and many others, often symbolizing strength and wilderness.

Alaska's bears and wolves are major draws for wildlife tourism, contributing significantly to the state's economy. Reducing their populations could harm this industry.

Name: Amy Dozier

Comment:

I am opposed to aerial gunning of wolves, brown bears, and black bears in the vicinity of renowned wildlife viewing areas, such as Denali and Lake Clark National Parks.

Ethical concerns: This practice raises significant ethical questions about the humane treatment of these apex predators.

Lack of scientific support: There's insufficient scientific evidence to demonstrate that killing predators will reliably increase prey populations for hunters.

Ineffectiveness of predator control: Studies have indicated that Alaska's past predator control programs, designed to enhance moose, caribou, and deer numbers for hunters, have not consistently resulted in increased human moose harvests.

Ecological damage: Implementing such programs would likely have severe and detrimental consequences for the delicate ecosystems of Denali and Lake Clark National Parks.

Name: Anthony Drago

Comment:

I don't agree with using Ariel planes to decrease animal population. I think we should allow more hunting tags only.

Name: Kristoff Druva

Comment:

We cannot allow bears to be hunted and slaughtered the way proposed in Lake Clark National Park. We need better wildlife management strategies instead of wiping out these incredible animals.

Name: Amy Duncan

Comment:

Please increase hunting quotas instead of mass elimination of these animals

Name: Sage Dunn

Comment:

As a wildlife biologist I am against the culling of 60% of the brown bear population in Lake Clark National Park. If the ecosystem is healthy then the balance of predators will manage itself.

Name: Daryia Dzidarava

Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposal to reduce the populations of bears and wolves in Alaska. Nature has its own balance, and these magnificent creatures play a vital role in maintaining the ecosystem. Instead of intervening and disrupting the natural order, we should focus on conservation efforts that respect wildlife and promote biodiversity. Let's protect our environment and allow these animals to thrive in their natural habitats without human interference!

Name: Callie Easterhouse

Comment:

I oppose 75. Shooting ENDANGERED ANIMALS from helicopters is absolutely barbaric in the day and age. No person with a good conscience would support this unless it lined their [REDACTED] pockets with blood money. Wolves are beautiful, Bears are beautiful- they're needed more then ever when the world is burning, please please. Make the good choice here.

Name: Riley Edwards

Comment:

conservation revolves around the management and humane treatment of animals. mass shooting creatures from the air is brutal, it is inhumane, and i cannot fathom the despicableness and lack of compassion for the environment this is promoting. increasing controlled hunting would bring massive quantities of money to the communities. shooting animals from the air is unfair and unreasonable and unnatural.

Name: Laura Eichinger

Comment:

Dear all,

I would like to oppose Proposal 75...I cant't believe someone even has to comment on a insane proposal like this. As a biologist, hunter and human being I have to tell you that shooting at anything from a moving vehicle is basically torture for any animal or human on the ground. It is inhuman, brutal and from a biological point of view catastophic as you are taking out entire blood lines and are eliminating the possibility of genetic diversity down the line. Nature lets the strong, intelegent and robust survive-this creates strong diverse herds. You are blindly gunning down anything that moves. In a time where biodiversity all over the world is breaking down genetic diversity will become a very valuable asset to any country or region. To destroy such a natural treasure is short sighted and naive. Please reconsider!

Name: Alison Elicier

Comment:

This is not acceptable wildlife management.

Name: Rodrigo Enecoiz

Comment:

I oppose.

Name: Jada Erigh

Comment:

I do believe that wildlife conservation should be in the hands of the Indigenous and local communities who have heart in the area and can benefit from the hunting process. Handing down traditions and lessons, as well as being in touch with the act of taking a life and using what it can provide.

Name: Dylan Escoll

Comment:

Wildlife is facing increased habitat destruction. These are some of the few true wilderness left. It is a clear overstep for the government to dictate what the wildlife population should be- rather than letting natural law take care of it. Scientists and hunters can decide and cull as necessary which should be a minimum. More than half the population is ludicrous. It will be bad for Alaskan ecology, and also bad financially. Thousands of tourists come with the hope of seeing wildlife. This would surely impact tourism. This is the animals domain.

Name: Alejandro Espinosa

Comment:

I don't want this mass bear murder to happen. Please don't!

I know it's not my country but bears are such a beautiful and special animals, and we should preserve them instead of brutally kill them in their main habitat, I wish we had brown bears in other parts of the world. I believe life in the planet is meant to be shared not only dominated.

Name: Colton Evens

Comment:

Please stop desecrating our one true wild place we still have in America. The beauty of Alaska is that we can go see how nature is meant to be. We do not need to artificially manage these populations.

Name: David Faure

Comment:

Air gunning bears is insane !! Ever saw the movie Idiocracy ?

Name: Elissa Faustina

Comment:

I oppose proposal 75

Name: Azariahs Fekre

Comment:

I Oppose Proposition 75

Name: Angel Fernandez

Comment:

Hello, I am a Floridian. I have seen the cause of killing off species in homestead Florida. It is very tragic, because without native species, we will diverge the ecosystem function dramatically. Maybe i am wrong with Brown Bears. But, history repeats itself every time. Moreover, If increasing the catches per day for

fish is necessary (which it is, we have to eat). You guys could start to innovate and find solutions with new technology rising, this will create more competition towards the bears. Further, through out history we have continued to compete with animals for food, this could be another era of competing for food. Well that's it for me, I hope I persuaded some people with this message.

Thanks,

Angel Fernandez

Name: Linda Fighera

Comment:

I am writing today to implore you to not authorize the aerial gunning of wolves, brown bears, and black bears at the borders of iconic wildlife viewing regions, including Denali National Park and Lake Clark National Park. The implementation of such measures not only raises ethical questions but also lacks scientific evidence supporting their effectiveness in increasing prey populations for hunters.

Name: Cole Finney

Comment:

I like bears and I would not like to see them go, no matter how many of my dogs they kill

Name: George Fischer

Comment:

Aerial "hunting" is not management. It is a gross abuse of everything that a responsible steward should hold dear.

Your proposal is based on lazy science and flawed assumptions. It is doubtful that the ungulate population will suddenly rebound, and the entire exercise, in both concept and execution, should be abandoned.

Name: Margrethe Fjetland Løvold

Comment:

PLEASE DONT RUIN THIS WORLD MORE THAN IT ALREADY IS

Name: Dave Fleishman

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposal 75, which seeks to authorize the hunting of bears and wolves from helicopters to protect moose populations in Unit 16. While I understand the desire to manage wildlife populations in a way that supports moose populations, this method of hunting is neither ethical nor sustainable, nor is it fiscally sound. Using helicopters to kill predators from the air disrupts the delicate balance of Alaska's ecosystems and sets a dangerous precedent for wildlife management.

First and foremost, from a purely fiscal standpoint, the proposal is a waste of valuable taxpayer resources. ADFG itself recognizes that “adoption of this proposal would result in significant costs to the department if department staff conduct control activities.” By ADFG’s own reporting on similar intensive management efforts to protect the Mulchatna caribou herd in 2024, “overlapping confidence intervals across these years suggest that the population could have been anywhere on the spectrum of values, and in fact could have been declining instead of growing. The harvest objective of 2,400–8,000 has not been met due to the close of the seasons for continued conservation concerns as the MCH has shown no appreciable population increase since at least 2017.”

Basic principles of good stewardship of public funds require some evidence of return on investment, and if ADFG cannot credibly say that the IM activities have evidenced a modicum of success in other units, Proposal 75 is essentially placing hundreds of thousands of tax dollars on red or black on a roulette wheel, hoping for the best. Taxpayers deserve better.

Furthermore, hunting from helicopters introduces a significant ethical concern. It is a method of hunting that is neither fair nor humane. The aerial approach eliminates the possibility for the animals to flee or defend themselves, essentially rendering it a one-sided slaughter. This approach is at odds with the principles of ethical hunting, which emphasizes fair chase and respect for the natural behaviors of wildlife. It is vital that wildlife management efforts reflect our collective responsibility to treat animals with dignity and compassion, not as targets in an unfair and distressing manner. While I recognize that under Proposal 75, ADFG is proposing initially only to conduct IM activities on wolves, the statement by ADFG that “The department has no plans to activate bear control at this time” rings hollow. Proposal 75 would allow the department to flip a switch and begin IM activities on bears at a moment's notice without any scientific data to support such efforts.

Moreover, the impact of this practice on the broader ecosystem is cause for concern. Bears and wolves play an essential role in maintaining the health and stability of Alaska's ecosystems. As apex predators, they help regulate populations of other species and prevent overgrazing that could negatively affect vegetation. The removal of these predators from the landscape could result in unforeseen ecological consequences, potentially harming the very moose populations that the proposal intends to protect. It is important to consider the long-term consequences of such a drastic action, which could alter the natural order and have cascading effects on other wildlife.

Furthermore, the proposal fails to consider non-lethal alternatives for managing predator populations. Scientific research has demonstrated that there are more humane and effective ways to support moose populations, such as habitat restoration, addressing human-related disturbances, and implementing

targeted, localized management practices. This is to say nothing of focusing on poaching, which is not at all discussed in connection with Proposal 75. By ADFG's own reporting on IM activities in 2024 regarding authorized hunting of the Mulchatna caribou herd, "We suspect the actual harvest is substantially higher than the reported harvest." But the reality is, ADFG has no firm data to indicate that either bears or wolves are the primary contributors to perceived declines in moose populations in Unit 16. By prioritizing non-lethal methods, we can promote a more balanced and sustainable approach to conservation, one that respects the integrity of the entire ecosystem while also considering the welfare of all species involved.

In conclusion, I urge the Alaska Board of Game to reject Proposal 75 and consider more ethical, and fiscally and ecologically sound methods for protecting moose populations. The use of helicopters to hunt bears and wolves is not only inhumane but also poses a serious risk to Alaska's natural environment. It is also fiscally unsound. We have a duty to protect all species, including apex predators, in a way that is both responsible and respectful. I respectfully ask that you reconsider this proposal and focus on more sustainable and humane wildlife management practices for the benefit of both the moose and Alaska's broader ecosystem.

Name: Tiffany Flood

Comment:

Opposing unit 16 gunning down bear and wolf populations.

Name: Marcuz Flores

Comment:

Do not punish the brown bear community for the lack of education tourist and locals share m. Many bears have been pushed away from there native habitat due to human interference.

Name: Nina Forsyth

Comment:

Please oppose proposal 75 because killing off wildlife in this manner is not the best way to steward the beautiful land that we are blessed to have access to as Americans.

Name: Becky Foster

Comment:

Gunning down bears from the air is a lazy and irresponsible way to increase ungulate population.

Name: Gyla Fowler

Comment:

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Wolves are not the cause of the decrease in the caribou population; killing wolves will not effectively address that problem. Airborne killing of wolves and brown bears in Unit 17 violates Alaska Stat. § 16.05.783. I oppose any new rules to decrease the wolf population because it will disrupt the ecosystem that keeps Denali viable.

Name: Christina Franey

Comment:

Oppose the Alaska Bear Culling Proposal: A Plea for Preservation

The proposal to eliminate 60% of Alaska's bear population is not just an ecological misstep—it's a catastrophic assault on an already fragile environment. Humanity has repeatedly shown a reckless disregard for the delicate balance of nature, and this proposition threatens to deepen the damage we've inflicted on ecosystems we barely understand.

Bears play an irreplaceable role in Alaska's ecosystems. As apex predators and scavengers, they regulate prey populations and facilitate nutrient distribution. For example, when bears feed on salmon and disperse carcasses across the forest floor, they enrich the soil with nitrogen and other nutrients, benefiting plant growth and the countless species that depend on those plants. Removing a majority of these bears will ripple through the ecosystem, causing consequences that we cannot fully predict but know will be dire.

The Alaskan wilderness is under siege. Climate change, deforestation, and human encroachment have already destabilized this once-pristine environment. By decimating the bear population, we are not just eliminating a species—we are accelerating the collapse of an intricate web of life that has thrived for millennia. These ecosystems are not isolated; their health affects the planet's biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and even weather patterns.

It is deeply troubling that humanity's response to wildlife management is so often rooted in extermination. We must abandon this obsession with dominating and destroying the creatures we share this planet with. Bears, like all wildlife, have an inherent right to exist. They are not nuisances to be controlled or obstacles to human convenience—they are vital, sentient beings with intrinsic value.

The loss of such a significant portion of the bear population could lead to unforeseen consequences for humans. Ecosystem collapse affects agriculture, water quality, and even public health. For example, when predator populations are reduced, prey populations can explode, leading to overgrazing and habitat

destruction. Additionally, weakened ecosystems are less resilient to climate change, threatening the very resources we depend on.

Instead of destroying bear populations, we should invest in sustainable coexistence. This means funding non-lethal management strategies, educating communities about bear behavior, and addressing root causes of human-bear conflicts, such as improper waste management. These approaches have been proven to reduce conflicts without resorting to mass killings.

The proposal to cull 60% of Alaska's bears is a shortsighted and devastating plan that prioritizes human dominance over ecological integrity. We cannot afford to lose more of our planet's already fragile biodiversity. Deny this proposal—not only for the bears but for your children and great grandchildren to come, so you can tell them you did what you could to save the planet for them.

Name: Laura Gagliardi

Comment:

Please stop with this non sense. Leave animals free to live.

Name: Jack Ganley

Comment:

This a bad plan. Do better

Name: Dominique Garre

Comment:

Killing Wolves is Unnecessary!!

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to human safety.

Name: Yvonne Gaskin

Comment:

Respectfully requesting and opposing Proposal 75 to gun down the bears and wolves. Please reconsider and do not allow this to move forward. Outside of the fact that these are majestic creatures that need our protection this is a PR nightmare in the making - can you image the photos of the massacre of mothers and cubs and these beautiful animals. Can you image how will shock the world. Please protect these beautiful animals and do not move forward with what will be traumatic for all involved. They are a natural resource as well.

Name: Cousin Gerard

Comment:

Don't touch the bears

Name: Mira Ghoshal

Comment:

I oppose the killing of wolves and of other forms of wildlife for sport. The most beautiful state in the Union should be free of such blood sports.

Name: Julia Giancaspro

Comment:

Not needed to should bullets from the sky. Not human for bears who can't help where they live to be target practice from a plane.

Name: martin gibbons

Comment:

Think about loss of reputation and loss of revenue from tourists coming to see the wildlife people are gonna share the [REDACTED] out of this worldwide

Name: Grace Giles

Comment:

Utterly outrageous

Name: Jessica Gilliam

Comment:

This is outrageous and unacceptable.

Name: Mackenzie Gilmore

Comment:

To order the massacre of brown bears who contribute to an ecosystem and have every right to roam the earth that we humans continually destroy and pillage, is absolutely insane. Protections should be ordered rather than death sentences.

Name: Ester Gonzalez

Comment:

I oppose aerial gunning down 60% of the brown bear population. We need to protect our wildlife. Special interest groups shouldn't dictate the natural world.

Name: Rick Gonzalez

Comment:

I oppose the senseless killing of these bears.

Name: Adtiana Gonzalez

Comment:

We should stop killing wildlife. Allow animals to regulate themselves. There is no reason for this atrocity.

Name: Yazmin Gonzalez

Comment:

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management. However, research demonstrates that wolves limit their numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations nor pose threats to human safety.

Name: Olivia Gosden

Comment:

All

Name: Sylvia Graebe

Comment:

This is not conservation. This is not a decision made with local economies or natural resources in mind. This is lazy, irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves so much more care.

Name: Skyler Grathwohl

Comment:

This is an irresponsible proposal that must be opposed!

Name: Marcus Green

Comment:

Airborne take of bear and wolves should be banned, it is a sad day to see something like this. You should be focusing on core issues like preserving habitat to let prey predator dynamics play out naturally and not resorting to such horrendous/lazy methods of population control.

I have a degree in ecology and don't agree at all with this proposal.

Name: Jamie Green

Comment:

Stop killing wolves! Wolf populations manage themselves.

Name: Rebecca Green

Comment:

No on proposal 75!!!

Name: John Gritt

Comment:

Wildlife populations self regulate. Aerial shooting is immoral and not fair chase and should not be allowed to control populations.

Name: Bernadette McEwen, Grizzly bear 399 legacy & more group

Comment:

Alaska dept of fish and game Proposal #75 please reconsider the culling of killing bears Aerially to gun down in unit 16 (the northern boarder of lake Clark national Park) with the goal to reduce 60% of BROWN BEAR 🐻 Populations.

This is OUTRAGEOUS 🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻.

I OPPOSE! THIS !. I live in Bella Coola Bc this has and will never be done here 🏠. It's their territory 🏠 the bears have every right to be there. 🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻🐻. I Am heartbroken ❤️ please please stop 🛑 this PROPOSAL !!!!!

There must be another solution killing is easy but NOT ! the answer here.

Name: Caroline Gutberlet

Comment:

Shame on you! This is a disgrace! If you want to control the best population, let the native hunters hunt!

Name: Jenna Gutierrez

Comment:

To eliminate the natural beings of this area for human satisfaction would be an injustice to nature and all its fragile system that we are lucky to be a small part of. Killing the wolves and bears of this region would gravely impact the ecosystem in which these animals thrive.

Name: Isabella Guzman

Comment:

The bears were here first. This is outrageous and unruly. Be kinder to the animals you've already pushed away from their homes.

Name: Grace Gyuricko

Comment:

proposal 75:

I am deeply disturbed by the idea of implementing aerial killing of bears and wolves. These actions are not only unethical but also cruel and unnecessary. Killing animals from planes or helicopters is a tactic used against dangerous criminals, not wildlife, and it has no place in responsible conservation. Your responsibility is to protect wildlife and maintain the balance of the ecosystem, not to instill terror and commit brutal acts. While I oppose the killing of animals altogether, there are far more humane and effective methods for managing populations if necessary. This proposal undermines the very principles of ethical wildlife stewardship.

Name: Nicole Hagerty

Comment:

I oppose proposal 75. National Parks belong to all of us and their protection and that of the beautiful creatures within them do as well. There is no reason for this extreme and cruel proposal.

Name: Rachel Hale

Comment:

Proposal 75: Is this a joke? How dare anyone consider themselves above other living beings in a matter of land control.

Name: Tim Ham

Comment:

I disagree with the proposal and encourage you to vote no. I am deeply saddened to hear that this is the solution to the issue at hand. There must be a better way in which to preserve the wildlife in a natural way instead of intervening in the proposed way.

Name: Gary Hamilton

Comment:

I'm writing in opposition to the proposed "management" plan to reduce the number of bears and wolves by aerial shooting. The bears and wolves are already under extreme pressure from the mining activities that are underway because they negatively affect the salmon populations that the bears and wolves depend on for survival. If any reduction of the populations of bears and wolves is scientifically determined to be necessary to maintain healthy populations of the bears and wolves, then the needs and desires of the local communities must be taken into account before any reduction plans are implemented. The area of the proposed reduction in numbers is adjacent to Lake Clark NP, which is a major tourist attraction for wildlife photographers (like myself) and people who fish, all of whom significantly contribute to the local economy. The bears and wolves no doubt move between the park and the area of the proposed shooting activity to reduce numbers. That would negatively affect the area's tourism economy and possibly reduce the number of bears and wolves in the park. Please do not put this plan into operation. Thank you

Name: Nadine Hansohn

Comment:

As a taxpaying citizen of the United States, I strongly oppose your request to kill brown/grizzly bears in Alaska, Unit 16. This is morally and ethically wrong!

Name: Sam Harmon

Comment:

BEARS DO NOT DESERVE TO DIE!!!! Let them do there thing.

Name: Millie Harris

Comment:

I don't want to see 60% of bears killed so no reason

Name: Mia Harris

Comment:

I would encourage you look back at the numerous times measures such as measure 75 have been introduced and failed.

Two examples come immediately to mind personally, 1. Yellowstone National Park when they reduced predator populations which then sky rocked elk populations which then significantly harmed the plant life in the park from the elk over grazing.

2. Denali National park, when over hunting of wolves was permitted outside the park in the Stampede region and had direct negative implications on the wolves within the park creating unstable wolf packs and dropping the population significantly. (Park tour bus drivers talk about this failure on your behalf currently.)

Killing off predators has never been the solution and these ecosystems have a natural balance to them that we do not need to be playing god to regulate. Nature has checks and balances in place.

I would also point out how important these animals are in regards to tourism in Alaska as well. So many people pay a lot of money just for a glance at these creatures. Photography tours, guided hunting trips and sight seeing are huge money makers in terms of tourism.

These animals are part of what makes Alaska special and make it feel unlike anywhere else. These landscapes that are filled with abundant wildlife are a key aspect of what makes Alaska different from so many other places. These creatures have a right to live.

If none of the statements above are enough to convince you why this is a bad idea, then please consider an alternative way of reducing populations. Introducing more hunting tags to local communities so that people have meat to fill their freezers and fur to put to good use.

Name: Monika Hartmann

Comment:

Please do not do this. Please.

Name: Jenny Hartsock

Comment:

Aerial shooting of animals should be planned. It's a disgusting form of population management. If you want to bring down the baron Wolf population, then allow more people to hunt them responsibly. Also, the wild animals of Alaska or its greatest resource in terms of tourism, why would you want to diminish that in anyway?

Name: Mehrab Hashin

Comment:

This is not ok. Lake Clark brings tourism to the state of Alaska, is protected land, and grizzlies are endangered in the lower 48. We need to protect nature/animals and leave them alone. Gunning them down is barbaric.

Name: Emily Hassfurther

Comment:

These proposals blatantly disregard fair chase and ethics, incorrectly blame wolves for decline in caribou populations, and seek to liberalize both killing seasons and the methods people can use to kill wolves.

Name: Emily Hays

Comment:

As a conservation worker and a life long lover of the natural world AND supporter of local businesses and communities, I want to firmly voice my opposition for the aerial targeting and reduction of bear and predator populations. The value to local hunters and businesses, and opportunities for education would be much better served by gradual hunting license increases in line with population numbers, NOT aerial state owned drones.

Name: Adam Helberg-Curran

Comment:

Alaskan bears and wolves contribute to the soul of North America

Name: vanessa Henault

Comment:

Wildlife helps our Earth. Let the wolves and bears live. We arent any better to take their lives.

Name: Lauren Hereford

Comment:

This proposal to reduce any form of life is WRONG. This is unacceptable as a steward of the earth. We are the top predator and are acting like it. I am disgusted in our leaders who allowed this decision to happen. You are disgusting. Please reconsider this decision and help protect life instead. Please. Please. Please. Please. Please. Please. For the love of God. Please.

Name: Erinn Hermesen

Comment:

Apex predators are also crucial for environmental conservation; we have seen time and again how reducing apex predator numbers harm the ecosystem by bringing the food web out of balance. Nature is also very capable of self-regulating apex predator population numbers, and humans should not interfere with this balance. Research also shows that tourism dollars brought in by wildlife are incredibly high.

Name: Rudy Heywood

Comment:

This is disgusting that humans believe that it's their right to aerially gun down bears, who have been roaming the land longer than humans have! Should have as much legal right to be on any plot of land that they wish as this planet doesn't belong to humans, we literally rent it until we are no longer here and we should respect other living creatures with the same level of respect that we would want to be treated.

I oppose this bill and I'm petitioning this to be stopped!

Name: Lauren Hill

Comment:

I do recognize the importance of Reducing certain predator populations. However, I feel that aerial shooting of these animals is not best practice. Please take consider allowing local hunters to benefit from hunting these animals. Therefore, the local economy will better benefit from this situation.

Name: Katharina Hinder

Comment:

The animals and forests were there before humans. How can anyone presume to decide about everything, life and nature? We have already poured enough asphalt. Keep your hands off the last piece of natural life

Name: Kathryn Hoffman

Comment:

This is absolutely disgusting. Killing wildlife for human financial gain is abhorrent. Strongly opposed.

Name: Paula Hollie

Comment:

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Name: Kelly Holman

Comment:

Please do not allow the gunning down of Alaskan wildlife. This would be completely outrageous and is unacceptable management of any animal species. Wolves and bears are key stone species and deserve to be on the landscape as much as anything else. Continued human intervention has caused so much damage to our planet already. Alaska boasts such a diverse population of native species and this would be the opposite of progress to help protect the landscape. Please do not allow this to happen and let these animals live in peace. It is unbelievable that proposals like this are even considered with the current state of the planet. This would be a crime against nature and anyone who would support this should be considered a criminal. Please do not allow this.

Name: Dominique Holy

Comment:

I strongly oppose killing more wolves. It is disgusting and unethical to kill wolves so that hunters could benefit from more prey. Furthermore there is absolutely no scientific evidence that this would increase prey populations. Authorities must protect wildlife and the environment, not selfish and destructive humans.

Wolves regulate their own numbers and pose no threat. They do not need to be regulated.

Name: Christina Hon

Comment:

I understand I am from out of state and my comment might not matter but I do not believe that the government should be able to reduce the predator by that significant an amount on their own. Please release tags instead and open it up to more hunting. Government should not be in control of our wildlife.

Name: Barbra Horowitz

Comment:

Very hard to read!

Name: GARY HOSEA

Comment:

To kill the Bears in this manner is cruel, inhumane and criminal. The Bears need to be relocated to another location.

Name: Sara Howard

Comment:

Please don't approve this. This is outrageous. These bears deserve the opportunity to survive and thrive. There is zero scientific evidence that shows this will cause any good. There is plenty of evidence that shows this will cause harm to many other species. Please don't approve this!

Name: C Huff

Comment:

Oppose the senseless killing of wildlife.

Name: Kim Hughes

Comment:

PLEASE STOP KILLING animals. They his does NOT help, aid, or do anything good for the future of Alaska to kill

Its wildlife: you- the people cause more damage to the agriculture than to any animal. Control yourselves and stop your murder. The rural residents are the voice for the animals and wildlife and my their speaking out against you be heard!

Name: Heather Morehouse, Human Kind and Mother Earth

Comment:

Why? Let's get rid of the encroachment and stripping of our natural lands first. Absolutely disgusting behavior and we will all pay for this, someday, in the end.

Name: Naomi Hungler

Comment:

There is no consideration of local economies here (hunting quotas). This is lazy wildlife management. There is no effective Indigenous consultation here either.

Name: Anne Hurlock

Comment:

Atrocious

Name: Michelle Hutcherson

Comment:

Bears are in their natural habitat. It is inhumane to gun them down especially from the air. They are just living their life they were created for. This is disgusting.

Name: Jill Isbell

Comment:

Vehemently oppose the aerial gunning down of bears!

Name: Kenneth Jagim

Comment:

Don't kill the bears ! Increase hunting license quantities !

Name: sara jane

Comment:

proposal 75, opposed. Reducing the bear population in wilderness areas can have significant ecological consequences, as bears play a crucial role in maintaining the health and balance of these ecosystems. As apex predators and scavengers, bears help regulate populations of smaller animals, such as deer and rodents, preventing overgrazing and the depletion of plant life. They also contribute to seed dispersal through their consumption of fruits, which fosters plant growth and biodiversity. Furthermore, bears' interactions with their environment, including their role in nutrient cycling, help sustain the intricate food webs within wilderness areas. Reducing bear numbers disrupts these processes, potentially leading to imbalances that harm other wildlife, degrade habitats, and reduce overall ecosystem resilience. Therefore, maintaining a healthy bear population is essential for the continued vitality and functioning of wilderness ecosystems.

Name: Taylor Joerger

Comment:

This outrageous and so unbelievably selfish

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Comment:

Bears and other animals deserve to be free as they always have. It is so selfish we have lived along side them for this long. They are the core values of the state and bring trueness to it. How unbelievable that we put ourselves before these animals that cannot defend against guns.

Name: Erica Johanson

Comment:

Instead of increasing scientifically managed bear and wolf hunting quotas, which could have directly benefited local economies and brought additional funding to wildlife agencies, they are requesting the ability to ELIMINATE BEARS and WOLVES using random aerial shooting!

- This is not conservation!! This is not a decision made with local economies or natural resources in mind. This is lazy, irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves so much more care!!

Name: Kristen Johnson

Comment:

This is inhumane and disgusting!!!

Name: Ron Johnson

Comment:

Oppose 75

Here we are again, repeating past “sins” if you will, not listening to science, being the worst of the species. I, for the life of me, can’t understand the thinking. The lies the misguided information, the inaccurate fear. I am not anti Hunter, I am not anti gun. But this is killing to kill. There is no warranted reason for mass killing of these animals. Stop this

Name: Sydney johnson

Comment:

It’s their home too, learn to coexist with animals instead of wiping them from the face of the earth.

Name: Kyle Johnston

Comment:

These tags need to go to hunters if the population needs to be thinned. As long as they’ve have been no bear on human interactions or deaths then this is REDACTED

Name: Elizabeth K.

Comment:

I oppose to this proposition. By reducing a population of species in this way is not right especially in times as difficult as right now

Name: Brendon Kahn

Comment:

There is no reason scientifically to alter the amount of brown bear populations in this area. This goes against the tourism benefit from the bears and promising a healthy ecosystem at large. This is bad for Alaskans and Americans.

Name: Ash Kahn

Comment:

There is no reason scientifically to alter the amount of brown bear populations in this area. This goes against the tourism benefit from the bears and promising a healthy ecosystem at large. This is bad for Alaskans and Americans.

Name: Noah Kantor

Comment:

Hello, I am writing today to express disapproval for proposal 75. Although I believe the cause to grow ungulate populations, aerialy shooting predators is not the way to go about it. Not only are we eliminating animals that are so precious to our already drained world, we are setting a precedent that this is okay to do. I believe hunters should be given more freedom to hunt these predators. Not only will this support local hunters and economy, but this will prevent merciless killings of our beloved predators. As someone not even from this area, I love and cherish the animals on this earth, and believe they deserve more than to be almost killed off. Please reconsider this proposal and do what is better for us all.

Name: Andrew Karam

Comment:

Surely there are more important uses of time than to go killing predators that do a lot of good. Let's not play god please

Name: Cheyenne Kas

Comment:

Please do not do this. We have enough wildlife being killed all over the country. Let them thrive and let Mother Nature do it's thing without human interference.

Name: Lukas Kaufmann

Comment:

The bears and wolves are an important part of the ecosystem.

Name: Sophie Kaufmann

Comment:

Save the bears ! 🐻

Name: Ayden Keller

Comment:

I get the idea of reducing population sizes and controlling populations however there is for sure a better way to go about this. I'm opposed to the suggested idea of gunning down the wildlife and would appreciate a reconsideration!

Thank you for your time

Name: Will Kemp

Comment:

This is their home. We intrude upon it. That does not give humans the right to eliminate them.

Name: Keeley Kenefick

Comment:

Prop 75:

A reduction of population of wolves and bears would be a detriment. They are part of the life and landscape and nature as a whole. I oppose stepping in to control a population that is as nature has intended in order to let other populations grow just for food. There are many other ways to feed a community, this proposition will harm living beings only for benefit of humans, which is not what their existence is about. Thank you

Name: Laila Khrino

Comment:

Please do not do this to the bears and wolves. That is their home and natural habitat.

Name: Rebecca Kimmerle

Comment:

I oppose all killing of animals! Especially to just reduce population! Nature does that! They deserve to be here as much as humans!

Name: Andrea King

Comment:

Please do not shoot Brown Bears from planes. Science has proven time and time again that apex predators are vital to flourishing ecosystems. Ungulate populations will fluctuate all on their own without human intervention just fine. The biological community has always managed to function without us. We are the problem, not the predators.

Name: Hayle King

Comment:

Alaska is home to some of the most majestic wildlife on Earth, with the gray wolf being one of the most iconic species. Wolves play a vital role in maintaining the health of ecosystems, particularly by controlling populations of prey species, which helps maintain biodiversity. However, these magnificent animals are facing increasing threats due to human activity, habitat loss, and political decisions that allow for their hunting and trapping.

As a community and as individuals, there are several ways we can contribute to the protection of Alaska's wolves and the preservation of national parks like Denali and Gates of the Arctic.

1. Advocacy and Support for Wildlife Protection Legislation

One of the most effective ways to protect Alaska's wolves is through supporting policies and laws that preserve their habitat and restrict hunting practices. By advocating for stronger protections against wolf hunting and trapping, we can help ensure that these creatures remain a part of the Alaskan wilderness. For instance, supporting federal and state policies that protect predators in national parks and wilderness areas helps create safe havens for wolves.

Organizations like the Center for Biological Diversity and the Defenders of Wildlife work tirelessly to protect wolves and their habitats. Supporting their campaigns, whether through donations or spreading awareness, can increase public and governmental pressure to implement more sustainable wildlife management policies.

2. Supporting National Parks

Denali National Park and Gates of the Arctic National Park are critical habitats for wolves. Denali, in particular, is famous for its wildlife, including wolves, and its large, untouched landscapes. Gates of the Arctic, being one of the least visited and most remote national parks in the U.S., offers an ideal sanctuary for wolves. Protecting these areas through advocacy for continued national park funding and opposition to oil drilling and mining within these parks is crucial.

Encouraging others to visit these parks responsibly, through guided eco-tourism, can increase public interest and support for preservation efforts. Revenue generated from park fees often goes directly to maintaining the parks and protecting their wildlife.

3. Promoting Education and Awareness

Raising awareness about the importance of wolves to the ecosystem is another vital step. Wolves are not just predators; they help regulate ecosystems by keeping herbivore populations in check, thus benefiting plant life and ensuring a balanced food web. Educating the public about their role in the environment and the threats they face can help shift public opinion toward more protective policies. Hosting or participating in educational events, online campaigns, and presentations about wolf conservation and the importance of national parks can make a big difference.

4. Sustainable Tourism and Eco-friendly Practices

Tourism is a key economic driver in Alaska, but it can also have detrimental effects on wildlife if not properly managed. Supporting sustainable tourism that prioritizes wildlife, and environmental conservation ensures that national parks and wildlife populations like wolves thrive. By choosing eco-friendly travel options, respecting wildlife in national parks, and following all park guidelines, tourists can help protect sensitive habitats and support the local economy.

5. Donating to Conservation Organizations

Many organizations are working to protect the wolves of Alaska and preserve the state's natural beauty. By donating to groups like the Alaska Wildlife Alliance, Wolf Conservation Center, or Wildlife Conservation Society, you are supporting projects that work directly on the ground to protect wolves and their habitats. These donations help fund scientific research, habitat restoration, and legal campaigns that seek to safeguard the lives of wolves and preserve pristine wilderness areas for future generations.

6. Participating in Scientific Research and Citizen Science

Scientific research on wolf behavior, population dynamics, and their role in ecosystems is essential for making informed conservation decisions. If you have the opportunity to participate in or fund research, particularly related to the impact of human activities on wolf populations, it can greatly contribute to conservation efforts. Additionally, citizen science programs that track wolf sightings or report environmental changes in the wilderness can provide valuable data to researchers and wildlife managers.

The protection of Alaska's wolves and the preservation of national parks like Denali and Gates of the Arctic requires collective action. By advocating for stronger protections, supporting conservation organizations, practicing responsible tourism, and educating others, we can ensure that these iconic creatures continue to roam the Alaskan wilderness for generations to come. Our efforts can help maintain the delicate balance of nature in these incredible ecosystems, preserving not only the wolves but the rich biodiversity that defines Alaska's wilderness.

Name: Sarah Kirby

Comment:

I strongly oppose proposal 75 because it is a cruel and temporary solution.

Name: Cheryl Klauss

Comment:

I visited Lake Clark and Denali national parks this summer and it was very apparent that the number of Cubs especially is way down. I 100% oppose the gunning down of any wildlife in the proposed areas.

Name: Shiane Knapper

Comment:

Opposing proposal 75! Incredibly ridiculous to get rid of gorgeous wildlife who are meant to be living there in peace. They're not hurting anybody by being where they're meant to be. I strongly oppose to you killing the beautiful wildlife there.

Name: Xochitl Koppelmeyer

Comment:

If human population is at risk, then reduce the people allowed to live there DO NOT cowardly murder these creatures. Haven't you learned from history. Doing something like this threatens the entire balance of the animal world. Leave them be.

Name: Layra Kostik

Comment:

I strongly ask that this proposal does NOT happen. It is sickening to even try to comprehend this. You should be ashamed!!

Name: Dan Kraner

Comment:

Please do not move forward with the killing of black bears, brown bears and wolves in the Wasilla area of Alaska. This is an important habitat for these animals and one of the few remains habitats in which they can live undisturbed.

Name: Karen Kravcov Malcolm

Comment:

Regarding the implementation of critical proposals before the Alaska Board of Game that could significantly impact wolf populations at the borders of two National Parks, such measures not only raises ethical questions but also lacks scientific evidence supporting their effectiveness in increasing prey populations for hunters.

Studies have shown that Alaska's predator control programs, aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters, do not effectively increase human moose harvests. Additionally, these programs would have serious and negative impacts on the Denali and Lake Clark ecosystems.

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to

human safety. So why does Alaska continue to get away with outdated and incorrect management practices?

Name: Janine Kraye

Comment:

It is unacceptable that a first world country still hasn't found better solutions to live with small and big wildlife but expects African communities to sustain our natural biodiversity. To target the bear population so close to protected areas in a relatively low populated region is unacceptable. Humans need to do better... yes, living with wildlife can be challenging but are you telling me that we are bothered and outsmarted by bears and raccoons and cannot find less invasive solutions to coincide. This is so 1850... we live in 2024. Let's do better!!!!

Name: Ryan Kremer

Comment:

Oppose 75. It's outrageous and lazy.

Name: monika kremo

Comment:

please stop

Name: Maddi Krol

Comment:

What if we did the same thing to humans? And reduce human population? It would be wrong just like this is

Name: Patrick Kunc

Comment:

I oppose any increase in hunting of bears or wolves

Name: Kaitie L

Comment:

To even propose something so incredibly out of touch and nonsensical is truly a reflection of the level of selfishness, incompetence, and ignorance this administration demonstrates. This animal is Scientifically proven to be essential to the natural environment ,scientifically has been classified as critically endangered, and is down right a native being to that soil. Any amount of research, - aka facts science and logic, would have never lead to this horrific decision. Strip them of their land, food, and now their lives. This type of treatment would never pass in the court of law for humans, have some [REDACTED] respect for the animals and do the same. Just because they aren't the same as us does not mean we have to treat them as lesser. You are not morally superior. Your knowledge of morality and ethics is as [REDACTED] dumb as your environmental and political science. The lot of you can burn in [REDACTED] with those small brains and little iqs. OPPOSE.

Name: Karen Lageveen

Comment:

We visit Alaska specifically for the wildlife. This is not right. Please look again and come up with a more reasonable solution. Culling is never the answer. Also the method is not humane.

Name: Pascale Laïk

Comment:

Please, let live and protect these magnificent animals and their pristine habitat, don't destroy them, they don't deserve this fate, they are one of the most beautiful symbols of Alaskan wilderness and an important umbrella specie

Name: Griffin Lamont

Comment:

This absolutely crazy, I don't understand why we would kill off 75 percent of bear and wolfs. Especially in such a wild and free place. We need to let nature do its thing.

Name: Diane Lang

Comment:

The proposal to reduce bear population by 60% is shocking. As a wildlife photographer it will be devastating. Tourists & wildlife photographer will not go & spend their money, I will be going to the Great Bear Rainforest in BC. Why on earth would you kill off a huge tourist attraction.

Name: Christy Lavoie

Comment:

NO to Proposal 75. Predator control programs prioritize hunting over wildlife viewing, undermining Alaska's reputation and the economic benefits from tourism. The proposed practices are cruel, outdated and ineffective. Decades of predator control have failed to demonstrate scientific or practical benefits for prey populations, such as moose.

YES to Proposal 11, shortening the brown bear hunting season near Katmai to prevent overlap with bear viewing season.

Name: Kate Lawrence

Comment:

Oppose. This is cruel and unnecessary. Let the ecosystem live.

Name: Allison Lawton

Comment:

This bill is cruel and will effect the ecosystem I do not support this bill

Name: Carrie Leak

Comment:

Absolutely absurd. How can something like this even be considered. Shame on you. 100 percent against any such actions against the bears

Name: Vanessa LeBlanc

Comment:

Culls as part of wildlife management are shown not to work. Humans are the problem and killing these bears is unacceptable.

Name: Rachiel Lee

Comment:

My family and I are hunters. We come from a county in Kentucky where everyone hunts. Now, it is not ethical at all to “manage wildlife” by gunning animals down out of the air. Go outside, sit in a tree, do the work, freeze your butt off, just to maybe or maybe not kill something is the only way hunting is even remotely okay. Even then unless you are eating the animal I still feel guilty about condoning hunting.

Bears and wolfs are already threatened, let them LIVE. Raise the number on how many tags people can have, do not get lazy and gun them down out of planes like this is war.

Name: Kaitlyn Lee

Comment:

I am one of MANY appalled by proposal 75. Humans are on their land. Change the narrative. Change the behavior of the people. Of course that takes more work, time, effort to implement, but that leads to a long term solution. Killing a bunch of animals “solves” your “problem” temporarily. It is not a solution. Put some public health professionals in positions of power to what they do best - implement efforts rooted in behavior change of the people.

Name: Preston Lee

Comment:

Please reconsider this proposal there are other options we could go about regarding this matter, better for the population of the animals, could be better for the economy could pull in more tourism it’s good on all fronts no need to gun down animals

Name: Diane Levy

Comment:

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Name: Brandi Lewis

Comment:

I am writing in opposition to the NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF GAME.

I strongly believe that bears of all species need to be kept as protected wildlife along with wolves and the aerial harvesting of any sort not be allowed.

The population of our bears is already so incredibly low that to cull out or sacrifice any of the population will drastically diminish the balance of our predator to prey population in our national forests. I understand that bears and wolves are considered nuisance animals due to their interaction with humans, but it isn't their fault!

Humans are a highly overpopulated species and keep encroaching on our wildlifes natural resources. We are our own worse enemies. We feed these creatures, build houses in their natural migratory pathways, and then expect not to be bothered.

The roadways are not safe for these creatures either (bears and wolves) and speed limits are way too high on these mountain roads.

The bears and wolves need ALL the protection we can provide them and our economic resources, time and energy need to be spent on protection and education, additional park ranger staffing to adequately protect our wildlife.

We CANNOT keep taking away their natural habitat and then blaming the bear or wolves for causing disruption. They are wild animals! They didn't ask for any of this. They didn't ask for us to continue to grow as a species and to be left with no room to grow and roam of their own.

It just isn't right and SHAME ON US for allowing this to happen in the first place.

All this is is greed and incorrect justification to do what the Federal Government wants to do and it should NOT be allowed.

Trapping, poaching, culling, etc all should not be allowed. We are going to lose these beautiful creatures completely and never be able to bring them back. STOP IT!!!!

Thank you for listening,

Brandi Lewis

Name: Ryan Li

Comment:

I am in complete opposition to the destruction of wildlife for special interest and mythological economic purposes. There is no scientific basis for this, and the ranges of wild animals keep getting constricted more every day. This needs to stop before it gets beyond control. This same sort of thing is happening worldwide, and humanity is at the tipping point of just watching/knowing wilderness exists only on virtual reality. PLEASE retract this bill!

Name: Nylia Lighty

Comment:

Why was this thoughtless proposal even submitted much less actually being voted upon? The cost to fly around in choppers like an outlaw shooting game to near extentionction levels is a complete waste of all taxpayers money. Spare me the notion of farmers or ranchers being under threat by the wildlife because if the government wasn't stealing their land for alleged large community developments farmers and ranchers could make a comfortable living. Get back in the rooms and figure out another way to spend your constituents tax dollars responsibly.

Name: Jennifer Lisacek

Comment:

Wildlife does not need human intervention if the population of grizzlies or wolves grows it will naturally decline based on competition for food and food scarcity.

If any type of intervention is appropriate, it would be issuing hunting permits. you could issue a few more hunting permits. Random aerial shooting is sickening, stupid and expensive. It is not humane, it is not fair to the animals, it is a waste of money, and it does nothing for anyone. Just plain stupidity. Aerie shooting is proven to leave animals wounded and suffering for hours and days and you have no idea if you are taking down a pregnant momma or a momma and cubs. This is gross.

Issuing some hunting permits would help boost the local economy and would be a much safer and better approach that is more humane IF there was any human intervention at all.

Alaska is known for its wildlife and these animals are not doing any harm and they have life and population cycles that go up and down naturally. LEAVE NATURE ALONE.

We are all watching and if you actually go through with this plan there will be major backlash. One of the main economies is tourism and grizzlies and wolves have a huge pull. You are being short sighted and ignorant to think this is a solution. It's truly disgusting and beyond stupid. This is not how tax payers would decide to spend their money. For a state that is all about nature and conservation this is backwards.

Name: Stacey Lisowski

Comment:

I oppose the senseless killing of wildlife. Data does not suggest these culls are effective.

Name: Kylie Little

Comment:

Bear and wolf population are what make Alaska, Alaska. Aerial hunting is a heinous crime against these animals and should not be approved. The damage this has the potential of unleashing upon the ecosystem is deeply problematic.

Name: Matthew Littlewood

Comment:

Opposed

Name: Hayden Livesay

Comment:

I oppose the current proposal to implement extensive predator control measures, including the culling of wolves and bears in [specific area], for several critical reasons:

1. Ecological Balance: Apex predators like wolves and bears play a vital role in maintaining the ecological balance of Alaska's wilderness. Removing them disrupts natural ecosystems, potentially causing overpopulation of prey species and unintended long-term consequences.
2. Scientific Evidence: Research shows that predator control programs often fail to achieve their intended goals of boosting prey populations, such as caribou, due to other limiting factors like habitat quality, climate change, and human encroachment. Killing predators provides, at best, a short-term and unsustainable solution.
3. Ethical and Cultural Concerns: Many Alaskans, including Indigenous communities, value wolves and bears for their cultural and ecological significance. Culling these animals undermines this shared heritage and disregards alternative conservation strategies.

4. Economic and Tourism Impact: Wildlife, especially predators, is a major draw for Alaska's thriving eco-tourism industry. Targeting wolves and bears could harm the state's reputation as a haven for wildlife enthusiasts and photographers, impacting local economies dependent on tourism.

5. Alternatives to Killing: Non-lethal measures, such as habitat restoration, stricter hunting regulations, and enhanced monitoring, offer more effective and ethical ways to support prey populations like caribou.

Alaska's wilderness embodies the interconnectedness of its ecosystems. Instead of resorting to controversial predator control measures, I urge policymakers to adopt strategies rooted in sustainability, science, and respect for wildlife.

Name: Kerrie Lizak

Comment:

Please do not kill anymore wild life. This is outrageous, the world needs brown bears and all wild life. It's not fair to them we encroach on their land and then think we have the right to kill up to 60% of their population

Name: Kimberly Long

Comment:

Vehemently opposing proposal 75

Name: Giselle Lorente

Comment:

We are not in agreement with proposal 75. My family will not travel to Alaska again if proposal 75 goes through. Please reconsider

Name: Anna Lukaszewicz

Comment:

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit

their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to human safety.

Name: Laura Lumachini

Comment:

As an animal advocate living in Italy, I ask you to choose ethical, science-based wildlife management practices; please reject any useless and ineffective method based on killing and/or hunting.

Name: Bunny Luna

Comment:

OPPOSE murdering bears and wolves. They are important parts of the ecosystem and are needed on this planet. If they exist here then they are here for a reason.

Name: Sandy Lutyens

Comment:

I don't understand the reasons to destroy the population of the brown bear. These animals have many obstacles to survival. Decreasing the numbers to this extent will destroy the diversity of the population leading the further decline. These animals deserve protection to live their lives in the country God created them to survive in

Name: Holly Mabry

Comment:

I strongly oppose killing wildlife in this manner. Surely there is a better way that protects wildlife and the local community.

Name: Phoebe MacDowell

Comment:

I oppose the culling of wildlife.

Name: Mary Maddux

Comment:

Bears are one of the most amazing thing about Alaska. They deserve protection & to have their habitats safeguarded so that they can thrive & flourish. Please do not harm them.

When I lived at Anchorage, I came to care about Kali the polar bear cub who had been orphaned & was taken to the Alaska Zoo. I volunteered at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center & consider people who trained orphaned bears friends. We helped clean animal enclosures & were given the opportunity to feed roadkill moose & rancid meat to the brown bears (flung over a tall fence) & fish Popsicles (hooligan) to the black bears.

These are some of my most meaningful memories & are experiences others find amazing. Every time I have seen a bear in the wild, it made a lasting impression.

Bears deserve to live.

Sincerely,

Mary Maddux

Name: Clayton Malcolm

Comment:

I'll keep it short and simple.

If you pass the elimination of bears, of any kind, our organization will respond immediately.

Documentation to follow.

Name: Jayati Mallick

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Marianne Maltas

Comment:

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Name: Hyacynth Marie Manlosa

Comment:

I, Hyacynth Marie Manlosa, verify that my comment on opposing proposal 75, be considered by the board of the meeting.

I firmly believe that there are better and more effective ways to solve the predator threats that would not involve the shedding of the blood of our natural wonders. We should have in mind the conservation and protection of the wildlife rather than resort to erradicating them, specially as there is already a great threat on their population and habitat.

I oppose and am against the proposal 75 as I believe in humanity and the beauty of the next generations still having the luxury to be able to know real life bears and wolves because of our prevention and protection.

Name: Gabriela Mann

Comment:

Bears should be left alone and this is disgraceful.

Name: Casey Mannes

Comment:

There is absolutely no reason to reduce the population of bears in the region north of lake Clark.

Name: Bjoern Mannsfeld

Comment:

Killing wolves and bears provides no public benefit and has disastrous effects on the ecosystem.

Name: Danielle Maphies

Comment:

OPPOSE!!!

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Comment:

This is an awful thing to do. Strongly oppose!!

Name: Mindy Marin

Comment:

Oppose. We must do better as humans to respect the animal kingdom. These beautiful animal spirits deserve their lives as we do. Who are we to make these determinations? Wake UP, humanity.

Name: Kristen Markovich

Comment:

Please protect nature, not destroy it!!!

Name: Nicole Martin

Comment:

Opposed. This is disgraceful

Name: Nicole Martin

Comment:

Opposed

Name: Ruth Martin

Comment:

On behalf of all wildlife, I feel this is outrageous! We all over the world need to find a way of living with the creatures that roam this earth. These are innocent animals trying to survive in a world of human superiority. It's an unfair fight no matter how one looks at it. We are all here on this earth for a reason! Our eco systems need all our earths creatures to continue a healthy world. Please do not allow this inhumane practice to happen.

Name: Marshall Mason

Comment:

I "oppose" Proposal 75. Eliminating a large population of bears and wolves in Alaska would disrupt the delicate balance of the ecosystem and trigger cascading environmental consequences. As apex predators, these species play a critical role in regulating prey populations, preventing overgrazing and ensuring plant diversity. Without wolves and bears, herbivores such as deer or moose may grow unchecked, leading to the degradation of vegetation and the destabilization of habitats for other species. This can contribute to soil erosion and reduce biodiversity, harming the resilience of the ecosystem. Furthermore, predators like wolves and bears help maintain the health of prey populations by targeting weaker individuals, thus improving genetic strength. Removing these keystone species could create imbalances that are difficult to reverse, ultimately threatening the long-term sustainability of Alaska's wildlife and natural landscapes.

Name: Fran Mason

Comment:

Oppose Proposition 75

Name: James Mayor

Comment:

It has never been shown that "culling " wolves has aided the wildlife system not human hunters. It won't work this time.

Name: Ryan McAskile

Comment:

You cannot reduce the bear population through aerial shooting. Please please please reconsider.

Name: Mark McBride

Comment:

Please don't be inhumane.

Name: Holly McCallion

Comment:

Senseless killing of these beautiful animals! Please consider other options that involve local community, local economy, and don't cause waste of life

Name: Virginia McCoy

Comment:

I have to wonder if any of You have a brain in your head. Or is it just time to enjoy your rifles. This is 100% unacceptable. Leave the bears alone. What can't you understand about that???? They have every right to live and exist. And You have zero rights to,kill them! No more plans and excuses no killing them in their dens no aerial blowing them away. You people are sick. You moved to Alaska to kill . We need our wild animals! All of them.

Name: Gavin Mccue

Comment:

What could be the reasoning for this? Slaughtering all these predators will allow other populations to explode and run rampid. Complete overkill. Theyre harming nothing

Name: Patrick McIlroy

Comment:

Aerial culling of predators is an unacceptable and inhumane management strategy.

Especially when grizzly bears are under so much threat without culling.

Management strategies should focus on limiting negative human impacts not using natural predators as scapegoats.

Name: Gillian McNamara

Comment:

This is an abhorrent action to even be proposed. Wildlife is already suffering all over the world this is the last thing needed.

Name: Maia Medina

Comment:

Not all decisions should be made in human interest. Support the natural ecosystem. Save Alaskan wildlife.

Name: Olivia Melvin

Comment:

This is a cruel and senseless act of violence against innocent creatures. To gun down hundreds of bears and wolves from helicopters is inhumane and environmentally destructive. These animals matter and are vital to the delicate balance of the ecosystem. Please consider choosing compassion over cruelty and stop trying to play God. These animals deserve to live.

Name: Christian Mengel

Comment:

As a lover of bears and an avid wildlife photographer, I oppose the killing of Lake Clark's brown bears!

Name: Adrienne Metter

Comment:

- 73 -80% of wolves (would stop if the population was reduced to 35) !!
- 60 80% of Black Bear (would stop if the population was reduced to 700) !!
- 60% Brown Bear (would stop if population was reduced to 375) !!

ADFG (Alaska Department Fish and Game) has decided to increase predator control in order to boost ungulates populations. 🙄

Instead of increasing scientifically managed bear and wolf hunting quotas, which could have directly benefited local economies and brought additional funding to wildlife agencies, they are requesting the ability to ELIMINATE BEARS and WOLVES using random aerial shooting!

- This is not conservation!! This is not a decision made with local economies or natural resources in mind. This is lazy,

irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves so much more care!!

Name: Dorshelle meyer

Comment:

I oppose aerial killing of bears. A permitted hunt out of birth season for thinning and at much lower kill rates might be acceptable but this bloodshed and those numbers are uncalled for.

Name: Kim Meyers

Comment:

I vehemently oppose shooting the brown bears

This is horrendous to think that this is a necessary solution

Name: Bassam Michiel

Comment:

There are better ways to control populations (ie hunting) which can support communities.

Name: Erin Mihm

Comment:

There are few sacred places and animals left on the planet than what is found in Alaska. Hunting for sport and via arial attack is unnatural and demonstrative. It does nothing but perpetuate man's need to own, kill, and master nature. You do not eat carnivores so hunting them down so you can taxidermy them, and brag to your friends is cruel. what happens when you shoot an animal and injure it? How will you finish it off without landing the heli someplace and finding it? What if it has young nearby that you're not seeing from the air? I am pro-hunting for food and when done ethically but this will make Alaskans look greedy and careless.

Name: Christina Miller

Comment:

This is outrageous and cruel and is not good stewardship or even conservation. Hard no.

Name: Morgan Miller

Comment:

Very upsetting to see the proposed changed to hunting. As somewhere my family and I have always wanted to visit if this passes we would look elsewhere to go. I would never come to Alaska and spend money if this is to pass. Leave the wildlife alone!! These types of policies are sickening. I put you all up there with Wyoming's law allowing people to run down animals with snow mobiles to kill. Sick individuals!!!! Alaska is known for its wildness so leave it that way!

Name: Katie Miller

Comment:

We do not have the right to gun down innocent animals that are in the wild. They are not terrorizing communities, they are just existing. This is wrong.

Name: Samuel Mills

Comment:

This proposal is needlessly cruel and dismissive toward the value of Alaska's wildlife. Bears, wolves, and other species help stabilize the food chain and some of the most precious habitats in the United States. It is unacceptable to propose that they be slaughtered en masse for the sake of commercial interests. This is, of course, not to mention the resources that this operation would consume that could be much more effectively spent elsewhere.

Name: Zac Mills

Comment:

I am strongly opposed to Proposition 75 and the aerial killing of bears and wolves. This practice is not only inhumane but also fundamentally flawed on both ethical and scientific grounds. Targeting these animals from the air is a cruel and unnecessary method of population control that causes immense suffering. It disregards the complex social structures and ecological roles these species play in maintaining the health of our ecosystems.

Moreover, aerial killing is not rooted in sound science. Research consistently shows that predators like bears and wolves are critical for balancing ecosystems by regulating prey populations, preventing overgrazing, and fostering biodiversity. Removing them disrupts these natural processes, leading to cascading negative effects on habitats, vegetation, and other wildlife.

This approach is also short-sighted. It offers a temporary solution to perceived problems, while ignoring the long-term consequences of destabilizing ecosystems and failing to address the underlying issues, such as habitat loss or human-wildlife conflicts. Instead of resorting to such extreme measures, we should be investing in non-lethal, science-based management strategies that ensure coexistence with these vital species.

As someone who has dedicated my life to wildlife conservation and understanding the natural world, I urge others to reject Proposition 75. It is not only a failure of compassion but a failure of responsible stewardship for future generations.

Name: Kai Minaar

Comment:

Wolves and bears are fundamental species, who are intelligent, social and amazing animals. Without bears and wolves, entire ecosystems will disappear, which will be a ecological catastrophe. So don't hunt them down before there is no turning back. They deserve to live as much as we do.

Name: Erin Mitchell

Comment:

Murdering innocent bears is disgusting and cruel. Please stop the plan to do this.

Name: Eileen Monahan

Comment:

Stop this now!! Brown bears need to stay in existence. People are killing everything that makes the planet better.

Name: Carol Moore

Comment:

I'm sick to death of this evil government arbitrarily destroying animals (and people). It's disgusting.

Name: Kayla Moore

Comment:

This is inhumane, goes against conservation efforts, and goes against the beliefs and expectations of Alaskans. It's taking food and resources out of folks mouths.

Name: Maria Mora

Comment:

Killing off large percentages of Wildlife animals is never the right answer. The proposal saddens me as it's prove that we again and again continue to repeat past mistakes.

Name: Asacia Morales

Comment:

Protect our wolves and bears from unnecessary and unethical hunting for harvest gain and excessive population control!! (Proposal 75/76)

Name: Monica Morris

Comment:

This is not conservation!! This is not a decision made with local economies or natural resources in mind. This is lazy, irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves so much more care!!

Name: Jason Morrison

Comment:

I have selected my support for the sections chosen

Name: Livvie Muck

Comment:

Humans do not own the earth. It is meant to be shared with other species and we need to respect their existence.

Name: Carly Muellner

Comment:

75-oppose

Name: Steffen Myers

Comment:

Aerial gunning is an outrageous, inhumane practice and I can't believe it is even being proposed.

Name: Kelsey jandreau, NA

Comment:

This is wrong!

Name: Christopher Nagy

Comment:

"Predator control" is an outdated management paradigm and is just PR and busy work for state agencies, not to mention an unethical take of native wildlife. The Board of Game is responsible for managing and conserving all wildlife, not wasting money on trying to maximizing ungulate populations -- which predator control does not affect anyway. Hunters, and in this case those hunters that rally for population management strategies that don't work and violate ethical mores and the tenets of the North American Model, are not your only stakeholders. Many of us support the conservation and recovery of large non-human predators across the US.

Name: Mayisha Nakib

Comment:

I would like to strongly oppose proposal 75. This is not an ecologically and scientifically backed measure

Name: Angela Nance

Comment:

Please save the animals!!

Name: Lisa Meschi, Nature on earth, ecosystems and everything

Comment:

We don't need to yet again kill wild animals to regulate their population. We need to think further and take into account all living species on earth, not only ours.

Name: Sherri Naughton

Comment:

The wolves - apex predators- not only keep rodent populations down, but insure healthy caribou populations by culling sick and compromised animals. They do their job very well. Don't mess up the wild system.

Name: Kari Nautique Munoz

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposal 75 in Unit 16, which aims to reduce the populations of brown bears, black bears, and wolves through aerial gunning. This proposal not only undermines the values of wildlife conservation but also threatens the significant economic benefits derived from wildlife viewing in our beautiful state.

Alaska is renowned for its stunning natural landscapes and diverse wildlife, which attract millions of visitors each year.

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, wildlife viewing generates approximately \$2.5 billion annually for the state's economy. This figure highlights the importance of maintaining healthy populations of iconic species like bears and wolves, which are critical to the ecosystem and serve as a major draw for tourists.

Name: David Neumann

Comment:

Keep Alaska natural and allow the bears and other animals to thrive so we can bring more big game hunting to the Alaskan economy

Name: Brenda Nevins

Comment:

Please do not kill the bears. There are other ways, out of the box solutions, that can be applied to this situation that don't involve guns. Please consider those so we can peacefully coexist on the planet with other creatures who have just as much right to be here as we do.

Name: Louise Nicholson

Comment:

I can't imagine how you think the killing of apex predator species is good for the environment! Not to mention, the wildlife tourism industry is actually good for Alaska. Stop this ridiculous proposal right now!

Name: Georgia Niemeyer

Comment:

Please do not increase killing of bears and wolves. They all have a place in nature. I have been following Grizzly 399 and have developed a new respect for wild animals.

Name: Dominika Niemiec

Comment:

As a nature and animal lover (myself, my husband and kids) this is truly heartbreaking to hear. This world is only getting worse esp for the future of our children. Please reconsider this action and allow the. Ext generation of humans to learn and experience how beautiful life is. I pray and hope this will be reversed. We need these beautiful creatures around. Please don't do it

Name: Rosalia Nieto

Comment:

I oppose the senseless killing of wildlife!!!

Name: Amirhoushang Nikzaban

Comment:

We must protect our wildlife, against shooting animals, we must protect and defend. "We share this planet with incredible creatures that bring beauty and balance to our world. Every life matters, and it's our responsibility to protect and defend wildlife from harm. Let's stand together against senseless violence and ensure future generations inherit a world where animals thrive."

Name: Karen Nimmo

Comment:

I Oppose killing wildlife

Name: Gary Wiepert, Nn

Comment:

In certain cases obviously land management needs to be applied. This is NOT one of those cases. Nature has its own way of maintaining its population- man doesn't need to intervene. Please, I implore you to revisit the approach to thin the bear population by this violent means.

Respectfully,

Gary W Wiepert



Lancaster, NY 14086

Name: Carol Jeffries, None

Comment:

When it comes to the hunting of wolves,I ask why they take care of their own population and when it has to do with their hunting they only take the weak and sick.Anyone that knows about wolves knows they raise their wolf cubs as we do our children.They have many ways that are like our own So I say WHY are you doing this.Please leave the wolves alone Please!

Name: Gemma Nowrie

Comment:

I am commenting to oppose the killing of bears via arial shoots. This is unnecessary and will create further stress to these animals.

They are sentient beings who deserve to be here and share this planet with us. Humans do not get to decide which animals live or die.

Name: Adriana Nunez

Comment:

Killing Wolves is Unnecessary

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to human safety. So why does Alaska continue to get away with outdated and incorrect management practices?

Name: Tyler Nye

Comment:

75 NO

Name: James Okabe

Comment:

It was my dream to see bears and their world for a long time and for the first time this September, I got to go from Japan. I strongly hoped that their world will not change anymore and will be the same in the future. Then after 3 month I hear about this plan. This has shocked me. I hope this plans gets reconsidered.

Name: Stacey Olphin

Comment:

The implementation of such measures not only raises ethical questions but also lacks scientific evidence supporting their effectiveness in increasing prey populations for hunters.

Studies have shown that Alaska's predator control programs, aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters, do not effectively increase human moose harvests. Additionally, these programs would have serious and negative impacts on the Denali and Lake Clark ecosystems.

Name: Aliyah Orawsky

Comment:

Fighting for the animals who can't fight for themselves. Please leave this beautiful species alone and end this genocide! Let nature take its course 🐻❤️

Name: Stefano Serafini, Orsa maggiore

Comment:

Opposition

Name: Sophia Ortiz-Williams

Comment:

This is a senseless and inhumane proposition that does not need to happen.

Name: Abbey Osborn

Comment:

Please increase the bear and wolf hunting quotas instead. This is a much better solution. Thank you

Name: L P

Comment:

This is a cruel and senseless act of violence against innocent creatures. Alaska, we can do better than this. To gun down hundreds of bears and wolves from helicopters is not only inhumane but also environmentally destructive. These animals are vital to the delicate balance of the ecosystem. We cannot stand idly by while such a tragedy unfolds. Please, reconsider this proposal and choose compassion over cruelty.

Name: Loren Paine

Comment:

Don't not touch those bears! 😡

Name: Heather Parish

Comment:

Please allow a higher number of tags from hunters who will utilize the wildlife rather than mass aerial shooting for conservation. Thank you for your consideration!

Name: Andrew Parks

Comment:

There is simply no excuse for the aerial slaughter of bears. Please stop.

Name: Andrea Patterson-Girard

Comment:

I do not support the proposal to reduce the bar population to 60%. I think that's outrageous and uncalled for. Nature has its own way of selecting its size and its impact on itself. Why would you want people to fly around and kill up to 40% It's actually quite barbaric. I'm begging you not to go forward with this proposal.

Name: Julia Paulsen

Comment:

I do not condone state violence against animals, and that includes carnivores who are crucial to biodiversity like wolves and bears. It feels wholly unclear why aerial shooting is necessary ever, let alone on land that borders national parks or within them. Thank you.

Name: Silvia Paveri

Comment:

Aerial Wildlife KillIng?

Please, NO!!!

Name: wilia paxal

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposal 75, despite not being a U.S. resident. The mere existence of this proposal is deeply troubling. Wildlife such as bears and wolves are born and live their lives in their natural habitats—territories that they have inhabited long before humans arrived.

It is widely recognized that nature operates best when left to its own balance, without unnecessary interference. Predator control programs, including aerial gunning, not only disrupt ecosystems but also lack credible evidence of achieving their intended outcomes, such as increased human moose harvests.

Proposal 75 is a step backward, relying on outdated and unscientific management practices that disregard the welfare of Alaska's wildlife. Furthermore, granting ADFG unchecked authority to implement aerial gunning plans without public input undermines transparency and accountability.

I urge you to reject Proposal 75 and protect the integrity of Alaska's ecosystems by taking bears and wolves out of the crosshairs.

Name: Courtney Peace

Comment:

I am writing to express my deep concern about the practice of aerial shooting to eliminate bears and wolves in their natural habitats. This method of wildlife management is not only inhumane, but it also disregards the immense value these animals bring to the state—both ecologically and economically.

Wildlife tourism is a cornerstone of Alaska's economy, with visitors traveling from around the globe to witness the majesty of bears and wolves in their natural environments. A study conducted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks found that each Alaskan bear is worth \$1.3 million over its lifetime due to its contribution to the tourism industry. In 2017 alone, bear tourism in areas like Katmai National Park & Preserve, McNeil River State Game Sanctuary, Lake Clark National Park & Preserve, and the Cook Inlet Region generated \$34.5 million in revenue, \$10 million in direct wages and benefits that supported 680 jobs. No big game hunting industry can rival this sustainable economic impact.

Beyond economics, bears and wolves are sentinel beings—highly intelligent animals with the capacity to think, feel, and exhibit unique personalities. These species play critical roles in maintaining the balance of their ecosystems. Their elimination disrupts this balance, leading to cascading environmental consequences that affect all Alaskans.

Moreover, many tourists and donors actively contribute to conservation efforts to ensure the survival of these species. These individuals invest in Alaska's natural heritage, trusting that the state and federal authorities will prioritize preservation over short-term, misguided control measures.

Aerial shooting not only undermines public trust but also tarnishes Alaska's reputation as a leader in wildlife conservation. I urge you to end this cruel practice proposal and adopt more humane and responsible management strategies that honor the ecological and economic importance of these iconic animals.

Thank you for considering this critical issue.

Name: Maureen Pearce

Comment:

Please do not allow this, there are other ways to control populations. Stop the barbarism.

Name: Irene Pellegrini

Comment:

This cruel practice impacts all Alaskans as it affects the sanctity of our environment and wilderness, something that is at the center of our shared Alaskan community

Name: Alora Penner

Comment:

The proposal to reduce the bear population by 60% using aerial methods is not only insane but also incredibly unethical. Bears are a vital and natural part of the ecosystem and they are already under pressure from growing populations and the effects of unintended socialization. Killing even more of them off will not solve anything, it'll only put us one step closer to losing the species as a whole.

Name: Syler Peralta-Ramos

Comment:

Alaska is one of the United States's last strongholds for these species. We should not be dramatically reducing their populations. Let nature do its thing without human intervention.

Name: Maria Perez

Comment:

Reducing bear population by 60% would negatively affect the ecosystem.

Name: Henry Perez

Comment:

Please don't do this to the wolves and bears

Name: Stephenie Perkins

Comment:

We have to save the animals not kill them. Living in California I see what little wild life we have left here! Let's not make the last wild place on earth like the rest of the lower 48

Name: Stephenie Perkins

Comment:

Please don't kill these animals! Living in California with little wildlife left! it's important to keep what's wildlife is left in the world!

Name: Lindsay Petrillo

Comment:

I oppose. This is a lazy, aggressive, and thoughtless way of managing state wildlife. It is unethical and the state of Alaska should be embarrassed as a state organization.

Name: Dana Phinn

Comment:

#75 I vehemently oppose this decision to kill off bears at Lake Clark. Leave the bears alone !

Name: Henry Pierce

Comment:

This proposal is cruel, unethical, and unnecessary. Gunning down bears serves no purpose but to reduce the already low numbers of bears. Bear populations will steady themselves without intervention of humans. Killing these bears would also likely cause genetic bottlenecks, reducing genetic diversity in the population and thus making future generations of bears more susceptible to disease and other environmental issues. This proposal is cruel, unnecessary, and affects future generations of these bears. Do not pass this proposal.

Name: Aleh Pilinka

Comment:

Excessive slaughter of the wolf and bear population can lead to disruption of the animals' food chain. This can lead to a sudden outbreak of various diseases among the hoofed animals. Bears and Wolves are forest nurses!

Don't kill Wolves 🐺 and Bears 🐻

Name: stephanie pinkerton

Comment:

OPPOSE!

Name: Jenny Platz

Comment:

We must protect the wolves!

Name: Aileen Pletta

Comment:

Any and all proposals that speak of bear, wolves, coyotes I am against decreasing their populations. Moose and Sheep can be controlled but I am strongly against any increase in hunting, killing, trapping and using airborne methods of killing animals specifically predators. There is too many proposals to list the individual one. But I am sure you understand my stance. Thank you.

Name: Erica Plowman

Comment:

The increase in killing of Bears and wolves seems like way too many when their population has already been impacted.

Name: Brooklynn Poole

Comment:

We should not be jeopardizing the lives and population of bears unless the bear jtsself is a direct and consistent danger to humans despite efforts made to separate the human and bear populations to keep both safe. This is absurd and one of the ways animals can become endangered over time.

Name: Cammie Pope

Comment:

This is an outrageous and lazy way of handling population control. Rather than eradicating them, there are other possibilities that could be explored. These bears don't deserve to die at the hands of our Government!

Name: Ignacio Pria

Comment:

The world need more bears

Name: Gracie Purcell

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Sarah Qadri

Comment:

This is unnecessary. I'm confident that other solutions can be found. Please research alternative solutions instead of killing living beings. It's cruel and absolutely unnecessary.

Name: Megan R

Comment:

Here's a possible response:

I strongly oppose this proposal. Targeting such a high percentage of wolves and bears through these measures is not conservation. It's an irresponsible approach that threatens the delicate balance of Alaska's ecosystems. Instead of aerial predator control, increasing hunting quotas in a sustainable manner could have benefited both local economies and wildlife agencies. This current strategy disregards the long-term health of the environment and the cultural and natural resources we cherish.

We need to prioritize thoughtful wildlife management and protect areas like Unit 16 and its proximity to Lake Clark National Park. Let's find a better way forward that respects both nature and local communities.

Name: Sarah Ralicki

Comment:

Bears are a vital part of the ecosystem and critical to keeping other species growth in check. Destroying them is dangerous to our environment and inexcusable from an animal rights perspective. If people don't want bears near their homes or communities they shouldn't move near bear dens.

Name: rj rather not say

Comment:

i absolutely love bears and hate to see this whole "unit 16" death-march squad. i absolutely oppose the push to make population control happen.

i never usually comment on things or sign against petitions/laws, but this caught my attention and made me upset to see all the wildlife struck down.

Name: Nandhini Ravichandran

Comment:

Please change your mind. Stop this mindless slaughter! Nature doesn't need to be controlled by you. Leave it alone and it will thrive the way it should. What you are considering is terrorism and nothing less! The human population is over the limit would you be proposing the same thing?! Reconsider now! Stop this murder!!! Live and let live!!

Name: Gabriele Regassa

Comment:

Not in favor of changing the black and brown bear regulations. Please reconsider and propose less drastic measures. Thank you.

Name: Christian Regnier

Comment:

It is not a sustainable way to manage predators. It is a wasteful practice to gun down predators from an aircraft. The bears and wolves are what make Alaska iconic and they have a keystone role on the landscape. Culling would not help bounce back prey as much as managing our own impact on the landscape would. We must think of better ways to manage fish and game. This proposal is outrageous. I am a resident of Canada however when I travelled to Alaska the amount of moose and caribou I encountered were disproportionately higher than bears and wolves. I know this varies by area in such a vast state however the lake Clark ecosystem and surrounding areas are essential habitat for wild game and it is in these areas that our impact is the least observed because of how we have protected them. We don't need to have less bears in such productive habitat. Prosecuting large carnivores is a dangerous way to approach conservation as we've seen with many areas that were much healthier with a population of wolves and bears. If we cannot learn to coexist with their presence I fear for the future of our wilderness areas.

Name: Misti Reif

Comment:

I'm not an Alaskan. But when will humans understand that killing things is not the way to control the planet or the lands they personally inhabit. Shooting animals from the air. Trapping animals (and pets and humans!) on land. Killing on private lands because of course animals understand random borders. The earth always wins but humans demolish as much as they can before she strikes back. We know better. DO BETTER. Please.

Name: Lori Riley

Comment:

I oppose all mandated wolf hunting. The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to human safety. So why does Alaska continue to get away with outdated and incorrect management practices?

Name: Lilian Ritchie

Comment:

Reducing the brown bear population by 60% in Alaska's Unit 16 is a deeply troubling and shortsighted proposal that prioritizes human convenience over ecological integrity. Such a drastic measure could destabilize the ecosystem, as brown bears play an essential role in maintaining balance by managing prey populations and facilitating nutrient cycling. This decision reflects a dangerous, human-centric mindset that views wildlife as expendable obstacles rather than integral members of their environment. It is their habitat, not ours to dominate or control for our comfort. Targeting these bears for population reduction not only threatens their survival but also undermines efforts to preserve biodiversity and respect nature's balance. A more ethical and sustainable approach is needed, one that protects both the bears and the health of Alaska's ecosystems for future generations.

Name: Tanya Rivers

Comment:

Do not kill the bears. You will devastate a brown bear habitat. Do better!

Name: Rachelle Rizzi

Comment:

Your plan to reduce bears by 60% and wolves by 80% is devastating to our ecosystem. Predators are vital for balance—let's protect wildlife, not destroy it.

Name: Rebecca Roberts

Comment:

Humans do not get to play god and commit mass killings of innocent bears. Do better.

Name: Weston Roberts

Comment:

This is an absolutely heinous and disgusting proposal. We must stop this sadistic effort. This is a grotesque display of wanton cruelty masquerading as a form of conservation. We should not pretend to protect animals by promoting policies which commercialize killing bears for short term funding gains. Shame on anyone suggesting otherwise.

Name: Shawna Rohrer

Comment:

Bears are helpful for the environment and a reduction in their population could harm the environment

Name: HEATHER RONDORF

Comment:

To the Alaska Board of Game,

I strongly oppose Proposal 75, which seeks to authorize the aerial gunning of wolves and bears in Game Unit 16. This proposal undermines the balance of our ecosystem and disregards the ethical considerations of wildlife management. The use of aircraft to hunt predators is not only inhumane but also disrupts the natural behavior and habitats of these animals. Additionally, this proposal could negatively impact tourism and recreational activities in the area, which are vital to our local economy. We must find more sustainable and humane methods to manage wildlife populations.

Thank you.

Name: Loralynne Rowland

Comment:

I think it's absolutely despicable that fish and wildlife want to kill 60% of bears!!! This is their home. They were here before us, and will be here long after us. Bears have right to be here just like humans.

Name: Tina Rubenstein

Comment:

Please oppose the noted proposals. They promote unethical hunting and are ineffective in promoting your policy goals.

Thank you.

Name: Michael Russo

Comment:

Predator control is one thing, but decreasing populations by 60-80% is outrageous. We must work with nature. We are not above the ever thing else.

Name: Soroush S

Comment:

Oppose proposition 75.

Name: Liema Samadey

Comment:

Out wildlife is a large part of our life and the stability of our environment, killing such beautiful creatures that have roamed our lands and helped us gain to where we are is horrible there are many other safer options to proceed about this than to kill off a population by 60 percent. Our earth is already loosing many of its special animals that have brought wealth, beauty and life.

Name: Alex Some, Save Wolf

Comment:

I wonder when man will have killed the last animal on the earth if he will finally realize the consequences of its actions... Probably not as we prefer to find solutions that are inexustaht rather than avoiding the situation to happen. Alaska was, is and will ever be a land for nature. Man that lives there should assume their choices and lives by the rules of Mother Nature. Hunting every living soul is against everything great man fought for.

Name: Isaare Sayed

Comment:

Hunting bears to control their population is cruel and unnecessary. Sustainable, humane methods exist to address these concerns without resorting to killing. Protecting Alaska's biodiversity is essential for future

generations. As Americans, we take pride in preserving our wildlife and natural heritage, and it's our responsibility to uphold ethical conservation practices.

Name: Katie Schmoker

Comment:

I oppose this sort of wildlife "management" that calls for illumination of a high percentage of bears through aerial shooting. It is inhumane, heavy-handed, and cruel. Do better.

Name: Kendall Schoenekase

Comment:

This is outrageous. Incredibly poor wildlife management. There are humane ways to go about this that would benefit the economy. This is incredibly disheartening.

Name: mackenzie schultz

Comment:

This is outrageous , disturbing and criminal. You do not have my support and should be ashamed to call yourselves stewards of the land.

Name: Maria Schurr

Comment:

I oppose Proposal 75. The killing methods this proposal would allow are needlessly aggressive and cruel. Wolves do not deserve such inhumane and barbaric treatment.

Name: Ian Scofield

Comment:

While we have had some victories in some states with restoring protections for wolves, other states are continuing to drive them to extinction without any real sustainable plan. I am saddened to see the proposal of gunning down wolves from helicopters or from snowmobiles. I implore you to put together a policy that actually makes the right decision with regards to wolves and the associated protections they deserve. Ultimately, we will lose these amazing animals and the important role they play in our ecosystems. We can't bring them back. Please make decisions and policy based on the actual science that supports their role in the ecosystem.

Name: Zachary Scott

Comment:

It saddens me to hear of this coming action, as my time spent with these bears in the Lake Clark area has been utterly life changing. I understand there is always a need to remove life from a space...to make things more barren...but I may ask in this regard, why must we take away something so sacred and beautiful, and remove this sacredness as if to say we are much better? These bears have changed the lives of every single person they have encountered, and in the same have not touched any one of us in a harmful way. In this regard, I ask...why must we take these steps when the choice to make a chance can come from a different source...within. We must protect these animals, not take their lives away...the experiences I have had with these bears in the Lake Clark area are familiar to SO MANY OTHERS...in that these moments last a lifetime. Who's to say, that these moments aren't more important than anything else in this world? Anyways, again it saddens me to hear about these coming actions and thus I oppose. Please have a blessed day. Jesus Loves You.

Name: Guillaume SEBIRE

Comment:

Wildlife as its name stands is about life. We must do our very best to protect it. Our short term cupidity is not only meaningless now, it will be nothing once we are gone. Earth and its wilderness are what made and makes us. Need we really be so brutal and suicidal?

Wildlife deserves to live as much as humanlife does.

Name: Amanda Segebart

Comment:

Bears are an integral part of the ecosystem with less than 1/3 of cubs making it to adulthood this population in a remote wilderness should not need to be managed by humans. Let the ecosystem and natural selection handle itself.

Name: Zara Seligson

Comment:

I thoroughly oppose this bill and the proposed goal to reduce the brown bear pony 60%. This is catastrophic for the ecosystems involved in the area and reflects a huge miscalculation by Alaska fish and wildlife. Your state has some of the lasting truly wild wilderness. Please leave it that way.

Name: donna selquist

Comment:

I am against any/all existing or newly proposed regulations that will allow or endorse the killing of wolves in the wild. No hunt is "necessary", as wolves take very few animals as prey, and will self-regulate their own numbers naturally. They play an essential role in the ecological landscape, and live in a tightly structured family structure. Targeting and eliminating ANY member of the family will have consequences for all the others. Please do not let the interests of "sportsmen" to outweigh those of a beautiful part of Mother Nature's family! And under NO circumstances should trapping or baiting be allowed - they are totally barbaric and reflect very badly on our communities and groups.

Name: Emily Sexton

Comment:

This is simply unjust. Unnecessary. Human and all living creatures have existed together for centuries. This isn't a solution to whatever problem you think you really are solving. What is the problem? What is THE ROOT? please reach deep within for a sensible solution-not the quick, lazy, detached 'fix'.

Name: Mariam Shahin

Comment:

I strongly oppose this act. All animals deserve the right to live in their natural habitat and should not be hunted for the natural lifecycle which we are infringing upon. We have other food sources, they do not.

Name: Rachel Sherick

Comment:

It's a no for me sir!

Name: Heimana Sherman

Comment:

Did not kill wild animals

Name: Prashant Sheth

Comment:

This is not okay to destroy habitat. Please preserve this and the wildlife. So we have places to see and keep the. Alive

Name: Luke Shields

Comment:

I strongly oppose the gunning down of brown bears and grey wolves. they should be left free to roam undisturbed and this a very un-alaskan proposition.

Name: Elena Shifflette

Comment:

I am vehemently opposed to the shooting of bears and/or wolves under Proposal 75. I am not a resident of Alaska but the Proposal impacts the wildlife that is important to our country as a whole. If left to themselves, these animals will control their own populations. Additionally, more animals will be good for Alaska tourism.

Name: Maude Silly

Comment:

The grizzly are top predator, none top natural predator need to be regulated !

Top predators are living on earth since million of years. The human think they need to regulate a species that was here before them ? Non sense.

Name: Maude Silly

Comment:

Regulating natural top predators is a non sense... Grizzlies never needed to be regulated since prehistory... moderns humans are not gods

Name: Cathy Silver

Comment:

This is NOT Wildlife Management or Conservation! It's slaughter !

Name: Alexandra Silvestri

Comment:

Murdering animals trying to exist in their already fragmented environment is not management. Stop this nonsense now!

Name: G. Simmons

Comment:

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to human safety. So why does Alaska continue to get away with outdated and incorrect management practices?

Stop murdering the animals. These practices are vile acts against nature and completely unacceptable.

Name: Vanessa Skantze

Comment:

I am vehemently opposed to this horrific proposal. To slaughter wildlife in this fashion is scientifically unsound and destructive to the region as well as abhorrent to all lovers of wildlife and nature.

Name: Sarah Skidmore

Comment:

Save the Bears and keep the ecosystem naturally balanced.

Name: Zach Smith

Comment:

Bear slaughter is never the answer especially when it's for a mine. Nature is more valuable than what you plan to extract. Nature over profits always cause when nature ends no more profits.

Name: Cameron Smith

Comment:

Wildlife and Nature should be left to its own devices. There appears to be no benefit to disturbing wildlife in this part of the country.

Name: Luke Smith

Comment:

I strongly oppose this ridiculous proposal. This is not in any way wildlife management and does nothing to help the ecosystem or local economies. Even considering this asinine proposal is shameful. Myself and many others travel to Alaska for the wildlife and you will be losing substantial money coming into the economy with this nonsense.

Luke Smith

Name: Laura Smith

Comment:

Aerial hunting bears and wolves is not right especially if they are not overpopulating the area. Protect wildlife.

Name: Austin Smith

Comment:

Bears are beautiful majestic creatures and do not deserve to be culled regardless of the impact on the environment. Bears are genetically superior to other wildlife in the area for a reason. They are apex forest animals and deserve that respect.

Name: Yvonne Smith

Comment:

I strongly oppose the Alaska Board of Game's proposal to authorize the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to conduct aerial gunning of wolves and brown and black bears at the borders of Denali National Park and Lake Clark National Park. Alaska's predator control programs aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations do nothing of the kind. Such programs would have serious and negative effects on the Denali and Lake Clark ecosystems. I stand firmly and equivocally with the Wolf Conservation Center in the protection of Alaska's wolves and bears, the preservation of two National Parks, and for advocating for ethical and science-based wildlife management practices.

Name: Rrin Smith

Comment:

This is poor population management. Slowly increasing hunting tags.

Name: Rrin Smith

Comment:

Including ease hunting tag limits

Name: Winter Smith

Comment:

Large carnivore management in Alaska should be based on rigorous science including the status and trends of carnivore populations - prop 75 does not meet those standards.

Predator control does not increase hunter moose harvests, confirmed by tracking data. There is no proven benefit to hunters and wildlife protection should be the foremost focus of fish & game conservation efforts.

Name: Robert Snyder

Comment:

I am against the killing of bears and wolves...I am for keeping the wild places wild and that includes the wildlife in those regions

Name: Deb Sollod

Comment:

As a frequent traveler to see the natural beauty and wildlife in our country I oppose the killing of these amazing bears and all wildlife. There are ways of keeping the populations down by controlled and licensed hunting which also feeds people, promotes tourism and helps the economy.

Name: Dale Solze

Comment:

Our bears are a treasure, they should be kept safe in THEIR wilderness. This proposal is absurd. We need to be protecting our bears, not killing them.

Name: Tristan Sophia

Comment:

The implementation of such measures not only raises ethical questions but also lacks scientific evidence supporting their effectiveness in increasing prey populations for hunters.

Alaska's predator control programs, aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters, do not effectively increase human moose harvests. Additionally, these programs would have serious and negative impacts on the Denali and Lake Clark ecosystems.

Stop using these proposals as excuses just to gun down wolves.

Name: Heather Spencer

Comment:

I'm just an animal lover and think that this is a disgusting way of animal control. We need to do better by these animals!

Name: Kade Sprunger

Comment:

Don't kill the animals they help the ecosystem thrive and make our country beautiful.

Name: Darrin Stack

Comment:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my outrage and deep concern over the proposed killing of bears and wolves. These apex predators are not only vital to the health of our ecosystems but also iconic symbols of the wild, deserving of respect and protection.

The deliberate targeting of these species is a shortsighted and destructive practice. Bears and wolves play crucial roles in maintaining ecological balance, regulating prey populations, and fostering biodiversity. Their loss destabilizes entire ecosystems and undermines decades of conservation efforts.

This senseless killing thinking must stop. I urge you to implement stronger protections for these species and to prioritize coexistence measures over lethal management practices. Science has shown time and again that non-lethal strategies are more effective in addressing human-wildlife conflicts while preserving these invaluable creatures.

We have a responsibility to safeguard the natural world, not destroy it. I implore you to take decisive action to end this harmful practice and ensure a future where bears, wolves, and other wildlife can thrive.

This is just sad and sickening!

Name: Trevor Staples

Comment:

I believe that the population control plan for wild bears, and wolves in Lake Clark and Denali is excessive, and that this adversely affects the natural ecosystem and tourism in these areas well known for the natural abundance of these animals.

Name: Madison Stecher

Comment:

This is morally wrong

Name: Erich Stein

Comment:

I strongly oppose this proposal to kill bears and wolves. This is an absolutely absurd notion to gun down bears from the air. This will have horrible consequences and is completely cold hearted. There are other ways to slowly reduce populations if needed. Bears are already facing population decline due to declining salmon populations. This is one of the most awful proposals I have ever heard of and I beg you please do not do this!

Name: Lotta Stenfelt

Comment:

Please do not kill the bears It's their home and humans do not owe the right to kill them!

Please do the right thing and stop the cull.

Name: Richard Stephenson

Comment:

This seems like a really horrible idea and there seems to be no reason what so ever to gun down animals that are existing in the wild

Name: Robin Stolarczyk

Comment:

This is simply inhumane, unethical, and morally wrong. There are other ways to manage populations and bring in money for the economy, without simply wasting our precious wildlife.

Name: TINA STURGILL

Comment:

OPPOSED

Name: Pamela Sudduth

Comment:

The most wonderful thing about moving here was the thought of seeing the most beautiful animals . And now living here , it's not the same feeling because one's living here are allowed to kill in one form or another all the types of animals so the ability to see them is low to none . There are no laws being enforced because no one cares . I've seen people kill animals openly and no one says anything . This is a place of tourism and people have said they didn't see anything thee two weeks they were here because the neighbors are allowed to kill any animal they deem dangerous even if it's not as an excuse to kill and legally get away with it. I have a great respect !!!! for the animals and hoping that a law will shorten the time and places one can take an animals life . Or there won't be any nature for tourists to see . Someone near us has how an animal out of hunting season because it was in their yard and no one could hear it. Where is the mayor to hold individuals responsible for very bad behavior. Thanks , Pamela Sudduth

Name: Paige Sweeney

Comment:

Despicable that you'd slaughter animals. Absolutely disgusted that Alaska would even consider this.

Name: Yana T

Comment:

It's murder. I'm opposed to murdering these beautiful animals. We are on this planet to care for these animals. Not kill

Them.

Name: Jenny Tackett

Comment:

Oppose!!!

Name: Joseph Taglienti

Comment:

I feel as though this proposal is wrong. What is the government's justification for killing bears and wolves for "population control" we need to see the numbers that support this being the ONLY option vs. rehoming these animals.

Name: Joseph Taglienti

Comment:

Please provide the facts behind why there should be an elimination of brown and black bears, wolves and other creatures. If we are reducing their population for population control can't we rehome these animals to other places instead of killing them?

Name: Rebecca Tait

Comment:

I oppose 75, as destroyed ecosystem destroys the natural order of life

Name: Leah Tartaglia

Comment:

Why can't they leave the nature alone!!!!????!!

Name: Ari Tenzer

Comment:

Leave the bears alone! Is it not enough that they have been hunted and scared away from the vast majority of the continental US due to human activity and "development?" Now you propose to let state employees play target practice games with them from aircraft? This is a sick and demented policy and violates every notion of responsible conversation and respect for wildlife and the natural world.

Name: Lynne Teplin

Comment:

Proposal 33 – OPPOSE

Proposal 33 seeks to allow the same day airborne “take” (killing) of wolves and brown bears in Unit 17. Alaska Stat. § 16.05.783 says “A person may not shoot or assist in shooting a free-ranging wolf or wolverine the same day that a person has been airborne. However, the Board of Game may authorize a predator control program as part of a game management plan that involves airborne or same day airborne shooting if the board has determined based on information provided by the department”

Same day airborne killing violates fair chase methods and gives hunters an unfair advantage over their target species. ADFG is neutral on allowing same day airborne killing of brown bears and they oppose same day airborne killing of wolves in Unit 17.

Proposal 59 – OPPOSE

Proposal 59 asks for a longer wolf trapping season in Unit 11. The current season runs from November 10 – March 31, but the proposal asks for a new season extending from October 15 – April 30 in order to give people more time to kill more wolves. Traps are inhumane and inherently nonselective. They injure and kill countless nontarget animals annually, including endangered and threatened species and even family pets. Traps often injure people too when attempting to release a trapped animal. In their comments,

ADFG acknowledges that extending the trapping season poses a risk to non-target species but they support the proposal despite these risks.

Alaska Game Units, Credit ADFG

Proposal 75 – OPPOSE

Proposal 75 seeks to add ADFG removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan. This would allow department employees to conduct aerial, land and shoot, or ground-based killing of wolves and black bears and brown bears using state-owned, privately-owned, or chartered equipment, including helicopters, under AS 16.05.783. The state wants to decrease the wolf population in this area to 35-55 wolves and claim that 100 wolves must be killed annually, for several years, in order to reach this minimum. ADFG claims that there's low interest from hunters because a majority of the wolves in Unit 16 have lice (which results in poor pelt quality) and low interest from pilots because they can participate in same day airborne hunting in other units. Therefore, ADFG argues that they may need to kill wolves because there's declining interest from the general public.

Proposal 79 – OPPOSE

Proposal 79 requests an extension of the wolf trapping season by one month to April 30 in Unit 14A, to give trappers more time to kill wolves and to align the trapping season with neighboring units. In their comments, ADFG acknowledges that extending the trapping season poses a risk to non-target species but they support the proposal despite these risks.

Killing Wolves is Unnecessary

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to human safety. So why does Alaska continue with outdated and incorrect management practices?

Name: Francesca Ritchie, Teton Leather

Comment:

The cull numbers that have been proposed are wildly high and irresponsible for both the land and the species.

Name: Brad Thomsen

Comment:

The thinning of Bears, (Grizzly Bears,

Brown Bears, Black Bears) should be accomplished through increased bear hunting opportunity.

Thank you

Name: Julie Thorpe

Comment:

No comment

Name: S Tien

Comment:

The proposal to reduce predator such as black bears, brown bears, and wolf populations is detrimental to the environment due to removal of apex predators which help population control of herbivores! It has been scientifically studied and proven. Alaska claims to be of pristine nature to attract tourists to visit every year and this proposal would only harm Alaska's environment and its tourism!

Name: Elena Tillman

Comment:

Do NOT pass proposal 75. Instead of increasing bear and wolf hunting quotas which could have directly benefited local economies and brought additional funding to wildlife agencies, this proposal to eliminate bears and wolves using random aerial shooting in state-owned aircraft harms all involved. This is NOT conservation: this is not a decision made with local economies nor natural resources in mind. This is irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves so much more care.

Unit 16 shares its souther border with Lake Clark National Park, one of the last pristine brown bear habitats left on earth. The brown bear population here is already under extreme threat from the devastating development of the Johnson Tract Mine, collapsing silver salmon runs, and the impending threat of continued salmon run decline. We stand to lose so much. Please, reject this proposal.

Name: Trevor Toennies

Comment:

Instead of costing the state money why allow additional tags for grizzly hunting in that unit and make it more affordable for out of state hunters the money raised can be used for conservation

Name: Jennifer Tolbert

Comment:

Emphatically oppose the slaughter of wild wolves and bears proposed in prop 75.

Name: Paolo Tonelli

Comment:

Please, reconsider the proposal to shoot wolves, and instead protect them. They are crucial to the ecosystem and near important parks. Thank you

Name: Karla Torres

Comment:

I don't support killing bears to reduce their population because it's inhumane. They are part of nature, just like we are, and it's not their fault that their habitats are shrinking due to human expansion. If overpopulation is an issue, there are more ethical ways to address it, like relocation or better wildlife management. After all, humans are overpopulated too, but we don't go around "reducing" ourselves like that. We should coexist and respect the balance of nature.

Name: madeline trudelle

Comment:

we do not need to be killing our bear population, when that happens it affects the whole ecosystem drastically!

Name: Justine Tuma

Comment:

This is outrageous!

Name: Andrew Umphries

Comment:

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Name: Emily Urena

Comment:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed lethal management of bear populations under the rationale of population control. While we understand the complexities and challenges of managing wildlife populations, we believe that the killing of bears is not a sustainable or humane solution. We urge the Department of Fish and Game to reconsider this approach and explore alternatives that prioritize the welfare of both the bears and the local ecosystem.

The indiscriminate killing of bears as a means of controlling population size is an ethically problematic practice. Bears are sentient creatures, and their right to life must be respected. Implementing a policy that involves euthanizing these animals causes unnecessary suffering and erodes public trust in wildlife management practices. People across the nation are increasingly prioritizing humane, non-lethal management techniques, and the Department of Fish and Game should reflect these values in its approach.

Name: Tatiana Van campenhout

Comment:

I oppose the proposal by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to aerially gun down brown bears in Unit 16 to reduce their population by 60%. This approach is inhumane, ecologically irresponsible, and ethically unjustifiable. Brown bears play a vital role in maintaining ecosystem balance, and such drastic measures could lead to severe environmental consequences. Aerial gunning is a cruel method that risks causing unnecessary suffering to wildlife. Furthermore, this proposal prioritizes human interests, such as

game hunting, over the preservation of biodiversity and Alaska's natural heritage. Instead of resorting to extreme population control measures, the focus should be on sustainable and science-based wildlife management practices.

Name: Shelby van den Eerenbeemt

Comment:

Animals deserve to be here before we do. Under no circumstances should we be killing them in large quantities from helicopters, where they stand no chance at hiding or defending themselves. Completely inhumane choice to accomplish what goal? Please do not do this, it would be a disgrace.

Name: Jessi Vannatta

Comment:

This is an outrage. I oppose the proposal to reduce wildlife populations!

Name: Susan Varney Speier

Comment:

Please this is not an option. Why would this even be considered? With all due respect, maybe humans are the over populated.

Name: Susan Varney Speier

Comment:

Why?

Name: Deepak Verma

Comment:

This is disgraceful. Leave these incredible animals alone. They deserve to live out their lives naturally in peace.

Name: Dr. Alice Vitiello (Atalanta)

Comment:

As human beings charged with stewarding our wildlife neighbors, it falls upon our shoulders to manage their populations humanely. Let's work together to find a humane solution to bear population concerns without authorizing their slaughter from the air. Think of the cruelty that has been perpetrated against wild horses and wolves in the American west. We are capable of doing better by these noble creatures, but it will take time, effort, and money. That being said, it is our moral and ethical responsibility as creatures capable of higher thought to consider if our own actions are moral, ethical, and just. Let's take our time and not aggressively cull the populations of the creatures whose very nature defines the culture and spirit of the wild lands that we love!

Name: Ann Von Brincken

Comment:

Bears and other wildlife should not be killed by aerial gunning or any other method. Death is not management.

Name: Vanja Vukanic

Comment:

This is horrible. We cant allow them to kill all those innocent bears.

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Comment:

We have to stop this madness. We cant allow all those innocent bears to be killed.

Name: Ivan Vukanic

Comment:

We have to stop this.

Name: Nicole W

Comment:

People who slaughter for money will curse their family line 7 generations. Beware

Name: Marie Wakefield

Comment:

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Name: Angela Walker

Comment:

Why does everything have to be killed? I suppose you base your facts on science and offer support for your claims with numbers. The truth is killing off nature is a horrible practice.

Name: Natalie Walker

Comment:

I cannot believe that despite the research into how crucial bears and wolves are to the natural environment we are still needing to protect them. Oppose the aerial shooting of animals.

Name: Austin Washer

Comment:

This is the exact opposite of what we should be doing for the states wildlife. I am a commercial fisher and we need to protect every part of the chain.

Name: Ashliey Wasson

Comment:

Killing 60% of brown bear wild life is is asinine. Austria did similar choices and now their wildlife is nearly extinct as they have interfered with naturals food chain. Leave wildlife be.

Name: Jacob Watson

Comment:

DO NOT KILL ANY BEARS. THIS IS ABSURD. BEARS ARE SENTIENT BEINGS THAT ARE ENTITLED TO HAPPINESS AND RIGHTS JUST LIKE HUMAN BEINGS. DO NOT HARM ANY BEARS, THEY HAVE JUST AS MUCH RIGHT TO EXIST AS WE DO.

Name: Devin Weiss Weiss

Comment:

If the bears are not causing any major issues or causing injury there is no need to take their lives.

Name: Debbie Wendland

Comment:

I oppose the cruel killing of these magnificent animals

Name: David West

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposal 75 in Unit 16, which aims to reduce the populations of brown bears, black bears, and wolves through aerial gunning. This proposal not only undermines the values of wildlife conservation but also threatens the significant economic benefits derived from wildlife viewing in our beautiful state.

Alaska is renowned for its stunning natural landscapes and diverse wildlife, which attract millions of visitors each year.

According to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, wildlife viewing generates approximately \$2.5 billion annually for the state's economy. This figure highlights the importance of maintaining healthy populations of iconic species like bears and wolves, which are critical to the ecosystem and serve as a major draw for tourists.

Name: Cassandra Westfall

Comment:

This is troubling to hear, what has happened to people's morals to kill these bears and wolves they do not deserve to be gun down by anyone. This will effect our ecosystem plain and simple. What is wrong with you people no empathy or compassion is sickening to say the least!!

Name: Michelle Weyler

Comment:

This is plain and simple morally wrong, unethical, inhumane and barbaric on all levels of compassion and reverence for OUR wildlife. This will not only be a slaughter of innocent life and knowingly create an unbalanced ecosystem for the will of special interest groups and under the table politics, but it also causes sane people to question the moral/emotional disconnect with the necessary intelligence needed of the natural world around them including the integrity of our Fish and Game Departments. 😞

Name: Tyler White

Comment:

Simply trying to eliminate predators of ungulates is not conservation. Studying their food source, habitual movements, and cause of death is necessary. If you simply eliminate the predators but there isn't enough

food source then they will starve to death. If it is indeed determined that reducing the number of predators is the solution then do so properly by increasing the number of predator hunting tags. Let hunting play its role in conservation and benefit the local community.

Name: Lynnette White

Comment:

I am strongly opposed to the random killing of bears to lower their numbers.

Name: Ashleigh White

Comment:

This is a despicable idea. The bears are part of the ecosystem and have not had bad interactions with humans to cause the need for this. Please do not unnecessarily kill these animals.

Name: Rachel Whitmore

Comment:

DO NOT KILL BEARS! No other comment needed.

Name: Greg Wilcox

Comment:

Indiscriminate killing of wildlife is morally wrong. What gives us the right to indiscriminately kill other species? What stops us from hunting/ managing humans? Why can't and shouldn't we coexist. And if we go hunting animals, they have the "Right" to fight back. This proposal is outrageous, callous!

Name: Michelle Theall, Wild Departures

Comment:

Coastal brown bears in coastal Lake Clark have barely endured 2 years of dismal salmon runs resulting in no viable spring cubs in the silver salmon area for 2 years straight. These populations are facing serious threats from climate change, mining infrastructure, flooding, and loss of habitat. Not sure why you believe that killing them off is the way to go. Go out to Silver Salmon area and spend some time on the ground bear viewing

Name: Beth Wildman

Comment:

We are losing our animal population more & more each day. How dare you gun down these innocent creatures!? Murdering wildlife because it's inconvenient? When before it was "release the predators" because the deer population got too big. Make up your mind. The blood of thousands of animals is on your hands.

Name: Sandra Wiles

Comment:

Please do NOT commit mass murder of sentient, feeling and majestic animals because they are somewhat inconvenient and may impede the ability to earn revenue. They have been residents of Alaska longer than people and have done nothing wrong!!

Name: Lindsey Williams

Comment:

This is NOT good conservation, increase hunting permits so that local economies can benefit from this!

Name: Audrey Williams

Comment:

This is the most heartfelt egregious decision I have ever heard, please do NOT do this , animals take care of overpopulation if that's the case which is probably not .

This is in regard to aerial shooting of bears or any other animal for that matter

Name: Wendy Wish

Comment:

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Studies have shown that Alaska's predator control programs, aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters, do not effectively increase human moose harvests. Additionally, these programs would have serious and negative impacts on the Denali and Lake Clark ecosystems.

Name: Alex Witt

Comment:

This is not conservation. This is not a decision made with local economies or natural resources in mind. This is lazy, irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves so much more care. There are so many other ways to manage ungulate populations without decimating bears.

Name: Natalie Wojtala

Comment:

This is too extreme, this proposal would destroy our economy system! We need our predators for a healthy and economic environment.

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Comment:

This proposal is too extreme. I understand the value in population control, but the measures in this bill would destroy our predator populations. We need them for a healthy and economic environment.

Name: William Goell, Wolf Conservation Center

Comment:

The concept that state-sanctioned killing of wolves is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widespread assumptions in large carnivore management but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves don't decimate wild ungulate populations and they don't pose threats to human safety. So why does Alaska continue to get away with outdated and incorrect management practices?

Thank you.

Name: Nicolas Perewozki, Wolf Conservation Center

Comment:

I oppose to those proposals

Name: Steven Wychor

Comment:

We are judged by how we treat one another and the creatures we share this planet with. Like the indigineous peoples, we should not wipe out the wolves but learn to live with them and respect them. These proposals are inhumane and senseless but above all demonstrate arrogance that is shameful and deplorable. Have respect for these wise creates. Allow them to live in peace.

Name: Meghan Young

Comment:

I urge you to oppose the culling of the gorgeous brown bear population. Apex predators like them are critical to a thriving habitat and these bears also ensure tourism stays flowing to the area.

Name: Emily Young

Comment:

I fully oppose the reduction of brown and black bear population and wolf population. Alaska should be kept wild. Don't let this become another foolish decision to regret in the future. I FULLY OPPOSE

Name: Angelica Young

Comment:

This bill dismisses the impact that extermination in such a volume at such a rate has potential to have adverse effects globally, alternatives should be considered, invested in and implemented and the mass murdering of any species is ultimately cruel.

Killing innocent animals is never good or kind, with the rates planned to be extinguished by this bill, it's devastating! These species have harmonious, natural, and mutual nourishing relationship with this Alaskan habitat! There's so much out of balance with global instability as is, the idea of continuing to further destabilize ecosystems is cruel, senseless and inhumane.

There is so much Alaskan land, for the decision to be to kill and murder to achieve a desired outcome is also just lazy, when there can be possibilities for monitored and controlled introduction of these animal species in other Alaskan areas for instance if not elsewhere in the world altogether! Re-homing these species can be done in tandem/cooperation with habitat and wildlife experts, researchers, specialists and scientists, across the globe! By allowing support from other counties in this way, it can be a way of diminishing adverse effects of the proposed actions in this bill.

Thank you for your time and attention!

Name: lydia young

Comment:

Today I learned that a proposal to kill 60% of the current bear population is being brought up and voted on soon.

While I understand your researchers probably have done a lot of work to figure out why the caribou are dwindling so quickly (from the research I read it seems like overgrazing is the issue) I would feel wrong if I did not remind you all of the swift karma human error had brought upon us time and time again in our national parks, forests, and reservations. We FREQUENTLY see human error lead to the decimation of species that were otherwise doing fine just a few years ago- places like California which had to completely revitalize it wolf and condor populations are great examples of why just killing off and removing certain species NEVER helps another survive. What you are doing is thoroughly ignoring and destroying the connected ecosystem by solving all your problems with merciless destruction.

To me, someone who has lived through wildlife intervention and habitat rehabilitation, what you need to do is focus on making more strong caribou- we have AMAZING initiatives that introduce this concept all around our country. You have the resources- learn how to get it done. And find a natural solution to overgrazing as well that doesn't include just killing a bunch of bears- which is the most un-natural intervention I've ever heard of.

A firm scolding from your community! Do not shame yourselves like this, do better and take the time to find a solution that fits in nature's ecosystem- it's quite literally a blueprint for us, get to learning not hunting.

Name: April Zaiger

Comment:

I oppose unnatural killing of wild animals, let nature take over. We have enough human involvement in cruel and inhumane domestic animals- let the wild take care of the wild.

Name: Stephen Zellich

Comment:

I am against the killing of bears and wolves.

Name: Patrick Zertuche

Comment:

This is horrible, have we not learned what upsetting the large fauna does to an ecosystem, just look at how balance has been restored to Yellowstone with the re-introduction of wolves. Do not go through with this! I visit AK & like it with its wildlife in proper balance.

Name: Ying Zhu

Comment:

Dear Members of the Alaska Central & Southwest Region Meeting,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Proposal 75, which seeks to add the removal of wolves, brown bears, and black bears to the Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan.

The removal of these predators can have significant ecological consequences, disrupting the balance of our ecosystems and leading to unforeseen consequences for other wildlife populations. Instead of focusing on removal, we should be investing in sustainable management practices that support biodiversity and the natural behaviors of these species.

Furthermore, this proposal undermines the principles of responsible wildlife management, which should prioritize coexistence and conservation over extermination. It is crucial that we protect our natural heritage for future generations.

I urge you to reconsider this proposal in favor of more holistic and ecologically sound management strategies.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Ying Zhu

Name: Nick Farley

Comment:

To the department of game and fish planning on gunning down predator populations in the lake Clark region: what the absolute [REDACTED] are you thinking? As a Biologist, Ecologist, Architect, and scholar at the UW Seattle, I can guarantee you that to make that decision is in in no service of the natural world. To think it's an actual proposal makes me sick and ashamed of my country and the bodies devoted to the management of our natural world. We are at a pivotal time in our existence as a species where our decisions about the natural world will either help to keep our biosphere alive or actively undermine the existence of all life on our planet. If you support this plan to kill the predators you are actively participating in undermining life on earth.

Name: Scott Fletcher

Comment:

I do not believe that Aerial Gunnery is a conservation method to regulate wildlife populations but more aligns with eradication efforts.

Name: Bruce Congdon

Comment:

As a biologist, I believe it is not necessary to kill, by any means, 60% of this brown bear population, in the area mentioned. It sounds way too extreme. I adamantly oppose Proposal 75!

Name: Jake Johnson

Comment:

I want to advocate for animals and the general wilderness ecosystems. We don't have many untapped places left that humans haven't tried controlling. Please don't do this.

Name: Micaela Meisner

Comment:

This is evil and unnecessary.

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Name: James Wells

Comment:

This is not RESPONSIBLE CONSERVATION

Name: Germaine Wachter

Comment:

Seems like a rash one sided approach to this.

Name: Courtney Nestor

Comment:

This would be horrible to kill bears willingly. I am strongly opposing this!

Name: Sandra Jacobs

Comment:

I used to live in the Pacific Northwest and hunting, fishing and camping was our family tradition. As someone who has great respect for ethical hunting and conservation efforts, I am finding it hard to fathom this level of culling.

Name: Camila Ceballos

Comment:

Protect our wildlife and our national parks.

Name: Anna Sullivan

Comment:

Oppose the senseless killing of brown bears in Alaska

Name: Frankie Spontelli

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Analisa Vigil

Comment:

This is unethical, cruel and inhumane. How will this affect the ecosystem for years to come? Who will this benefit? Morally wrong, we ca not let this happen.

Name: Bern Barth

Comment:

I oppose the killing of brown bears in the amount of 60% in Unit 16 the border of lake clark national park.

Name: Tracy DeLeeuw

Comment:

I disagree with reducing the bear population

Name: Marie Sacco

Comment:

Please don't allow the cruel slaughter of bears and wolves. It's essential that we protect them. We live in their territory; it's our moral obligation to respect their rights. And frankly, anyone who shoots animals from a helicopter is a pathetic excuse of a human being.

Name: Kim Bessette

Comment:

Disrupting the ecological balance of predators in the wild can and will have lasting damage to the ecosystem. On top of this is the inherit cruelty of shooting animals from a helicopter is reminiscent of shooting Buffalo off of trains. We look back at those actions as unnecessarily cruel and detrimental to the species, Ecology and the human race. We will look back at this decision the same way. You have a chance to make the right decision for the future, I hope you make it.

Name: Lori Vander Baan

Comment:

Please don't kill bears. Maybe relocate them.

Name: Cynthia Farah

Comment:

I am vehemently opposed to “hunting” of wild, sentient animals like bears, wolves, etc. This is NOT conservation! Use the science. These animals should not be hunted in any fashion! They were on the land first. Maybe humans need to learn to live respectfully of other animals. It is ridiculous to say that you can kill a certain percentage!

Name: Dustin Greco

Comment:

I do not agree that killing a population of bear or wolves will solve the problems you are trying to accomplish. Let nature take its course, make sure visitors and residents are vigilant and can protect themselves, but reducing a predator has had the opposite affect many times over.

Name: Lauren Blanchard

Comment:

This is disgusting and spits in the face of God, who created these animals.

Name: Laurie Brewer

Comment:

Please do not authorize the killings of Alaskan black & brown bears and the wolves. These are species we should be protecting and not senselessly killing. These species are vital to the states ecosystem.

Name: Christina Goodall

Comment:

Please do not allow aerial shooting of any wildlife. Don’t kill wildlife, they are all we have, and you know nothing of their value on this earth - give them a chance. Stop the murder.

Name: Sue Reske

Comment:

This is completely unethical and immoral for Alaska Fish and Game to propose to kill off 60% of brown bears in Unit 16. It will take decades for the bear population to recover from this assault. Why would a state wildlife agency propose this slaughter? I would plead for the State of Alaska to not permit such a heinous action against the brown bears of Unit 16.

Name: Gene Coletta

Comment:

Bears are part of what makes Alaska wild and beautiful - a tourist attraction and a good photo opportunity. Please don't harm them for living in an environment that they are rightfully part of.

Name: Ash Bry

Comment:

It's not your job to kill helpless animals from a helicopter to control population. People don't go gunning down humans. Have a heart.

Name: Sue Reske

Comment:

This is unethical and immoral for Alaska. Why is the state Fish and Game Agency proposing this slaughter? Stop this before it begins. Do the right thing!

Name: Candace Premo

Comment:

I think this is a horrible idea.

Name: Jonathan Godbout

Comment:

I find it disgusting that this is even being proposed. Eliminating 80% of the wolves population is horrible. 60% of the brown bear/grizzly population is equally horrific. As someone who fell in love with Denali National Park and Alaska during my time there as a wildland firefighter, I find it appealing that this is even being considered. Do better for our Earth and for our National Parks. These creatures deserve the right to live peacefully in their natural habitats.

Name: Laura MacPhail

Comment:

Please allow these animals to live unharmed in their native habitat.

Name: Jake Barnett

Comment:



Name: Vianney Jimenez

Comment:

IT IS ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING TO EVEN SUGGEST TO GUN DOWN WILDLIFE ANYWHERE ON THIS PLANT.

HOW DARE ANYBODY COMMIT SUCH VILE ATROCITIES

Name: Francesca Dolnier

Comment:

I strongly oppose the murder of these bears.

Name: Sara Lazarus

Comment:

Strongly opposed to reduction of bear population and this approach.

Name: Chloe Jory

Comment:

We are nothing if we can't protect the wildlife with whom we share our land. Please strike down prop 75 and save the animals who make our planet worth living on.

Name: Marilyn Gable

Comment:

save the bears

Name: Katie O'Hara

Comment:

We are merely tenants of this land, nature is our landlord. Destroy what came before us and be prepared to endure the pain of what won't happen ahead of us. This is a disgrace, these beautiful beings should be protected at all cost.

Name: Jacob Charpentier

Comment:

Let's not kill wolves or bears

Name: Michelle Spiro

Comment:

Please respect all wildlife, in particular these beautiful bears. This is their home. We are the guests not them.

Name: Lukas Pradny

Comment:

Do your job and preserve nature

Name: Clayton Young

Comment:

Please allow nature to exist with as little intervention as possible Alaska is one of if not the last mostly wild places left in the US. Leave it be.

Name: Phyllis Burchett

Comment:

This is not conservation. This is not a decision made with local economies or natural resources in mind. This is lazy, irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves so much more care in one of our last great wild lands.

Unit 16 shares its southern border with Lake Clark National Park, one of the last pristine brown bear habitats left on earth. The brown bear population here is already under extreme threat from the devastating development of the Johnson Tract Mine, collapsing silver salmon runs, and the impending threat of continued salmon run decline. We stand to lose SO MUCH. Please stop this madness and protect our wild population don't destroy it.

Name: Brittney Fitzgerald

Comment:

Inhumane treatment of animals who are entitled to live on the land and continue the ecosystem.

Name: Sharath S

Comment:

Don't want bears and wolves gunned. Will not help the planet.

Name: Paul Adams

Comment:

Protect the bears!

Name: John Meyers

Comment:

The hunting is a cruel and atrocious act of violence against innocent beings and should be abolished and forbidden. Every single animal has the same rights to live than humans and we should not forget that fact. Actually are humans that keep invading their homes and habitats so it is us who maybe should move "if we don't like them". Also these animals are vital to the delicate balance of the ecosystem.

Come on Alaska, we can do it much better.

Name: Karla Haydon

Comment:

I wholeheartedly oppose this!!! It is inhumane and totally unnecessary. Let all the animals live their life unbothered. The predators keep the ecosystem in balance. Your plan is just to keep a group happy. Don't do it!!!!

Name: Shannon Karr

Comment:

Strongly oppose needlessly killing bears.

Name: Emma Madeline Erickson

Comment:

Please stop!

Name: Erin Whitaker

Comment:

Culling bears is not the answer.

Name: Emiliano Agüero Martínez

Comment:

Stop needlessly murdering animals in their natural habitat. We need to practice conservation and not resort to “easy” fixes.

Name: Jake Tinkler - Josephi

Comment:

Please reconsider what you are proposing. There's no need to kill these animals. I'm traveling to Alaska this summer for a photography expedition to look for the very animals you're going to shoot from a helicopter.

Please reconsider.

Name: Logan Lovell

Comment:

I've read the proposals and see no true scientific or moral justification for the lethal removal of the bear and/or wolf population in the region. Plenty of wildlife researchers and PhDs that are close friends of mine also have voiced concerns for this proposal. This does not guarantee the prey population will stabilize, and in other cases this method actually backfired. Similarly, there are more cost effective and

data supported methods to increasing prey populations that don't involve culling or lethal taking of predator populations

Name: Cyrus Bacon, Fruitful Futures Foundation

Comment:

In so much of north America, we've lost the adequate numbers of so many predator species to make up a healthy breeding population. It's deeply disturbing that, in some of their last havens, wolves and brown bears are once again under attack. Wise up, do your job, and tell humans how to respect these necessary species. Good luck!

Name: Mariposa Williams

Comment:

If this proposal is passed, it will completely decimate the ecosystems this would occur in. This is not the solution. We will simply be tipping everything out of balance causing astronomical damages to environmental conditions and wildlife populations. This would most certainly lead to an overpopulation of deer, which many areas are already experiencing. Bears are native wildlife and belong in the ecosystem in order for everything to function. Aside from all of these facts, bears are living creatures and there is no sound reason to decimate their populations.

Please, leave animals for your grandchildren to experience in the wild the way that is intended.

Name: Britney Worby

Comment:

This is preposterous and sick. Please do not gun down these poor animals.

Name: Mariposa Williams

Comment:

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in order for everything to function. Aside from all of these facts, bears are living creatures and there is no sound reason to decimate their populations.

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Name: Jacqueline Bock

Comment:

A lot of these proposals are made by guides who want to increase their pocket books at the expense of wildlife. I do not support trophy hunting. I do support hunting if one is going to eat the meat and use the skin/ hide. Are these people planning on eating that brown bear... I bet not. Guides seeking to increase their revenue.

Extending the bear hunting season into May risks moms and cubs emerging from hibernation.

Name: Nav Tombros

Comment:

The proposal to reduce brown bear populations through aerial gunning is a reckless and inhumane approach to wildlife management that disregards ecological balance, ethical considerations, and long-term sustainability. Brown bears are keystone species, playing a critical role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Their removal could disrupt food chains, harm biodiversity, and destabilize habitats.

Aerial gunning is not only brutal but also indiscriminate, leading to unnecessary suffering and potentially orphaning bear cubs, exacerbating the ecological impact. Instead of resorting to such extreme measures, we should invest in evidence-based, non-lethal methods of population control, such as habitat management, wildlife corridors, and coexistence strategies. This proposal represents a short-sighted and morally unacceptable solution to a complex issue. Protecting wildlife requires thoughtful stewardship, not mass eradication.

Name: Gary Carter

Comment:

The proposal to reduce predators in the Wild is wrong especially via aerial hunt. So many people visit Alaska to see the raw untouched nature. So many tax dollars from tourists will be lost.

Let nature in these remote areas manage itself.

Name: Daniel H

Comment:

Don't kill bears from helicopters

Name: Ross Bernards

Comment:

Opposed. This is a terrible idea. We've already lost and destroyed so much wildlife habitat let's not now start to destroy the actual wildlife.

Name: Alan Apel

Comment:

Let the bears live

Name: Michaelene Brownfield

Comment:

Proposals 1-4, I am totally opposed.

Name: Artur Biczysko

Comment:

I am biologist and wildlife photographer. All days observe these beautiful animal in their natural habitat, it is horrible that someone is going to reduce population of bears.

Name: Ana Salvemini

Comment:

Do not kill innocent animals and wildlife! That is despicable and horrific. Let these beautiful animals live!

Name: Chris Price

Comment:

We have obliterated our ecosystems across the entirety of the US, both continental and contiguous. The gunning down of predator megafauna will do nothing to help salvage or restore what little natural or "wild" spaces we have left. There is indisputable evidence that ecosystems thrive when predators are allowed to return. We would do far better to remove tourists and other humans than to remove the predators. This is not just shameful, it is without morals. Reduce the humans, not the bears and wolves.

Name: Jamie Wearp

Comment:

For years we have been trying to save this species and now we are discussing murdering them. This is a barbaric proposal.

Name: Angela Briggs

Comment:

This senseless killing of bears and wolves is reprehensible and excessive. If they need to be culled, there are better & more humane ways to do it. Aerial hunting is disruptive and cruel to not only the animals you are hunting but all forest animals. It is also expensive. The ADFG can RAISE money by selling lottery tickets. Please don't adopt this cruel & excessive method of culling the numbers of bears & wolves.

Name: Maanas Muddam

Comment:

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threat of continued salmon run decline. We stand to lose SO MUCH. This is not conservation. This is not a decision made with local economies or natural resources in mind. This is lazy, irresponsible wildlife management in a place that deserves much more care.

Name: ailyn martinez

Comment:

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Name: Martin Chan

Comment:

Cruel and inhumane are the simplest descriptions of this proposal.

Name: Julia Dahm

Comment:

I'm submitting this comment to convey my strong opposition to proposal 75. The aerial gunning down of animals is deeply disconcerting proposition to our community. It is an idea separated from morals and respect for nature and should not be a formal proposal to begin with. I implore you to cancel this proposition or honor the wishes of the community to see it removed.

Name: Tammy Stapleton

Comment:

There is no need for this inhumane action against the Grizzly bear species. They are an integral part to the Alaskan ecosystem as well as sentient and beautiful animals. They are not a threat to the human world however mankind is unfortunately a threat to all wildlife, including bears. I stand with millions of other people in opposing the slaughter of Grizzly bears or any other wildlife.

Name: Alexis Bond

Comment:

I do not support the killing of wildlife.

Name: Teya Phanmanivong

Comment:

Extremely lazy and cruel measures. Allow residents and tourists to hunt, boost the economy and don't let the animals go to waste. Have decency.

Name: Elliott Glover

Comment:

I am a 17 year old, and when I grow old I would like to continue to live in a world that has healthy populations of wolves and brown bears. I believe that proposal 75 will be very harmful to the ecosystem as the pros, potentially increasing the moose population are greatly outweighed by the cons, being detrimental population decreases in two species that are key to a well functioning ecosystem.

Name: Melanie Graham

Comment:

This is absolutely disturbing. Wolves and bears are absolutely vital to environmental stability. It is heartbreaking to see this proposal in 2024, as you'd think we as a society would've learnt from our past mistakes by now. I completely oppose to everything about this, we as humans have completely failed these species.

Name: Doc Dockter

Comment:

It's their right to the land, not ours. Don't make decisions like it's yours and mess with things that nature knows better.

Name: Eric Peramos

Comment:

Those animals are the most important for Alaska's nature.

Name: Thom Chamberlain

Comment:

Historically speaking, these actions result in a ecological imbalance which has proven damaging time and time again.

Name: Vishal Amin

Comment:

We as humans have decimated and have laid claim to the entire planet. This is their home let's not take this away from them. What if the tables were turned and we were the ones with no say and had our lives decided by someone else. What would we do then?

Name: Manuel Lopez

Comment:

Wolves and bears are very important to our ecosystem and do so much good for nature they keep the deer and buffalo on the move giving vegetation a chance to grow and they keep rivers flowing healthy and water clean

Name: Fatma Ak

Comment:

Stop this cruel plan before it's realised!!!!

Name: Laura Hack

Comment:

This is a disgusting choice. It is a privilege to have wildlife and it should be protected. If the bear population is too high, this will be corrected naturally over time as the availability of resources reduce.

Name: Eva Gaubert, Waara Consulting

Comment:

Predators are part of the good functionment of the ecosystems. Equilibre of Nature depend on healthy ecosystems who included bears and wolfs. We are on the 6th extinction, we need to protect the only we still have.

Name: Eileen Honan

Comment:

Oppose totally

Name: M Cvijanovich

Comment:

PLEASE STOP THE SENSELESS AND WRECKLESS KILLING of ANIMALS- BEARS!!!!!!

Name: Chris Hadzick

Comment:

Please let the bears live peacefully in their natural habitat. Gunning them down, from the air especially, is cowardly and inhuman. They should not be killed, yet alone from someone who isn't even willing to go into their habitat to do so. Pathetic and weak. Sad day. Please revoke this request and let the bears roam naturally as they should.

Name: Marc Corominas Xifra

Comment:

Animal populations have the ability to self-regulate, so if you think there is overpopulation, killing animals will not solve it. The problem will return. Surely the reason for wanting to kill these animals is another... I hope the proposal does not go ahead. Precisely one of the reasons why I want to visit Alaska in the future is to be able to observe its great value, the nature it hosts.

Name: M Cvijanovich

Comment:

PLEASE STOP THE KILLING!!!!

Name: Jake Peoples

Comment:

This is unreasonable! I love bears

Name: Divya Ramesh

Comment:

Alaska is one of our last wild places in our country with rich, diverse wildlife and we must protect them.

Name: Maite Torrente

Comment:

This is a crime and I oppose to such measure.

Name: Niya Stefanova

Comment:

Stop killing off the planet and all animals!!!!

Name: Melissa Langlois

Comment:

I'm laying out a thoughtful framework for opposing wildlife gunning! Here's how I would elaborate on each of those points to create a compelling argument:

1. **Biodiversity Importance**:

- Every species contributes to the health of ecosystems. For instance, predators help control prey populations, and plants provide oxygen and food. Losing even a single species can lead to unpredictable chain reactions, jeopardizing the entire ecosystem.

2. **Ethical Considerations**:

- Our moral responsibility as stewards of the planet calls for compassion toward all living beings. Wildlife has intrinsic value, and respecting their right to exist is essential in maintaining the moral fabric of a compassionate society.

3. **Sustainable Alternatives**:

- Non-lethal management strategies include building wildlife corridors, relocation efforts, and community engagement initiatives to educate the public on coexistence. Programs that promote habitat restoration can enhance both wildlife populations and community well-being.

4. **Positive Impact on Tourism**:

- Wildlife tourism promotes conservation as it economically incentivizes preserving habitats. Regions known for their diverse wildlife often see increased visitation, leading to job creation and support for conservation efforts that benefit both the environment and local communities.

5. **Legal Protections**:

- Supporting laws like the Endangered Species Act helps ensure the survival of at-risk species. Advocating for stricter enforcement of wildlife protections can help preserve biodiversity and prevent illegal hunting practices.

Name: Niya Stefanova

Comment:

Stop killing off the planet and all animals!!!!

Name: Faith Vero

Comment:

"This is plain and simple morally wrong, unethical, inhumane and barbaric on all levels of compassion and reverence for OUR wildlife. This will not only be a slaughter of innocent life and knowingly create an unbalanced ecosystem for the will of special interest groups and under the table politics, but it also causes sane people to question the moral/emotional disconnect with the necessary intelligence needed of the natural world around them including the integrity of our Fish and Game Departments.

Name: Joseph Laurence

Comment:

I think Bears and wolves deserve land too. We have an incredibly diverse ecosystem, and they are a part of it. I think we should significantly reduce the amount of bears and wolves to kill, so that our children can grow up knowing what these fantastic creatures are. There is a primal beauty about them, you can't just kill them off. Sooner or later people will realise almost everything is connected, killing the same animal should have severe after effects

Name: Shanika Dulakshi

Comment:

It's just not right to reduce the percentage of bears. PLEASE JUST LET THE BEARS LIVE. One day bears will be extinct animals.

Name: Caroline Nyiri

Comment:

I am strongly against the killing of wolves and bears in this area!

Name: Meg Doe

Comment:

Don't kill the bears

Name: Morin Sri

Comment:

I love animals and I want to protect them.

Name: Kyle Rose

Comment:

This is a truly disgusting over reach of human power. While intentions may be good, for us to play the hand of God in this manner and wipe out so much wildlife that borders one of the most beautiful National Parks in America is truly disturbing. It is easy for us to eliminate populations for these species, however, nature is designed to do this on its own. What happens if we step in and take cull the population, and then an unforeseen natural phenomenon takes place and reduces those numbers well below what the intended target population was supposed to be. It is easy to look at a plan on paper and think it looks good, this is something that could shake the ecology of Alaska to its core. Please, we beg you, do not carry out this act! This is for nature alone to control, and it's a time where humans truly do not need to be involved and over step our boundaries.

Name: Chi Chile, n/a

Comment:

This is regarding ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Central and Southwest Region proposal to kill our wildlife directly from the air. How many more ridiculous and insane proposal like this do we have to face to stop this nonsense?!? Every living species on this planet play an important role in keeping our ecosystems healthy. We, humans, have caused enough harm, we are literally destroying the planet that supports our very own existence! This proposal must be stopped straight away, and strong environmental laws must be passed asap to protect our wildlife and the environment. STOP THIS NONSENSE NOW!

Name: Tara Strassburg

Comment:

Please do not hunt and kill and reduce brown, black bear and wolves. We need to coexist.

Name: Glenn Anderson

Comment:

I OPPOSE! While most countries around the world are trying to preserve bear populations this proposal promotes senseless murder. There is plenty of space in Alaska for bears. Each bear has an immense value in tourist dollars.

Name: Tylor Berreth

Comment:

We do not need to reduce the brown bear population

Name: Dawn Impallaria, Grizzly Bear 399 Legacy

Comment:

I oppose IG as an inhumane action to wildlife. An aerial takeout is cowardly and an unneeded move towards animals rightfully living in the wilderness.

Name: Michaela Robbins

Comment:

I think this is an outrageous and inhumane proposition. Let nature be. Humans need to stop interfering!

Name: Cannon Hanson

Comment:

There's no reason to kill so many wolves and bears when the moose populations can still recover. The effects of removing that many predators could change entire inter species relationships in the region. The bears would bring less fish into the forests leading to less nutrients going to plants and small scavengers. The wolves would eat less deer leading to the deer overgrazing.

Name: Sandy Rimer

Comment:

There are better ways to manage wild life populations. We are changing the world ecosystems. Present let reputable wild life organizations help manage rather than senseless killing.

Name: Nancy A Orbe

Comment:

This is a cruel and senseless act of violence against innocent creatures. Let NATURE take care of NATURE! When we "brilliant" humans get involved it's NOTHING BUT A SH** SHOW!!!! This is the MOST asinine idea I have ever heard!!! AND bordering not one BUT TWO National Parks where wildlife should feel SAFE!!!

PLEASE, I IMPLOR the powers that be to RETHINK this!!!! And shame on those who support this!

Name: Kat Clark

Comment:

No no no

Wildlife will self manage and our intervention is not required

Name: Kailee Humphrey

Comment:

Why control the bears and their natural living space instead of educating humans? If you rid a species for existing, you are saying you don't care. We cannot risk losing more species to human ignorance. This IS human ignorance in many forms than one. We cannot keep being the species known to wipe out other species for "population control" How can you rid an animal from its own home? Literally, how could you? The population of bears isn't even that severe to past numbers, and even then it was inhumane. As an avid and experienced hiker: SAVE THE BEARS!!!!!! Shame we can't comment, yet we have to stop and fill out a form. Good way of forcing people to show they care. If you don't listen and we are forced to fill these out due to not being able to openly comment on social media platforms, what does it prove to you?

Name: Heather Silveira

Comment:

The National Park Service is supposed to PROTECT our parks and be a safe haven for ALL wild animals, foliage and landscapes. Allowing and endorsing a helicopter approach to killing innocent wildlife within National Park borders is exactly AGAINST what the National Parks are funded for. It's also disgusting and a cowardly approach to a problem. If these wolves and bears are actually causing an issue for the human pests, let's use our "big brains" and find a creative approach that helps keep these animals alive and solves the problem. You absolute cowards.

Name: Kerry Stucky

Comment:

As the love of money is the root of all evil, I implore you to fight with your God-given ability to keep something of this creation we live on sacred and safe.....The Alaskan wilderness and those creatures created in it need your protection from this plunder, not your initiation and attack.

Name: Jeff Wald

Comment:

Outrageous.

Name: Cherrine Hawkins

Comment:

Wildlife should be protected not killed in such a way.

Name: leslie velez

Comment:

This is cruel and senseless. It's not fair to the innocent creatures that God has put on this earth. Alaska is one of few homes to the most beautiful animals that don't have to worry about the rest of the world trying to build on their land, destroy their homes. Allowing hunting around a state park is both inhumane and unfair, as it threatens the sanctuary these areas provide for wildlife. Animals in and around state parks often grow accustomed to the presence of humans, making them easy and defenseless targets for hunters. This undermines the ethical principles of fair chase and disrupts the balance of natural ecosystems. Additionally, it compromises the experience of park visitors who come to enjoy the serenity and observe wildlife in its natural habitat, not to witness its destruction. Protecting these boundaries preserves the integrity of state parks and the lives they safeguard. This selfish exploitation not only disrupts ecosystems but also risks driving species toward extinction, robbing future generations of the opportunity to witness these creatures in their natural habitat.

Name: Henry Gahlsdorf

Comment:

I am writing to strongly oppose proposal 75. The methods put forth by ADFW are lazy and dishonorable. If populations of specific predators have reached this level of concern so swiftly it is due to years of mismanagement and control.

Solutions should be met by other means that bring good to the communities of Alaska and the animal population. The proposed method allows for inhuman poaching of an animal that could otherwise be done by lawful hunts.

Do better

Name: Wendy Murrin

Comment:

OPPOSE I vehemently oppose this proposal. I honestly think it's the most appalling thing I've ever heard. I truly don't understand how anyone could possibly think that this is a good idea. This is just pure cruelty to these beautiful creatures.

Name: Ivan Lehmann

Comment:

It's an atrocity to cold kill these beautiful animals

Name: Carlos Diaz

Comment:

Complete nonsense!! To play god and disrupt the balance of nature will have terrible impacts on our ecosystems. Respect wildlife !! Respect nature!!

Name: Austin Norris

Comment:

Protect the bears please

Name: Christal Murdoch

Comment:

Opossed

Name: Daniel Koehn

Comment:

This is the wrong way to solve a problem

Name: Rayne Roberys

Comment:

On the other side of the globe, here in South Africa I feel disturb at how self serving, unconscious and disregarding humanity is of the simple fact that we are meant to be custodians of planet earth, yet we continue to take, abuse, demolish, exterminate and greedily feed our pockets with zero regard, compassion or concern of the impact this has, nature and all animals within it suffer the war that has raged against for centuries.....and still we continue!

Shooting these Bears to benefit only humans is sick, callous and so incredibly short sighted and unaware.

Open your eyes, and realise the world does not belong to only you!!

These Bears belong where they are, have always belonged, it is us that doesn't.

Name: Frankie Dominguez

Comment:

Humanity continues endlessly to top my list of "least favorite things in life" don't we control enough? One day we'll have wiped out all nature and its beings, well then ask "where is everything?" Enough is enough

Name: samantha harrison

Comment:

there's no amount of money or resources

that you can gain that will ever justify the destruction of ANY wolves or bears. they were here first and losing them would be a catastrophic disaster for the health of the ecosystems they live in.

Name: Noah Borchardt

Comment:

It is extremely wrong that the Alaskan Department of fish and wildlife wants to kill these bears. Almost all animal species have suffered great decline with human populations increasing and were losing more and more biodiversity by the day. If overgrazing is the problem maybe the human population needs to be reevaluated regarding their land use. This seems like a lazy way to handle a problem and shouldn't come at the cost of bear lives. Also what happens if these populations are hunted and it causes a shift to a more aggressive bear population just like what happened in the Nevada with Coyote removal. Removing predators with firearms is unnatural and often has consequences we wish we could reverse in the end. Passing this bill means everyone involved is okay with the murder of wildlife and should not be surprised if the bears fight back.

Name: Lee Kennedy

Comment:

No need to cull that many animals.

Name: Amanda Taylor

Comment:

Oppose! We have seen this exact over reach in the lower 48 with mass slaughters of wolves primarily and it does not help the eco system. You get more inbreeding and genetic displacement which will mess up your natural eco system in the first place. Alaska has always been wild and didn't need any population control especially in how remote of parts the proposal effects. This population is not a direct threat towards humans (as we haven't seen attacks) so it's just a slaughter. The meat won't even be put to use as it's aerial and I doubt you'll field dress it. This is directly against what Alaska is about. I'm curious how your natives feel about this. This is a matter that is important to me as a wildlife photographer and someone that see the harmony and balance and how quickly that gets screwed when the government intervenes. Although I'm a Michigander, I have spent months in Alaska and will be making the move permanently in the spring.

Name: Jett Barnett Sheehy

Comment:

This is the most cruel and unusual effort I have ever known of, except maybe a full term abortion. I am vehemently opposed to this method of operation.

Name: Iris Hickman

Comment:

An 80% decline in wolf populations is a death sentence, and calling 60% of brown bears, another important species, is ridiculous.

Name: Nicholas Garbacki-Kenyon

Comment:

What is wrong with you people?

Name: Natasha Harvey

Comment:

These species are vital to Alaska - getting rid of animals in these numbers is DEPLORABLE and must not happen.

Name: Brianna Godberson

Comment:

I am deeply opposed to the possibly culling of over 50% of our nation's predators. I think there is more to be done with non lethal methods and science that should come first before drastically killing animals. Once they are gone, they are gone. This is an extreme measure that should be reviewed and thoroughly looked over with scientists and specialists to see what other non lethal methods are possible first. These animals are the heart of the American Wild and to propose to kill them to under 50% in numbers seems barbaric. Please take into consideration nonlethal methods of management first that would work for everyone. Thank you. Sincerely, Brianna Godberson

Name: Andrea Haygood

Comment:

I am extremely disappointed in your decision to approve of aerial shooting of bears and wolves! This is a very horrible, barbaric and heartless decision! This will kill innocent lives! The lives of mothers will be taken ,leaving babies orphaned and unable to care for themselves! We need ALL animals, black and brown bears, grizzlies, and wolves , to keep our eco system in balance. Bears actually aid in growing trees, by scattering the seeds they eat through defecation. If you keep senselessly murdering wildlife, just to please special interest groups, there will be NO wildlife for future generations to see and enjoy! These bears and wolves have feelings just like you and I do! They feel pain,they grieve at the loss of their loved ones just like you do! How would you feel if someone bigger and more powerful than you decided that you didn't matter and the world would be better without you and decided that they would implement a program to eliminate you and your family, by aerial shooting, or some other barbaric action? Have you ever thought of that? Have you ever thought of the impact on the animals and others, of you carelessly murdering innocent lives? I really don't understand how people can be so callous to just take an innocent life because YOU don't think their lives matter! Well guess what, their lives DO matter every bit as much as yours does! Who are YOU to play God and decide who lives and dies? This decision is absolutely WRONG!!! It's immoral, it's heinous, it's heartless, and affects more people than just you and your special interest groups! I sincerely hope you think good and hard about the repercussions of slaughtering innocent animals ,so you can fill your greedy pockets! There are more important things than money and power, and innocent lives are at the top of that list! Also, by doing this you are putting money and power before God, therefore making money and power your God! One of the ten commandments says Thou shall have NO ORHER GODS BEFORE ME! Another of the Ten Commandments says, Thou shall not kill! It doesn't give reasons for not killing, or reasons that you should kill, it just says DO NOT KILL! So

not only are you being callous, heartless, and putting money before God, you are also disobeying the Ten Commandments! Please!Please! Rethink this horrible decision! And Please DO NOT Shoot our bears and wolves! We love them and we need them for our ecosystem!

Name: Nathaniel Peck

Comment:

Killing predators from aircraft is insane. My tiny county in Maryland would have more Black Bears than all of unit 16 when this proposal is done. Just awful. Do not do this. Increase the number of hunting tags if needed.

Name: Dave Bayo

Comment:

Do not allow aerial killing of Grizzlies or other animals. Man has screwed up enough, let nature do it's job.

Name: Anna-Lena Balles

Comment:

The plan is barbaric and has nothing to do with nature or species protection. What is about to be done here is unnatural, inhumane and simply disgusting.

Name: Holly Rice

Comment:

Find more responsible conservation practices for the bear population.

Name: Amy Sorensen

Comment:

Opposed

Name: Karen Clark

Comment:

I refuse to think you will randomly kill these animals because of overpopulation, you must think of a different way. That is not a good decision, that is unethical and against animal

Rights.

Name: Jordan Randall

Comment:

This proposal is unethical and not based in science. I oppose the killing of so many predators via helicopter and is such large numbers. There are other ways to slightly control the predator population in these areas such as hunting. Additionally, predator and ungulate populations boom in different cycles. This proposal should be struck down and changed to determine a way to support ungulate populations through slight control of predator populations...not the mass slaughter of bears and wolves

Name: Izabelle Burke

Comment:

Really seems like an overreaction, the moose population hasn't even gone below the limit, and this will devastate the wolves and bears

Name: alex cottafava

Comment:

let's respect nature and save animals and learn to live with them.

Name: Debbie Fisher

Comment:

I am absolutely disgusted that no hunter conservation organization, most of which claim to support and defend sound, science based management of wildlife, are speaking out against this slaughter, which is a clear violation of wildlife management that these organizations claim to uphold.

Unit 16 is both appalling and outrageous and whether it be for a refinery or gain for Outfitters, keep in mind the world would feel great rage and disgust.

Name: Christina Holbrook

Comment:

A diversity of all living things is necessary for the survival of the planet.

Name: Soren Steinfeldt

Comment:

This is an unreasonable proposal and the culling of that many wolves and bears will be terrible for their populations, other avenues need to be explored before culling the majority of their populations

Name: Jennifer Thayn

Comment:

I oppose this idea. This is inhumane and killing off innocent animals that are part of an ancient ecosystem. There's no justifying killing off bears and wolves for fish fueled greed.

Name: Marissa Lappin

Comment:

This is outrageous. I am a tax paying US citizen and I do not support this kind of animal murder. Aerial gun down are u kidding me. There has to be a more humane way to help predator populations then gunning down such beautiful creatures. Predators are an important role in the ecosystem. So what happens when you kill off all the predators and the ungulate population gets too big are u going to start murdering them by aerial gun down. Let the ecosystem figure its self out. As a citizen I do not support this. This must stop

Name: Margaret Sergent

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Taylor Howell

Comment:

We do not have the right to dictate the ways of nature. It has regulated itself for billions of years without humans. We most definitely do not have the right to kill innocent, unsuspecting animals.

Name: Gianna Ritornaro

Comment:

Please stop trying to kill some of the only wildlife that the world has left, it is already bad enough what we are doing to the environment as a whole. It is not fair !!!

Name: Trish Hennessy

Comment:

Outrageous to kill these animals. Please do your homework for EVERYONE'S sake.

Name: Eric Kufrin

Comment:

I oppose hunting of grizzly bears in Lake Clark!

Name: Susan Flegg

Comment:

I can't believe this is even being considered. Our wildlife is precious and should be preserved and conserved. This is tantamount to a crime. I hope enough people and organisations step in to prevent this from happening. We must coexist with the wild creatures on our planet. Please listen to the outcry

Name: Sam Bieri

Comment:

Please do not approve the killing of necessary wildlife. Have you seen what amazing things reintroducing wolves did for Yellowstone? We don't want to do the opposite of that.

Name: Jesan Barnes-Kaushik

Comment:

We are ruining our ecosystem by each little proposal past that hurts that ecosystem. We need to protect the animals, give them land, and start healing. This would have a detrimental effect on the world at Large. Leave these animals alone.

Name: Jessi Lipscomb

Comment:

The natural world balances itself out. Humans do not need to intervene - we will only disrupt a natural wildlife cycle.

Name: Lori Conklin

Comment:

I OPPOSE culling the predator population by the ADFG. Increase the quotas if necessary, but don't slaughter animals from the air.

Name: Jennifer La Follette, Royal Treatment Fly fishing

Comment:

We spend quite a bit of time up in your region and are deeply disturbed and angered to hear of your plans to kill bears. Please, did not do this!

Name: Julie Orologas

Comment:

Please leave our bear population out of harms way

Name: Nicholas Steinberg

Comment:

Leave the animals alone. Not right. You are not god; stop acting like it.

Name: Amit Hoque

Comment:

I fully oppose the killing of bears and wolves

Name: Jane Bresette

Comment:

This is outrageous, how could you even consider such a horrible event. This is just plain murder, there has to be a better idea.

Name: Jana Atchison

Comment:

This is not conservation!

Name: Wilma McKenzie

Comment:

Surely eco tourism provides tremendous value and economic benefits to the area via jobs, dollars etc. People come to see the bears! Why destroy this wildlife to please only the hunters. Nature provides the best balance on its own without man's interference.

Name: Mary Neely

Comment:

Please do not kill the bears. There is clearly no reason for it!

Name: Adrianna Hyman

Comment:

We do NOT want wildlife to be killed. Any politicians and leaders that support the slaughter of Earth's natural wildlife will NOT be supported in any endeavors or future elections. This is NOT the will of the people!

Name: Catherine Marqua

Comment:

As someone who has spent summers working in Lake Clark National Park and growing familiar with these ecosystems, I strongly oppose the proposed predator reduction plan in Unit 16. Aerial gunning to significantly reduce populations of brown bears and wolves is not only unnecessary but harmful to the delicate balance of this region's ecosystem.

Predators like bears and wolves are critical for maintaining healthy ecosystems. Removing them disrupts the natural balance, leading to overpopulation of prey species like moose. While this might initially seem like a benefit, overpopulated moose can overgraze vegetation, damaging plant life and harming other

species that rely on these habitats. Additionally, sudden increases in prey populations often result in food shortages, poor health, and starvation, which undermines the intended goal of this proposal.

Reducing bear and wolf populations by such drastic numbers also risks a loss of genetic diversity in these species, weakening their resilience and health in the long term. As slow-reproducing animals, their populations are particularly vulnerable to such large-scale reductions.

There are also significant economic and ethical implications to consider. Brown bears are iconic to Alaska and a major draw for wildlife tourism, which supports local economies. Aerial gunning, in particular, has been widely criticized and could tarnish the reputation of wildlife management in Alaska. Moreover, for many Indigenous and local communities, bears and wolves are integral to their cultural heritage, and these kinds of drastic measures disregard those values.

Finally, predator control programs like this often lack robust scientific backing, and their consequences are unpredictable. Once ecosystems are disrupted, it is challenging and sometimes impossible to reverse the damage.

For all these reasons, I urge you to reconsider this proposal and instead focus on evidence-based, sustainable wildlife management strategies that respect the ecological and cultural importance of predators in this region.

Name: Jay Marine

Comment:

Let wildlife live, stop thinking it must be regulate. We are more than murderers and killers. We are able to respect wildernerss. Please stop this mad project.

Name: Brandee Aquino

Comment:

I oppose the proposal to kill brown bears and wolves .

I urge you to stop the mass killing of brown bears and wolves. Their populations do not need to be made smaller. This is the natural cycle of nature , and killing or harming these animals will have a direct negative impact on the environment. Beyond that reason, it is inhumane to target defenseless animals in their homes and Annihilate them. STOP THE KILLING NOW!!!

Name: Daphanie Mulet

Comment:

I oppose the killing of these wild animals. Please protect them!

Name: nanette kardaszkeski

Comment:

Although not someone affected by this proposal I find it irresponsible and short sighted to solve an issue like this. What a waste to randomly kill these beautiful creatures. At the very least increase hunting quotas. Nature always finds a way to take care of itself. The natural balance of the environments and wildlife always gets screwed up once humans try to fix things. Usually, the outcome is made worse than better. Do right by these creatures and try to come up with a better solution.

Name: Seweryn Sommer

Comment:

Please READ CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND THAT: Bears and wolves play a crucial role in maintaining healthy ecosystems, acting as apex predators that regulate prey populations and ensure biodiversity. Reducing their numbers disrupts these natural processes, leading to ecological imbalances that can harm other species and even human environments. Furthermore, bears and wolves have intrinsic value as part of the natural world and DESERVE TO EXIST WITHOUT UNNECESSARY INTERFERENCE. Instead of fearing or diminishing their populations, we should focus on protecting their habitats and promoting coexistence. By doing so, we not only preserve wildlife but also uphold our responsibility as stewards of the planet.

Name: Julia Sommer

Comment:

Bears and wolves play a crucial role in maintaining healthy ecosystems, acting as apex predators that regulate prey populations and ensure biodiversity. Reducing their numbers disrupts these natural processes, leading to ecological imbalances that can harm other species and even human environments. Furthermore, bears and wolves have intrinsic value as part of the natural world and deserve to exist without unnecessary interference. Instead of fearing or diminishing their populations, we should focus on protecting their habitats and promoting coexistence. By doing so, we not only preserve wildlife but also uphold our responsibility as stewards of the planet.

Name: Anne Sherrill

Comment:

I vehemently oppose the rampant massacre of apex predators who are an essential part of the ecosystem merely for the convenience of humans who don't belong in their habitats to begin with. Learn to get along with wildlife or move!

Name: Beatriz Herzberg

Comment:

It is dystopian to shoot anything out of helicopters. This won't solve the problem - only add to the roster of violent, traumatic and disturbing things humans do to other species.

Name: Cassandra Morgan

Comment:

I oppose

Name: Alaila Stout

Comment:

Don't play God.

Name: Lisa Guadan

Comment:

This is absolutely awful. Please don't do this.

Name: Mari Benson

Comment:

Please, please do not harm these beautiful creatures. So much of our natural animal population is dying off and we need each and every one. It will harm the ecosystem and disrupt the natural order. These are animals with lives that deserved to be lived out in peace without your intervention. Please reconsider this barbaric and damaging proposal.

Name: Beth Mathews

Comment:

Do not kill wild black, brown bears & wolves. Leave nature alone.

Name: Don Shaw

Comment:

The unit 16 once again has humans seeing themselves as superior to nature's own regulatory system of never allowing a species to become too overpopulated. So true except for the human race.

Why aren't the indigenous people allowed to be stewards in a land that America states is the last pristine state in the USA. Their guiding philosophy is one of take what you need and leave the rest.

Name: Jared Hartman

Comment:

I oppose the plan to kill bears. We need to coexist with nature, not destroy it at every opportunity

Name: Kiarra Deleon

Comment:

I am asking you to not implement taking more wildlife lives. We get food elsewhere there is not a distinct need to hunt for food as we did years ago, but these animals do have to hunt for their food and survival, we as humans kill anything for sport not survival, when will it end , we as humans kill anything beings are the biggest threat to them, they do not seek us to kill, please consider preserving wild life As this may be the last place we can, we have truly destroyed their habitats we pillage until there is nothing left, it is not kill or be killed they do not seek us out please let them survive

Name: Jordan Enzie

Comment:

I do not agree with this proposal, it is cruel and it is lazy. We should be able to find other solutions.

Name: Sheri Anderson

Comment:

I strongly oppose each proposal. As a frequent tourist and wildlife advocate, I simply cannot and will not spend money in the great state of Alaska if these proposals pass.

Name: Meredith Robinson

Comment:

Shorten hunting seasons, limit nonresidents, and no intensive removal of wolves, brown bears and black bears. There are more sophisticated ways of managing wildlife and human conflict that do not involve killing of animals. Our ecosystem and planet well-being need to be prioritized in more sustainable, healthy ways.

Name: Jacqueline Bock, none

Comment:

RE: PROPOSAL 75 (5 AAC 92.122). Unit 16

I OPPOSE this proposal. It is short-sighted and will do NOTHING to protect other animals. Aerial hunting is cruel and inhumane as is the bait and slaughter that is suggested as well. There is usually political and financial maneuvering and interest behind such a proposal.

I suggest that the Mulchatna herd hunting be prohibited for several years. The greatest predator of this herd is people. Over killing and poaching happens all the time. Wildlife such as wolves and bears kill the weak, slow, and sick, or eat their remains after they have died of natural causes. This strengthens the herd. People on the other hand kill for greed, not because they need the food. Further there is very little meat on a caribou leading to people killing several and then several more. With modern conveniences, subsistence is not what it was 11,000 years ago, when it was an important part of the lives of people in the region.

Often animals are killed when someone gets on a snowmachine or in a boat or ATV and runs an animal to exhaustion then kill it for sport. Big game hunters kill for trophies not out of need. For example, the head of one my my favorite bears from McNeil River is on the wall of a hunter from Texas. Waterfalls was a beautiful bear, and many of us loved seeing that her in the wild. I'll attach a picture of one of my favorite cubs from Lake Clark NP and Preserve. I hope she gets to grow up and live a long life and when her life does end, I hope it is of natural causes.

Certainly, there may be other factors besides predation or hunting that affect the Mulchatna herd. However, I believe that in closing hunting of the Mauchatna herd for several years, it will begin to grow. You can still hire fixed wing aircraft and helicopters to monitor the herd and ensure that they are not being hunted.

In closing, THE GREATEST PREDATOR DOES NOT MOVE ON FOUR LEGS. It is PEOPLE who will destroy wildlife. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Name: Brook Day

Comment:

Predator populations should be managed by increasing tag limits, not by shooting animals from a helicopter. It is more humane, allows for healthy populations to remain, and is better for hunters and the local economy.

I am against all aerial hunting of bear and wolf populations. The proposed maximum wolf population is also unacceptably low.

Name: Mike DeLancett, Mythk Brewing

Comment:

Please reconsider the culling of these apex animals as they are threatened through much of the world and an expansion of their wild range is a net positive.

Name: Jennifer Keith

Comment:

Please stop the senseless killing of bears!! An aerial assault?? Absolutely ridiculous! Cowards!

Name: Amy Kemple

Comment:

I won't list numbers like it asks because there's far too many and after reading through them, my main comment applies quite broadly to the whole thing: I don't support any of the proposed actions that will be at the wildlife's expense in order to please a group of outdoor hobbyists. I don't see the any way to twist it to where the pros would come out over the cons.

Name: Linda Marino

Comment:

Anytime there is a proposal to reduce a population of a living being, bad things happen. Example, the Chinese wanted to increase their population to build a stronger army. Look how that worked. Thousands of female babies were killed.

Nature takes care of its own balance. Just let them be and nature will allow some to live and some to die based on the availability of food.

Nature will take care of its own balance. Human interference is unnecessary

Name: Cindie White

Comment:

OPPOSED. Please do not murder so many beautiful wild animals. Humans are taking over more and more land all over the United States and acing out animals and their habitat. We need national parks and forests and preserves for the wild ones. Let them live there in peace. They are just as entitled to be here as we are.. Furthermore, animals are sentient beings. They suffer just as we do from war, murder, loss of family, And fear, horrific ways that we do murder them. Thank you for listening and thank you for protecting the wild animals. OPPOSED

Name: Jane Archer, Azaleagrovevegetaway.com

Comment:

Don't you dare shoot bears & other apex predators. What the [REDACTED] is wrong with you?

Name: Elizabeth Leslie

Comment:

I oppose all the proposals

Name: Ethan Wolf

Comment:

The injustice of slaughtering innocent creatures, who not only help improve the biodiversity of Alaska but also increase tourism, is downright appalling. This act will not only reduce the beauty of Alaska and our planet in general, but also hurt the people of Alaska financially. With politicians money is always the name of the game, so if you can wrap your mind around it and see how this atrocious act will hurt the people and our planet, then you must enforce the end of this proposal.

Name: Nancy Sena

Comment:

I oppose prop

Name: Sal Evans

Comment:

This is mindless destruction of our wildlife. Soon we will have no natural habitat left for these beautiful creatures and plans like this will be to blame.

Please stop this aggressive killing.

Name: Ellie Warren

Comment:

Absolutely terrible and unnecessary, doing this will have terrible impacts for the environment and human recreational activities. Unnecessary loss of life

Name: Kelly Lane

Comment:

I oppose the cruel intentional killing of innocent animals. It is barbaric to think it is ok to allow animals to potentially die a slow and painful death that is governed by fear. How could you? The world is watching, you cannot possibly have this on your conscience . I oppose anything that is stemmed by cruelty.

Name: Sephia Giaracuni

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Louise Kistler

Comment:

This is not hunting. Gunning down of animals is unfair practice and quite frankly disgraceful.

Name: David Osborne

Comment:

To allow killing of the brown bears is an absolute disgrace. Please do not let this to be allowed. As a veteren I have seen what killing does and it's never good for anything. Just let them be

My respects

Name: Bernadette Travis

Comment:

Regarding: Notice of Proposal Changes in the Regulations of the Alaska Board of Game. Hunting from helicopters is just too easy, not much of a challenge, animal does not have a chance. Hunters should be embarrassed and ashamed. The percentage is way too high. Am I correct in assuming this would be allowed only for sustenance and not for wealthy trophy hunters? The whole idea is terrible

Name: Holly Smallie

Comment:

We should be there guardians and find it in your heart to show compassion and respect for wildlife rather than simply killing them I'm horrified and brokenhearted.

Name: Tyler Henrey

Comment:

How could you kill such a magnificent animal, that's been around for thousands of years, that's literally part of our culture

Name: Meredith Olaya

Comment:

I oppose the killing of bears and wolves.

Name: Lucy Howell

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Daniel Fuentes

Comment:

Protect the wildlife!

Name: Sophie Malisdorf-Bushue

Comment:

This is insane. I am not in support of killing down the natural bear population.

Name: Carmen Glass

Comment:

Use tags instead of shooting

Name: Ben Sutcliffe

Comment:

Gunning down bears and wolves in an area that brings in photographers and animal lovers from all around the world is not only unbelievably cruel but financial suicide. I am a wildlife photographer based in the UK who works for a tour operator that pride themselves on leading tours to countries in order to promote the conservation of the species that people love to see.

The fact that we even need to object to this proposal is absolutely disgusting and if this plan goes ahead I can guarantee that the company I work for and the thousands of people that travel with us every year as well as many other nature lovers around the world would choose to travel elsewhere losing Alaska millions in eco-tourism income.

I hope that this is just a blip in intelligence from the government of Alaska and that this bill will be dismissed as idiotic once everyone comes to their senses.

Name: CARMYN MOORE

Comment:

Please have compassion and be smart about reducing the bear and wolf population.

Name: Jesse Adams

Comment:

I do not see how anyone could understand that reduced in the population by 60% would do anything other than hurt the ecosystem of that region.

Name: Giuliano Geronymo

Comment:

Aloha,

I oppose the movement to aerially gun down the bears. I oppose any movement to harm these honorable creatures in any way. Thank you for choosing to respect these animals & letting them be as they are in their natural habitat.

With love,

Giuliano

Name: Scott Carorll

Comment:

All proposal numbers. I believe all have a way of effecting Alaska for the worst if accepted or declined. Far to long has hunters and national park fish and wildlife leaders. Try to destroy one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. By allowing money to dictate decisions. We the people are tired of it

Name: Carole Schreck

Comment:

Please, save these precious and sentient beings.

Name: Adriana Kolev

Comment:

The purpose of DFW should be to cohabitate with wildlife safely - not to further lead all wildlife to extinction because it's somehow "easier" to live in a collapsed ecosystem devoid of anything but humans, livestock, and pollution. When will people learn that mass killing animals is NOT the way forward?

I'm sure you are all smart and experienced enough to find an alternative to killing a ton of bears. Seriously, you can do better.

Name: George Baston Ty, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Philippines, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), & Philippines Biodiversity Conservation Foundation

Comment:

For additional details and supporting reference on proposals given our support, support with amendment, and opposition, please refer to the document file. See attached. Thank you.

Name: Shelby Thornton

Comment:

This would be a tragedy to the bear population and wildlife in general. Please do not do this!!!!

Name: Molly Galvin

Comment:

This is absolutely outrageous. Mother Earth has a naturally occurring cycle if we hadn't messed it up in the first place this wouldn't be a problem. If you're going to need to reduce the populations let the hunters do it not the government. Predator and prey population fluctuates when they reach carrying capacity they will naturally decrease without human intervention. We are lucky to have these animals and with already dwindling wildlife biodiversity we need to protect the beauty we have left.

Name: Dylan Meek

Comment:

It is disappointing to see a proposal in movement that is so flagrantly in opposition of science and nature's balance. It also challenges everything I know about honorable harvest, subsistence and ethical hunting. I would hope that those in elected or federal positions of power would do better to represent the subsistence, hunting and gathering community at large. Please take heed of our concern over this incredibly irresponsible proposal.

Name: Ashley Cecere

Comment:

Please do not authorize the gunning down of bears and wolves. These beautiful creatures are our kin and vital to our wellness and the wellness of this magnificent earth. Humans are not more important and are demonstrably far more dangerous and hostile to all of life.

Name: Sunniye Buesing

Comment:

Please don't kill the bears

Name: Aimie Billon

Comment:

This is cruel and unusual policy that would cause enormous suffering and an imbalance to the ecosystem. Please do not legislate torture.

Name: Debbie Patton

Comment:

Every animal deserves to live

Name: Aly Jacobsen, Natural Habitat Adventures

Comment:

Please do not allow aerial hunting of bears and wolves bordering Denali and Lake Clark National Parks. There is more value in a healthy and balanced ecosystem - where predator and prey populations check themselves without interference. There is value in ecotourism - drawing visitors to see these animals without killing them. Thank you for your consideration!

Name: Kacy Harnedy

Comment:

Drastically reducing the population of black, brown bears, wolves and fur animals is detrimental to the environment. Please consider another population besides yourselves.

Name: Julia Martinez

Comment:

There's no need to reduce the population of bears & wolves. They already are an endangered species with low populations across the US. please stop this and allow them to live in their natural habitats.

Name: Marissa Roberts

Comment:

Oppose. I understand that this is your community and it is complicated. Ending the lives of wild animals cannot be the way forward. We have a duty to protect those who cannot speak for themselves in our dominant culture. Please don't do this.

Name: Oxana Carne Ross

Comment:

Stop killing wild life

Name: Abby H

Comment:

All wolves, brown and black bears are ESSENTIAL to our ecosystem and they deserve to live in peace not being gunned down in horrific ways. It's up to humanity to co exist and save our animals and planet not to destroy everything in our paths.

Name: Sabrina Haley

Comment:

To whom it may concern. This is awful animal cruelty and is horrible for environment. The scientific evidence of Wolf behavior and improvement of the whole eco system is vast. These wolves and bears are part of the whole system that desperately needs to stay in balance. Your won't stay warm and cozy in your home with this behavior. Climate crisis will rip your roof off and your guilt and shame will keep you up at night. Do better.

Name: Denise White

Comment:

This is a needless resolution to what I'm not sure. Why would you ever want to kill these animals at the very least relocate them what is the cause of concern? The ecosystem takes care of itself why do you feel the need to kill these defensive animals. Very essential to Our ecosystem. I'm so opposed to this. It's disgusting and deplorable that you would even consider this. Who's in charge?

Name: Jeanette Garasa

Comment:

Save the animals relocate

Name: Vanessa Escamilla

Comment:

Animals are sentient beings and should not be innocently murdered

Name: Allice Castillo

Comment:

Why killed them if they already are loosing there habitat is not ok

Name: Crystallynne Stone

Comment:

This government is illegitimate, stop killing wildlife, killing bears and wolves is a crime against humanity, Land Back to Indigenous Peoples who can steward properly.

Name: Tammy Price

Comment:

Do not allow this horrid behavior of man that get off killing incident animals!

Name: Courtney Pincuspy

Comment:

Not only are bears so incredibly important for the ecosystem, people love to see them. As someone who plans to visit Alaska to see the wildlife, this reduction in the bear population would be incredibly disappointing and will affect my choice if visiting.

Name: Mayra Mendoza

Comment:

The intention of the Alaska government to exterminate bears and wolves is deeply alarming and goes against the principles of biodiversity conservation. These animals play a crucial role in maintaining ecosystem balance and represent the natural and cultural wealth of the region. The extermination of key predators could have devastating consequences for the food chain and local ecosystems, creating a domino effect that will impact other species and, in the long term, the human communities that depend on these natural resources.

Instead of adopting extreme measures such as extermination, it is essential to implement sustainable management strategies based on scientific evidence. This includes coexistence programs, conservation efforts, and education initiatives that promote the protection of these species while respecting their ecological and ethical value. Extermination is not the solution; protection and coexistence should be the way forward.

Name: Cody Engel

Comment:

Gunning down bears from planes is gross.

Name: Crystal Tadlock, NA

Comment:

Oppose. No aerial hunting!

Name: Dustin Jarvis

Comment:

This is beyond cruel and disgusting!! I can't believe this is being considered!

Name: Devin Raber

Comment:

The very idea that nature needs to be managed is reprehensible. Cowards who shoot from airplanes in the name on 'conservation' are just bullies with bullets. These animals want and deserve to live. You are not God. This is terrible optics for tourism.

Name: Jill Mulato

Comment:

Killing wildlife is never the solution! Please learn to coexist with nature.

Name: Jette Mandl-Abramson

Comment:

Killing wildlife for the purpose of exactly nothing is despicable. There are already enough horrible people. Don't make things worse. Wolves, and bear, are cornerstone species and are integral to the ecosystem through out the world and in particularly Alaska.

Name: Julie Brabant

Comment:

Every single proposal is utterly unethical and I am completely against them.

Name: Lauren James

Comment:

I strongly oppose this ridiculous gunning down of wolves and bears

How obscene

Name: Brian Watson, Think wild exp

Comment:

You all chose to live next to wild life. It's not their fault you keep moving the goal post. Leave their lands alone while stop deforesting, and all the money on heli fuel and ammunition will be saved and used for more important issues and concerns ...

Name: Alexander Walker Jr

Comment:

This is a general response to all proposals and plans. Why can't you just either transport all the animals to mainland Canada or just prohibit any human trespasses. No hunters or human interlopers and close all that Wilderness and leave it to Nature.

Name: Maliyah Lewis

Comment:

This is unlawful to be killing bears and cubs with no scientific justification or reasoning. This must stop immediately. Bears are a huge part of our ecosystem and killing them will have dire and direct consequences on our ecosystem. Shame on you.

Name: Ryan Rawson

Comment:

This is insane! Who are we to take these types of actions! Completely horrible!! Please don't do this!

Name: Aswin Ghimire

Comment:

Please do not hunt the animals, it is wrong, even if you think you will make money think about the life it has. please hear me out it's not worth doing that.

Name: Tiffani Hartig

Comment:

Protecting wildlife protects the natural ecosystems and habits of the planet. Humans are NOT the only creature entitled to roam around. Destroying wildlife populations puts our own species at risk as well by disrupting the natural process of life on earth. Please think with a wider lense before enacting a short sighted law. Thank you.

Name: PATRICIA MANASIA

Comment:

LEAVE WILDLIFE ALONE, EVIL PEOPLE

Name: Jelena Simisić, Eko straža

Comment:

Man must not affect the number of animals in nature. The only creatures of which there are too many on the planet are humans.

Name: Lilli Gates

Comment:

It is crazy to me that people want to kill animals minding their own business in THEIR HOME! I do not think it's right and many people do not think it's right.

Name: Gaia Marinelli

Comment:

I oppose any proposal that would allow bears, wolves and other animals to be hunted longer and in new areas. The number of bears and wolves shouldn't be reduce.

Name: Aaron Foster

Comment:

No hunting of bears or wolves from helicopter

Name: Justin Ryan

Comment:

I can't see this happening to Grizzly Bears. One of many of Mother Natures creations that get a bad reputation. But they have feelings too. They have families just like we all do. Gunning down bears will only further divide peoples interest in them and the will to protect them. We need more positive education about these bears so people can better understand them

Name: M N

Comment:

Keep Alaskas wildlife safe and protected !

unnecessary hunting should be illegal.

Name: Daniel Newman

Comment:

Oppose! The mass murder of animals is not “wildlife management”. It is unnecessary, unethical and wrong!

Name: Paula Hollie

Comment:

Written Responses to the proposals of the ADFG

OPPOSING ALL except

Support with amendment, 10, 18, 19, 20, 29, 65, 68, 69

NAME: Paula Hollie DATE: 12/10/2024

I am writing in response to the recent proposals made by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG). Many of these proposals would harm Alaska’s wildlife and disrupt the natural balance of its ecosystems. Alaska is one of the last great wilderness areas in the United States, and people travel from all over the world to see its incredible animals in their natural habitats. These animals are worth far more alive than as trophies.

Encouraging overhunting may bring short-term profits, but it risks long-term devastation. Overhunting key species—like brown bears, caribou, and moose—will disrupt the food web and make it harder for all animals to survive. Tourists will stop coming if there are no animals to see, and ecosystems will struggle to recover. Protecting wildlife is better for Alaska’s environment and economy in the long run.

Below, I have addressed each proposal in numerical order to explain why they are unsustainable and dangerous.

OPPOSE Proposal 1: Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions

Allowing hunters to kill bears without paying a fee reduces the money needed to protect wildlife and keep populations healthy. Bears reproduce slowly—only every 4 to 6 years—so overhunting could wipe them out. Protecting bears is better for Alaska’s economy because tourists come to see them alive, not dead.

OPPOSE Proposal 2: Open two bear baiting seasons

Baiting bears with food teaches them to rely on human handouts, which makes them more likely to get into dangerous conflicts with people. It's not fair or natural to trick animals like this, and killing bears that are just trying to survive harms the entire ecosystem.

OPPOSE Proposal 3: Allow the use of cellular cameras for bear hunting over bait

Using high-tech cameras to hunt bears gives hunters an unfair advantage and disrupts wildlife by bringing too many people into sensitive habitats. This kind of hunting is more about gadgets than skill and puts too much pressure on bear populations that are already struggling.

OPPOSE Proposal 4: Establish general season, archery-only sheep hunts

Sheep are an important part of mountain ecosystems. Overhunting them would force predators like bears to find food elsewhere, which can lead to more conflicts with humans. It's better to let nature manage itself than to risk upsetting the balance.

OPPOSE Proposal 5: Reduce the nonresident bag limit for caribou

While limiting caribou hunting seems like a good idea, it could make hunters shift their focus to other animals, like bears or moose. Caribou can have babies every year, but bears reproduce much more slowly, so we need to protect them more.

OPPOSE Proposal 6: Shorten the nonresident caribou hunting season

Shortening the hunting season might reduce pressure on caribou, but it could increase hunting of other animals, like bears, which are already at risk.

OPPOSE Proposal 7: Extend the caribou hunting season

Extending the hunting season disturbs not only caribou but also the bears and wolves that rely on them for food. This hurts the entire ecosystem and makes it harder for wildlife to recover.

OPPOSE Proposal 8: Clarify hunting feral reindeer on Umnak Island

Even though reindeer aren't native, allowing hunting could disturb the island's natural balance. The ecosystem is better off if nature is left to manage itself.

OPPOSE Proposal 9: Lengthen spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9

Lengthening bear hunting seasons puts too much pressure on bears, which take years to recover because they reproduce so slowly. Bears are crucial for the ecosystem, and overhunting them could cause long-term harm.

Support with Amendment Proposal 10: Close Unit 9A to nonresident brown bear hunting

Closing Unit 9A to nonresident hunters is a good start, but stopping all brown bear hunting would be even better. Bears need protection to keep their population stable.

OPPOSE Proposal 11: Shorten spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C

Shortening hunting seasons is a positive step, but hunting during critical times—like when bears are getting ready for hibernation—should be stopped entirely to protect cubs and the overall population.

OPPOSE Proposal 12: Lengthen fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E

Extending the hunting season would overburden bear populations, which can't recover quickly due to their slow reproduction rate. This proposal risks wiping out bears in these areas.

OPPOSE Proposal 13: Lengthen fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents

Lengthening hunting seasons for everyone would lead to even more overhunting and put bears at greater risk. This harms not only bears but the entire ecosystem they support.

OPPOSE Proposal 14: Lengthen fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents

This proposal repeats the problem of overhunting, which can devastate bear populations and destabilize the environment.

OPPOSE Proposal 15: Lengthen nonresident spring brown bear hunting season in Units 9D and 9E

Allowing more time for nonresidents to hunt bears adds extra pressure on populations that are already struggling. Tourists are more likely to visit to see live bears, not hunt them.

OPPOSE Proposal 16: Lengthen fall brown bear hunting seasons in Units 9D and 9E for residents and nonresidents

Expanding the fall hunting season would harm bear populations and hurt the ecosystems that depend on them, including other animals and even plants.

OPPOSE Proposal 17: Lengthen spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9E for residents and nonresidents

Lengthening both spring and fall seasons leaves bears no time to recover and puts cubs at risk. This could wipe out the population in the long term.

Support with Amendment Proposal 18: Shorten spring and fall brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C and convert to drawing permits

Shortening hunting seasons and requiring permits is a small improvement, but stopping bear hunting entirely would be much better for their survival and the ecosystem.

Support with Amendment Proposals 19–20: Hunting Arctic fox on the Pribilof Islands

Arctic foxes are key to controlling small animal populations. Overhunting them could lead to a boom in rodents, which would upset the balance of the ecosystem and cause more problems for other animals.

OPPOSE Proposal 21: Remove the two-per-day bag limit for beavers

Beavers create wetlands that many animals rely on, including bears. Overhunting them would destroy habitats and harm the entire ecosystem.

OPPOSE Proposals 22, 35–36: Shorten wolverine hunting and trapping seasons

Protecting wolverines is important because they help clean up the environment. If wolverines are overhunted, it would hurt the whole ecosystem and make life harder for animals like bears.

OPPOSE Proposal 23: Lengthen hunting season for Emperor geese

Emperor geese are an important part of coastal ecosystems. Overhunting them would harm scavengers and predators, including bears, that rely on these areas for food.

OPPOSE Proposal 24: Close the season for Alaska hares

Alaska hares are food for many predators. Protecting them helps keep the food web balanced and ensures survival for animals like bears and wolves.

OPPOSE Proposals 25–27: Various changes to moose hunting in Unit 17A

Hunting too many moose takes away a food source for predators like bears, which could force them into more conflicts with humans.

Support with Amendment Proposal 29 Caribou

OPPOSE Proposals 28, 30, 31: Caribou hunting restrictions in Units 9, 17, and 19

Limiting caribou hunting helps keep their populations stable, which also supports predators like bears and wolves.

OPPOSE Proposal 32: Allow year-round hunting of brown bears

This is one of the worst ideas. Bears can only reproduce every 4 to 6 years, so year-round hunting would quickly wipe them out and destroy the ecosystem.

OPPOSE Proposals 33–34: Allow airborne hunting of bears and wolves

Hunting animals from airplanes is unfair and unethical. It disrupts wildlife and could lead to population crashes that harm the whole environment.

OPPOSE Proposals 37–38: Changes to beaver hunting and sanctuary access

Allowing hunting in sanctuaries defeats their purpose and could destroy important habitats that support many species, including bears. Sanctuaries should be safe spaces for animals.

OPPOSE Proposals 39–45: Various changes to moose hunting in Unit 13

Hunting too many moose removes a key food source for bears and other predators, leading to ecosystem imbalance and possible conflicts with humans.

OPPOSE Proposals 46–50: Hunting caribou and sheep in Units 11 and 13

Caribou and sheep are critical prey for predators. Overhunting them forces bears and wolves to look elsewhere for food, upsetting nature's balance.

OPPOSE Proposals 51–56: Hunting sheep and goats

Hunting sheep and goats takes away food that predators like bears and wolves depend on. Letting these animals live naturally keeps the ecosystem balanced.

OPPOSE Proposal 57: Increase the bag limit for brown bears

Letting hunters kill more bears is a terrible idea. Bears already reproduce slowly, so overhunting could cause their numbers to crash and harm the entire ecosystem.

OPPOSE Proposals 58–59: Changes to wolf population management

Wolves keep small animal populations under control. Without them, rodents and other small mammals could overrun the area, causing even more problems.

OPPOSE Proposals 60–63: Changes to ptarmigan hunting

Ptarmigan are food for many predators, including bears. Overhunting them would disrupt the food web and make survival harder for larger animals.

OPPOSE Proposals 64, 66, 67,

Support with Amendment 65, 68, 69

OPPOSE Proposals 70 to 84: Expanding hunting and trapping seasons

Expanding hunting and trapping seasons puts too much pressure on wildlife and takes away resources from predators like bears. This harms the balance of the ecosystem and makes it harder for all animals to survive.

In Conclusion:

Almost all of these proposals harm wildlife and Alaska's environment. Protecting animals and promoting eco-tourism is better for the state's economy and ensures a future where Alaska's wildlife can thrive.

Thank you for listening.

Paula Hollie NAME

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Name: Ana Colesnicov

Comment:

I am opposed to all proposals, it cannot be okay to artificially content the population of any wild animal kind.

Name: Kabir Kiev

Comment:

Dear human's, without love and compassion you will destroy this beautiful earth. This is shame for civilized and educated human's that just for entertainment we are killing innocent animals. You must stop this cruelty. We will survive only when trees and animal's survive.

Name: Cherie Thomas

Comment:

Please do not allow killing of theses animals!

Name: Aiden Hagbergs, None

Comment:

This whole thing is down right horrendous, I'm 17 wanting to work with these magnificent animals yet they are to stupid to realize that bears and wolves alike are both keystone species to that environment. Wake up people.

Name: Mike Farmer

Comment:

Nonsense. Bears are a natural resource, not a nuisance.

Name: Wendy Gamero

Comment:

The killing of our wild life should not be allowed we are in 2024 how is this even still proposed. This is barbaric humans already take everything animals homes and their lives this should not be allowed. Nature and wildlife is the most beautiful thing we have why would we want to rid of it makes no sense.

Name: Candace Natwick

Comment:

We've become a self centered country that rushes to decisions without a long term lease. We never learn from our history and are about to eradicate bears and wolves for living their lives that we've encroached on! God told Adam to be the caretaker. We need to care for this planet and all of its inhabitants not just the arrogant two legged ones!! Find other ways to

Deal with the population than aerial shooting!!!!'

Name: Victoria Hart

Comment:

This is grotesque and it cannot be passed. The bears deserve to live there freely.

Name: Jennifer Rivera

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Jean Tien

Comment:

Please stop the insanity and save the wildlife. Transport them to zoos or other areas. Please.

Name: Alexia Portillo

Comment:

It is unnecessary and unacceptable to kill wildlife by gunning them down from a helicopter. They should be protected not killed. If you need population control, there are better and more humane ways. Many of which can be found by looking at other parts of the world and within the US. This cannot happen. Protect our wildlife and be a part of the solution. This is not a solution. It's the easy way out for humans. Animals deserve better. These are sentient beings with families. Again, this should not be done and there are better ways of handling it. Killing is not the answer.

Name: Guadalupe Garcia

Comment:

We must protect these animals. They are living beings just like us that have equal right to share the earth with us. Let's not make the mistake of killing them and then wondering why they are extinct years later. Let's preserve and protect nature and wildlife.

Name: Christina Warrington

Comment:

I am opposing the proposal 75 , including Unit 16 that would allow the exterminator of up to 70% of bears, & wolves. The necessity in the ecosystem of bears & wolves has been shown to impact the environment in a positive way. Wolves reintroduced in Yellowstone have been shown to benefit that environment in the animal population control, the growth of native plants, the path of streams. ALL have shown positive benefits from HAVING the animals there!! I oppose the extermination of these animals !!

Name: Vanessa Curley

Comment:

I oppose culling or shooting any member of wildlife in Alaska! You do not have the right to shoot any animal , they are sentient beings who have just as much right to freedom as you or I . Do you want someone to pick you off from a helicopter randomly just because this world is over populated? Stop your arrogance.

Name: Jaime Bailey

Comment:

Please do not kill the wolves! Predators are needed in our environments!

Name: Sonya Law

Comment:

It has been proven time and time again leaving these species alone only benefits the ecosystem, the environment and the planet. It has also be shown that these animals are sentient creatures. They have feelings, connections and feel pain. It is not even hunting at this juncture. Just cruelty. When will bored wealthy people find another hobby at this point and move on from this unbelievable, unnecessary behavior? Everyone should oppose these policies anymore. Haven't we learned anything from our history.

Name: Erik Figueroa

Comment:

Please don't kill the bears in any type of Ariel format.

Name: Rosie Abdallah

Comment:

This is unacceptable- it has to stop!

Name: Natasha Exner

Comment:

Killing innocent bears is disgusting and cruel. Using aircrafts and guns to do it is even for inappropriate and foul. I cannot believe Alaskans are not doing everything in their power to protect these beautiful animals. Shame on Alaska and its law makers. Decision makers. Animal murders. Cruel men.

Name: Cheryl Noone

Comment:

Kindly open your hearts and begin to protect wildlife and this planet. My heart and this world cannot handle any more unnecessary violence and lack of compassion. May God direct you to do good with your power not evil.

Name: Jacob Lamphier

Comment:

Proposal 5 -Support

Reducing the non resident take to be in line with other GMU's.

Proposal 7- Support

Lengthening the season creates additional economic incentive for air taxi operators as well as increased opportunity for mature bulls.

Proposal 9 - Support

I support returning to a season length that was in place in the past. This change allows hunters to more highly target mature boars, taking into consideration the weather challenges that hunters and pilots must endure.

A longer season will hopefully reduce pressure by lessening time restraints and move the harvest trend to more boars. A longer season would also provide locals an extra week of seasonal work/income opportunity

Name: Ian Hales

Comment:

I personally am opposed to this proposal.

Bears have such an important place in our ecosystem. As a keystone species the 60% decrease could mean drastic changes to the environment. I understand overpopulation puts a strain on other species, but I disagree with the solution to this.

Name: jun0 rigard

Comment:

our animals are a huge part of what makes this world so beautiful. it is our job to protect them and their populations.

Name: Paul Ramos

Comment:

Killing even one wolf disrupts pack stability, often increasing conflicts with livestock rather than reducing them. Recent studies also reveal that wolves remain at risk of long-term extinction. There is NO NEED for a wolf hunt!

Stop killing wildlife!!!!!!

Name: Katarina Bailot

Comment:

Trapping an animal is illegal as well as torturing an animal. Animals in question are imperative to keeping each other and the environment safe. You must understand that taking their lives sets off the balance of nature and causes disasters and disease. We must communicate with and respect animals, creating better lives for them. Humans can not take down these populations as it would be the end of us. We were made in many different species and forms, and must respect one another. These animals are not here for us to destroy.

Name: Manon Van Schagen

Comment:

This part of the world is known for its stunning beauty and wild environment, which is a big reason why people from all over the world (including myself) want to visit. I'm from a country where there is barely any wilderness left. Where we're in awe when we see nature documentaries from this side of the world-filled with bears, wolves and many more incredibly important animals that shape the ecosystems. That help ecosystems thrive and keep them in great shape. Hunting, no slaughtering, these majestic and important animals en masse would never make me step any foot in the state ever. It's disgusting to think that people even think about implementing something like this. If this continues and passes, I'm sure of it that when big parts of these important animals are gone you all can see the extreme damage you have done to nature (remember how wolves changed Yellowstone?) and how you traumatised entire generations of wildlife (remember the orca pod? They remember). Please do NOT pass something like this. You are so much better than this. You can be better. And you will be.

Name: Sarah Cournoyer

Comment:

This is horrible no need to kill the animals

Name: Mike Doden

Comment:

I applaud this management plan of these two apex predators in order to help restore caribou and moose populations in the area and rebalance the predator prey balance. Clearly this area is in a predator pit with no hope of recovery aside from a population collapse of all species involved. Bravo for sticking with the North American conservation model of management vs. cowering to wolf / bear activists and special interest groups opposed to anything other than complete protection of popular megafauna at the expense of preserving and protecting truly balanced ecosystems. Thank you.

Mike Doden

Name: Marie Gregoroff

Comment:

I cannot locate the proposal number but this comment is pertaining to the hunt of the 20,000 acres around Denali national Park and lake Clark...concerning bears and wolves. First off I really hope you people look into the real problem here...it's NOT bears killing caribou and moose like is being said by the dept. I have game cams. I've witnessed first hand the amount of moose COYOTES AND WOLFS kill. Mostly left uneaten! There's a huge abundance of COYOTES to blame here. Bears smell the carcasses and eat them. DO NOT blame bears..they are cleaning up the mess...as nature has intended. Bears reproductive rates are low...as is overall survival of coy and cubs...where as wild and coyote have high reproductive rates and high survival of pups. Please take ALL BEARS OFF THE LIST for culling. It's the wrong decision!

Name: David Armstrong

Comment:

I think it's a great idea, time and time again it's been proven that wolves and bears have had little difficulty regaining their numbers after being culled. Unfortunately with worldwide declining herd numbers for caribou, it may be the best option to keep the caribou numbers up in the area.

Name: Caroline Gallagher

Comment:

Alaska is 663,267 square miles, sparsely populated and can fit 19 other states inside of it. Humans have taken enough of the land and now the state wants to aerially kill animals trying to survive in the portions available to them. There is no good reason to kill animals whose numbers are declining due to climate change, poaching, human interference and other factors. Human management and the hubris that humans know best, often without any science backing these opinions, has only hurt animals. Moreover, if a hunter is so insecure and afraid that they need an airplane to hunt, then they shouldn't hunt at all. The barbarism of this state truly knows no bounds. Surely Alaska has quality of life and economic problems to focus on - how about tackling that 5th highest gun violence rate instead? Or the fact that a clear majority of women report that they have been subjected to domestic violence? Any interest at all in improving lives?

Name: Sarah Miller

Comment:

I shouldn't have to nor need to "describe my reasoning" .

This is WRONG.

Balantly wrong.

There is no need to control their population to those staggering percentages. This is WRONG.

You can't just shoot sentient beings from the sky like cowards.

Just because something "can" be done doesn't mean it SHOULD.

PLEASE DONT DO THIS. There has to be another way.

Please stop always worrying about money and making everything about money money money money money just PLEASE don't do this.

Literally begging. Please. Please don't do this.

Name: laura van Leuven

Comment:

To: Alaska Department of Fish & Game Commissioner

I am writing to urge you to reject the latest plan from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game which would authorize gunners to utilize helicopters, snowmobiles, and other equipment to eliminate up to 80% of wolves, brown bears, and black bears across a 20,000-acre area. This area borders the Denali and Lake Clark National Parks and Preserves (Unit 16).

Under this plan, state agents would be authorized to shoot hundreds of animals on sight—as many as 80% of all wolves and black bears and 60% of all brown bears—on the doorstep of two national parks.

This operation is inhumane and represents a troubling approach to wildlife management. In addition, it lacks a scientific foundation as study after study shows that predators are not the major factor determining the population of moose, caribou, and other game animals. Alaska should protect and not disrupt the healthy predator/prey balance in the wild.

A similar Alaskan predator control operation in 2023 killed approximately 100 brown bears (including cubs) and black bears, far more than the original planners estimated. This suggests that the Department cannot control the true mortality levels during these exercises.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this senseless plan and prioritize a more balanced, humane approach to wildlife management.
