

Name: David Walker

Comment:

What on Earth is the Alaska Department of Fish & Game thinking by concocting such a heinous, unconscionable, and diabolical proposal to slaughter a majority of apex predators bordering Denali & Lake Clark National Parks?!

Do the un-empathetic, hard-hearted and blood-thirsty staff & employees of the ADFG honestly believe that implementing such a dastardly and unscientific keystone predator-extirpation policy will benefit the area's ecological balance?

C'mon guys, wake up and stop this deplorable animal abusing behavior immediately!! Cull the number of trophy hunters instead. And let all the region's wildlife now live out their persecuted lives in peace – unmolested by the ADFG.

Name: Laura Campos

Comment:

We need to stop interfering with nature. Leave bears alone! Is been hard enough to get them back in good numbers.

Please don't move forward with this proposal. Stop, now.

Name: Daniell Stanton

Comment:

I support managing the population of all three species however, I recommend a special hunt for them. Rather than spending hundreds of thousands of dollars with an Arial hunt, offer incentives for a special hunt for Alaska Residents.

Name: Michael Hobert

Comment:

Save the deers and ████████

Name: Angela LaPlante

Comment:

I strongly oppose your horrible idea to yet again shoot 100 bears and wolves from the air in 2025. It's infuriating that you even think this is a good idea. Predators balance the ecosystem and should be protected . It's inhumane on principle and it's inhumane to leave their young to die a slow death due to starvation. Learn to use science and let it guide you into informed decision making. Wow. Mind blown. I know. Science. Climate change is causing the tundra to change and affecting the caribou. Killing more animals is not the answer.

Name: Jackie Juel

Comment:

Why are people, humans, meddling in wildlife like this? This is too much. You are not God. We don't have the rights to just murder wild animals by the hundreds because why? It's convenient? Profits? What?!! How about no. This is OUR country. Politicians, & pointless government agencies really need to just be eliminated. That way this would never even be a discussion. Don't do this. This is sick.

Name: liani sierra

Comment:

I oppose to this because it's morally wrong.

Name: christopher james

Comment:

killing wildlife is never an answer to any problem. the only problem is excess of humans perceived "needs." natures should not have to suffer our consequences.

Name: Denise Fitzgerald

Comment:

These animals are precious to region and the environment needs them. You should not be shooting animals just because we don't want them. Please leave the wildlife alone to take care of themselves. This is the most horrific thing I've ever heard.

Name: Cheryl Noone

Comment:

Open your heart and please stop

Killing wildlife. Humans are destroying the planet

Name: Kathy Roy

Comment:

Please I'm am opposed to killing bears. Please leave the bears alone.

Name: Amanda Louey

Comment:

OPPOSE

Name: Larisa Stavis

Comment:

Wild bears should be allowed to naturally stay that way, Wild! You should be writing laws to protect the natural state of these bears and their habitat and food. Not writing laws to kill them! I pray that this bill gets refused and one like this never gets passed!

Name: Macyn Grae

Comment:

Please let them be 

Name: Lynn Anderson

Comment:

Stop killing wolves ! In particular, stop aerial gunning ! Wolves are essential to a healthy environment: stop robbing the rest of us of a sustainable future !

Name: Kenyah Kenyah

Comment:

They call you [REDACTED] for a reason! I'm not going to sit here and tell you how immoral and wrong that is, because you already know and don't care! There's redemption on the other side, never forget!

Name: Gary Kraus

Comment:

My spouse and I have visited Alaska many times for both site seeing and fishing.

Spectacular place.

The shooting of wolves and bears (especially down to the ridiculous limits indicated) - to protect the caribou and moose is ridiculous.

Won't be long and you will destroy and/or interfere with nature just like the

irresponsible MN DNR who have basically destroyed everything in our home state of MN, even the fishing.

We oppose what you are doing and hope your residents will agree with us.

Kill all of the animals and you'll eventually have to deal with the residents.

Name: Camilla Trugenberger

Comment:

Please do not kill the bears it is so cruel. Tourists pay lots of money to come see the bears it is also a stupid move.

Name: Jessica Graham

Comment:

Resoundingly oppose the killing of biodiversity in Alaska.

Name: Mandi Howard

Comment:

This is a genocide to the animals, the land and the ppl. This is an anti indigenous act. They deserve to live and be free. We have harmed the world enough. Stop.

Name: Dakota Godden

Comment:

To even begin to think about approving a proposal to eliminate wildlife is absolutely ridiculous. We, as humans, already destroy entire ecosystems. We do not get to okay god and murder innocent bears, or ant wildlife for that matter. This is a sick and disgusting use of time, money and effort on behalf of whoever is involved. Anyone who believes that murder should be on a proposal should be removed from any position of power.

Name: Debra May

Comment:

To whom it may concern,

I think all bagging limits for all wild life should remain at current levels if not lowered not increased! I am extremely against any kind of free-for-all brown bear hunting! They were here long before we were and we'll be here long after if you manage them correctly!

Concerned United States citizen.

Debra May

Name: Gregory Spicer

Comment:

Please do not do this, allow more hunting, bring in our of state hunters or find a more natural way. Do not shoot animals like this

Name: Melissa McGuire

Comment:

Please do not change any hunting quotas for black or brown bear and or wolves. There are no necessary changes thank could be made

Name: Gina DiGiallonardo

Comment:

As a person who travels to Alaska regularly to view bears I am against killing them to boost moose and caribou. Predators are a key part of ecosystems and I urge you to protect them. They are also of interest to tourists and bring money to Alaska.

Name: Hong Johnson

Comment:

This is one of the last natural brown bear habitats. Their numbers are declining and this would allow them to be eliminated. This would mean extinction. Do not pass this ignorant prop.

Name: Tracy Mix

Comment:

This plan needs to be stopped. The Government may wield this power but it's not up to us to control populations, especially this drastic.

Name: Maureen Beighton

Comment:

I am appalled at this suggestion it's barbaric and totally unnecessary to kill these beautiful animals. Nature has its own way of dealing with over population it's not our decision to make. Please stop killing animals they don't deserve to die just because someone has the power to authorize it !!

Name: Златена Стоянова

Comment:

I'm [REDACTED] at how the world treats animals! This is outrageous and inhumane. I stand beside every organization fighting capitalism and ANIMAL CRUELTY

Name: Judy Kimminau

Comment:

Please stop this program. If biologists don't agree with it and it was done in secrecy, why are you doing this? I come to Alaska every year and have done so for 20 years. I come for the wildlife and the beauty. Aerial hunting of any animal is inhumane and there is no reason to do this. If there was this would be more public and you could explain the reasons. You don't need to kill this many bears and wolves to save caribou. Please listen to the public, please stop.

Name: Amanda Beaver

Comment:

Reality check: Bears and all wildlife are significantly more important than you.

Name: Walter Gnerre

Comment:

Pivot as needed, but whatever you decide to do, don't kill the bears. Those bears are there to protect the balance of nature for our benefit. Don't be foolish enough to take them away.

Name: Simon Santrich

Comment:

STOP KILLING

Name: Jazmin Goire

Comment:

I oppose the killing of wildlife.

Name: Rachael Geer

Comment:

The idea of gunning down bears to lower the population is disgustingly, outrageous and simply evil.!

Name: McCartney Pam

Comment:

To those that are proposing to end the lives of 60% of the bears in your area. The beautiful wilds of Alaska where these bears inherently roam, survive and hopefully thrive. The bears that have been there before any colonisers have been. This proposal is atrocious and I stand behind those in the Alaskan community that are against it. You are not even thinking of the impacts that you are causing by taking away these beautiful and important beings to the ecosystem. Do not go ahead with this horrific plan. It is unethical and inhumane.

Name: Ellen Trost-Rekich

Comment:

Please choose to protect wildlife, no mass killings. The bears and other animals have been here long before us, we must learn to live in better harmony with them as we are all part of nature. The money could also be used for more important things like restoring forests and making places more climate

resistant. Please reconsider, as future generations deserve to have the chance to experience Alaska's restored nature. Hunting should be restricted more, as there is significant evidence that more plant based diets are better for human health. The need and justification for killing animals is slowly fading. If you have strong morals and sincerely care about the environment, it's time to get rid of the cognitive dissonance and align your values with your actions. It's not too late.

Name: Jane Mostys

Comment:

At a time when there is an environmental shift to protect and nurture our wildlife you are planning to decimate it? Shame on you. These creatures have as much right to life as we do. Who died and made you God... ?

Name: David Vasquez

Comment:

Supporting.

Name: Lori Hamlin

Comment:

This is a cruel and unnecessary action against a beautiful animal that is just trying to live in their home in the wild. People come to Alaska to appreciate the beautiful wildlife including the magnificent brown bears.

Name: Andrea Karanthon

Comment:

No more animal abuse, is other ways to help nature than kill everything on our path is horrible that you want to kill this beautiful and innocent animals when you can relocate only for not spend \$ is easier to kill all animals please protect our planet don't kill the bears they ate their on habitats nature will fix naturally don't need the human hand involve

Name: David and Jennifer Hand

Comment:

Both my wife and I are opposed to this senseless wolf slaughter to appease the poorly educated in AK. We in the lower 48 spend billions in your state via tourism and many of us come to try and see wolves.

Name: Ji Montgomery, None

Comment:

I am writing to demand that you protect the wolves as so have been killed already they need protection Relist them as wolves will be extincted there won't be any wolves left at this sad depressing rate. I strongly am upset that idea the Alaska wants to kill all animals black bears, wolves and many other wildlife animals will be at risk.

Name: Ishka Chan

Comment:

Please stop killing wolves and other wildlife for sport. It's so stupid and a complete waste of resources. People's tax dollars should go to efforts conserving wildlife, not killing them for fun. If killing people for fun is illegal, so should killing wildlife be.

Name: Christen Paul

Comment:

Please look for alternative rather than killing innocent animals. Maybe consider relocating them or increasing the hunting options and using that fund for animal conservation

Name: Marcus Werner Hed

Comment:

Please do not authorise killing of brown bears, we need to protect wildlife across the US and globally not kill them

Name: Brett Roehr

Comment:

Please stop killing wolves. Wolves are beneficial to our wilderness and the land. This needs to stop.

Name: Sadie Parr, WeHowl

Comment:

I am writing to oppose the proposal to kill wolves and bears this winter as a management tool or for recreation. I will not be visiting or spending any money in the US if this program begins. These animals have intrinsic value and should not be subjected to these cruel deaths.

Furthermore, lethal removal of large carnivores is an unsound management tool and environmentally unethical. As diseases such as CWD spread across the continent you should be thinking about to how to preserve native large carnivores which serve to limit the spread of sick animals.

Name: Siddhant Charyani

Comment:

Please do not kill wolves. They are so cute and valuable. You can look towards sustainable alternatives for leather.

Name: Miriam McCormick Hayes

Comment:

You must stop the slaughter of the wolves and bear. This is not a wildlife decision you are making; it is for the hunters and political buddies. It is a fact that wolves and bear are the wild ancestors and genetic source of all modern breeds of domesticated dog.

They help keep deer and elk populations in check, benefiting other plant and animal species.

Their prey carcasses redistribute nutrients and provide food for other wildlife species.

Wolves are highly valued by people for various purposes.

They play a role in limiting prey abundance or productivity.

Alaska is the only state in the U.S. where wolves have never been included on the Endangered Species List.

Name: Owen Hewitt

Comment:

The proposals regarding the population management for wolves raise great concern. While these proposals are up for discussion, no logical reasoning or scientific data has been presented to the public to justify such a serious culling. What facts and data prove the necessity of this proposal?

How will this culling positively impact the surrounding game populations? I cannot foresee any logical argument for this proposal aside from decreasing local competition for hunting. These actions appear driven by a desire to reduce the difficulty of hunting for the profit of guides and tourists with no real consideration to law of nature. If the only benefit of this proposal is to increase human profit then it should be denied and not brought up again.

Show the citizens of Alaska real, verifiable proof that this proposal will positively impact our ecosystem or else the proposal should be dismissed.

Name: Regina Shafir

Comment:

The wanton killing of apex predators is not only inhumane but goes against all principles of nature. There is zero proof that a healthy wolf population is in any way detrimental to man. This is a travesty.

Name: Alise Dusenshine

Comment:

OPPOSITION

Wildlife needs our protection. The current state of our climate is proof of that the destruction of wildlife has negative impacts and consequences, with science that backs it. This act would be nothing but cruelty and disgrace. Coexistence is imperative for our future. Natural habitat protection projects and habitat restoration should be the future, not this. We are not better than any other species and to act as if we're god to take a life without meaning brings detriment to our evolution. To be ignorant of the necessity that nature is for our future survival will be our downfall. The people that believe this is necessary should be sent to a third world country without all of their privileged comforts and learn how to be a better human. Make the right decision, be the change of leveling up our humanity and making the people of our country

better. Respect life and its natural balance. Be someone people will respect and look up to. Don't be a thoughtless murderer.

Name: Maria Dixon

Comment:

Even from all the way down in Portland, Oregon, I can see that this is a really bad idea. If anything, ship the bears down here, we need more. It is foolish and toying with nature which will bring consequences.

Name: Toni Hoyer

Comment:

I OPPOSE ALL PROPOSALS of the killing of any and all Alaska wolves. They are essential to our ecosystem.

https://youtu.be/4_BqQEZQOJw?si=MgLfVafz7_w9V-2_

Leave the wolves alone.

Name: Logan snyder

Comment:

Proposal 70: Extending the brown bear season in 14 is a great idea, we have a surplus of bears and the season currently ends just as they are becoming active.

Proposal 3: allowing modern game cameras will not cause any problems, and will allow hunters to better maintain their bait. Modern cellular game cameras should absolutely be allowed.

Name: Joshua Kenner

Comment:

I think the human race has killed enough bears over the centuries. We invaded there areas not them in ours

Name: Michael Nickles

Comment:

Proposal 3 - Allow the use of cellular cameras for the taking black bear and brown bear over bait - In support of this proposal. I have baited in Unit 16 and it takes me 3 hours minimum to travel from my home to get to the area I have baited. The current restriction does not make any sense. The only way I know if anything has hit my bait is to physically check the bait where with a cellular camera I can tell if anything has been there or not. If nothing has been there I have wasted at least a day just checking a bait that may have not been hit.

Proposal 70: Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 14A and 14B - If favor of this proposal. I know of several hunters who bait in this unit specifically around Talkeetna who very seldom have brown bears on their bait prior to June 1. Lengthening the season for another 15 days would increase the opportunity to reduce the brown bear population within these units.

Name: Mary Fedak

Comment:

Please reconsider this proposal on behalf of better wildlife management that does not include the massive killing of such beloved predator species. Thank you.

Name: Jacqueline Chaparro

Comment:

This is unsustainable and people shouldn't be allowed to dictate the lives of wildlife that the planet needs for survival. We are living in their world and have no right to use weapons of mass destruction to take down animals. We have bigger concerns like genocide that's going on than to worry about bears and wolves

Name: Rylie Partin

Comment:

This proposal is horrifying. It's lazy and wasteful. It further perpetuates the idea that links in this incredibly fragile and complex ecosystem are not worthy of being honored as such and instead seen as a problem needing a "quick fix." This mind set is incredibly damaging and we need to get away from it for the future of our planet. Raise the hunting quota so that the resources that our predators provide will not

go wasted. In that way we are preserving the knowledge of their importance and using all they have to offer. We need to look at all the details and now just go shooting like we are at war when now more than ever we need to return to connectedness.

Name: Matthew Dolanch

Comment:

Please don't murder animals for number control. Do it the right way and allow sportsman to control the numbers by a more refined way, hunting!!!!

Signed

Matthew Hunter Dolanch

Name: Jason Martin, Alaska co-work llc

Comment:

Is the proposal of extending trapping on wolves based on a conservationist agenda (reduce property damage, control destructive invasive species, resolving human vs fur-bearing conflicts) or to curb local economies?

My biggest issue is that trapping is inhumane, exposing animals to psychological trauma, dehydration, excruciating pain, injury, self-amputation, depredation, and a slow death.

Name: Seniye Mehmet

Comment:

1-84 Leave the wild life alone! Simple

Name: Machan Taylor

Comment:

I'm shocked and outraged at hearing the us a proposal to allow gunning down and killing off 60% of Brown Bears. How barbaric and cruel can people be? Please prevent this action from being a reality for the sake of wildlife protection and the balance of the ecosystem of the planet. Thank you!

Name: Douglas Unrein

Comment:

Cellular cameras should be allowed for bear baiting to be able to see how much food you have left or to be able to even see if you have anything hitting your bait so you don't have to drive so far to have nothing hitting it. The odds of you being able to see a bear on the bait and be able to go in and shoot it without them running off is almost impossible. It is more of a tool

Name: Kenneth Widmer

Comment:

I am opposed to proposal 29 and 75. Predator control I am in favor of has not proven to be effective in significantly increasing moose and caribou numbers. Both grizzly, brown and black bears are considered a trophy by many hunters, also the meat is quite good when prepared properly. I am in favor of proposal 82. Trapping should not be allowed near hiking trails. If the trapper is too lazy to trap at least 50 yards from public use trails, he should not be trapping.

Name: Louise Savage

Comment:

This is not right !! Let the bears live. If you don't like it then move, they were there first!

Name: Kath Brooke Smith

Comment:

Totally outrageous I absolutely oppose .. we should protecting our wildlife not culling it. Humans need culling as there destroying our planet .

Name: Marcella Rodrigues

Comment:

Have we learned nothing from doing these types of actions in the past? Are we really going to ignore all the science? We have to do better to protect our land so that future generations don't have to learn about it in books. We all need to strive to be better protectors instead of greedy capitalists. We cannot let this country burn. I oppose ALL slaughtering of our wildlife and I oppose all of these propositions. If we have to literally destroy the earth for energy then is it truly worth it?

Name: Angie McMillan

Comment:

Absolutely barbaric. We need these animals to help sustain the environment. They do not mess with cows or try to have any human interaction. We live in their homes and then come to kill them. We need to be humane about our human interactions in the wild. They were here first, and probably will be here long after we have killed off our own species.

Name: Donna Winter

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) practice of culling wolves, brown bears, and black bears to artificially increase caribou populations. This intensive predator control program is ecologically damaging, ethically questionable, and ultimately unsustainable.

Here's why:

Ecological Disruption: Large predators play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. They regulate prey populations, preventing overgrazing and promoting biodiversity. Indiscriminate culling disrupts these natural balances, leading to unforeseen consequences for the entire ecosystem.

Ineffectiveness: Scientific studies have shown that artificially reducing predator populations provides only a temporary boost to caribou numbers. Other factors like habitat quality, weather patterns, and disease play a more significant role in caribou population dynamics.

Ethical Concerns: Culling apex predators like bears and wolves raises serious ethical questions. Eliminating them to serve human interests is morally problematic.

Alternative Solutions: Instead of resorting to lethal control, we should focus on addressing the root causes of caribou decline. This includes protecting critical caribou habitat, mitigating the impacts of climate change, and managing human activities that disrupt caribou migration patterns.

I urge you to reconsider the current predator control policies and invest in long-term, sustainable solutions that prioritize ecosystem health and respect the intrinsic value of all wildlife.

Name: Vickie Sneddon

Comment:

Please, please, truly safeguard Alaskan wildlife by NOT allowing ariel gunning of bears & wolves via helicopters.

Stop the cruelty.

Thank you,

Vickie Sneddon

Name: Dean Butts

Comment:

This killing of Wolves really and I do mean really has to stop you all know this is wrong your all headed towards wiping out a Species and using helicopters snowmobilers and so on your not even Human beings what you should be worried about is Climate change and Animals like Wolves and Gizzly and other Animals help the ecosystem so quit acting like savages

Name: Rae Klinginsmith

Comment:

Please don't harm the bears, we're loosing to many animals already to climate change and other horrible reasons, pls let them be

Name: Mike Cholko

Comment:

Please do not proceed with aerial gunning of wolves. This is a short sighted approach to dealing with caribou populations. It might score political points, but it has no science to show that it will significantly help the caribou. Furthermore, it goes against any ethical hunting and fair chase practices. Wolves are easy to scapegoat but we need to be serious about the true cause of caribou struggles- human destruction of their natural habitat. If we will not seriously address that, then any action taken against wolves is just a deflection and distraction from the truth.

Name: Bonnie Butts

Comment:

Please stop killing Endangered species your supposed to be Human beings not killers of innocent Animals what you should be concerned with is Climate change before its to late for Alaska

Name: Angélica Reyes

Comment:

It's insane that you all want to kill bears. The proposal to systematically kill off bears in Alaska is deeply troubling and should be unequivocally condemned. Bears are a vital part of Alaska's ecosystems, contributing to biodiversity and maintaining balance within their habitats. Such a proposal not only threatens the ecological health of the region but also undermines ethical conservation practices. Rather than resorting to inhumane and short-sighted measures, we should focus on science-based wildlife management strategies that respect both the natural world and the values of the communities that coexist with these animals. The systemic destruction of an iconic species is not a solution—it is a failure of our responsibility as stewards of the environment.

Name: myra berario

Comment:

wolves interact with their environment is a powerful reminder of their role in supporting biodiversity and maintaining healthy ecosystems.

Name: Virgene Link-New

Comment:

To Whom It Concerns:

These wolf hunts are sickening and deeply troubling. Killing these innocent predators proves nothing about a person's "manliness" or prowess. It is cruel, unnecessary and unconscionable. Wolves have been part of the ecosystem for thousands of year and have their own role to play.

Use of unsporting means is particularly distressing. Please end these horrific killings now.

Name: Chip Cirillo

Comment:

Please don't kill wolves.

Name: Jennifer Ostojich

Comment:

Hi. Thank you for letting me tell you how I feel unlike a lot of people who will not. The killing of animals is wrong. It's hurts to know that people are divided from each other and we do not grow up learning the right way to live a happy life. If people feel the need to kill an animal because they are afraid of going outside then they should go live in a city that has already unpopulated the animals and let people who love and want to wake up seeing them every day should enjoy having the trees around them. Just because a "man" thinks he should go kill anything doesn't mean I/ we should listen to him. There is so much disturbing videos of animal violence from humans why should I continue living with those kind of people. Being vegan and finding items that are made with plants or recycled materials makes me appreciate my time here on earth with family and friends and the public. Since you are the one deciding for the animals because you work for the government I really hope you find a way to stop hurting and killing animals for any reason. Thank you for reading this!

Name: Scott Winters

Comment:

Please don't continue to push animals aside. We are thinning populations of different species at every turn. Please stop for all of our sakes.

Name: Allen Pecorino

Comment:

Allowing aerial gunning and other lethal methods to kill wolves and other wildlife near Alaska's national parks. is DEPLORABLE, DISGRACEFUL, LOATHSOME and DESPICABLE!!! If passed, the Department would be authorized to use aggressive killing methods, including shooting wolves down from helicopters and snowmobiles. According to the Alaska Wildlife Alliance, the goal of the measure is to

reduce the wolf population in this area by 73–80%. I WILL TAKE MY TOURIST DOLLARS ELSEWHERE!!!

Name: Laura Ladyman

Comment:

I oppose your desire to remove the wolves and bears of the area. Your hunting methods of aerial and snowmobile hunting does not give them a fair chance. That is known as the wimp/wuss way of hunting.

Your inability to understand that natural apex predators are a necessity to the ecology thriving proves you are not qualified to make these decisions. Think back to the ecology wheel you learned in elementary school. It is very simple to understand. It has been proven with the reintroduction of wolves into other natural environments in the United States that the ecology system thrives with them there. They live their lives and raise their families in the areas bringing nothing but good to it.

They are nothing like the human predators who want to take their lives for no reason but greed, sport and a severe inferiority complex. Humans are the only predators that should be removed from the area. Nature will be much better without them there.

Name: Melissa McKibben

Comment:

I oppose Proposals 32, 33, 34, 58, 59, 70, 71, 75-79. The bear and wolf control proposals are overzealous and too extreme. While occasional, SHORT-TERM predator management can sometimes help prey populations rebound, in the long term it does not replace securing habitat by limiting development and extractive industries, and limiting (preferably non-local) harvest of animals until the prey have recovered.

Heavy predator control is a cheap band-aid that fails to solve a ln enduring problem. It is not scientifically-sound management, it is wholesale slaughter for no good cause.

Name: Julie McCullough

Comment:

The rest of the world should not sit by and watch you kill off the world's precious mammals - it's murder

Name: Marcelyn wylie

Comment:

I have spent many years going to Alaska as my father in law had many mines there. I have also traveled there as a tourist fishing and photographing Brown Bears at Katmai National park. Much of Alaskas income is made from tourism. If you continue this killing of Brown Bears you will lose millions in tourist monies. Do the state a favor and get a real. biologist in there to help recover Caribou and stop the shooting of the Brown bear. Money talks and also walks away.

Name: Kristen Donchess

Comment:

Leave the wolves alone.

Name: Virginia McCoy

Comment:

As usual this is unacceptable! Killing off our wildlife is not acceptable in any way. You pathetic losers need to get a life that doesn't entail killing our animal kingdom. It will not matter what we the people feel or want You will kill them anyway! I pray You all rot in ████!

Name: Kim Wahl

Comment:

Do not kill the bears!

Name: Elmir Nedelchev, Myself

Comment:

Every person matters

Name: Matt Culpepper

Comment:

Regarding Props 33/34: As a fellow resident/occupant of Earth, the United States, and the Natural World, I vehemently oppose the taking of apex predators outside of the natural guidelines of sustenance and/or defense. We are all entitled to believe in our own version of the Creator (or not at all), but I would bet that there is no one who believes that the ADFG qualifies for such a title. I would also bet that the Creator did not explicitly authorize the ADFG to play God with his creations. There is no such thing as “too many bear or wolves”. Wildlife was not put on this earth to be “managed”. Nature has been “managing” itself for eons with no extra, needed, or explicit help from humans. Let Nature be Nature, just as the Creator intended!

Name: Clara HARWOOD

Comment:

At a time when the natural world is In need of being protected more than ever, this new law is completely careless and is in no way conservation. The natural world deserves better.

Name: Jennifer Addonizio

Comment:

Do NOT START KILLING ANIMALS! ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?

Name: Alexa Ziesch

Comment:

Oppose!

Name: Thomas Walsh

Comment:

This is sickening, no amount of agriculture justifies the slaughtering of such beautiful animals.

Name: elizabeth lauer

Comment:

I am opposed to any hunting of bears. It deprives the public of being to see these magnificent animals outside of a cage or zoo. Keep Alaska wild and leave the original wildlife alone. They are the chief reason most tourists come to Alaska. If you act on behalf of hunters alone, you ruin the landscape beauty that makes Alaska a wonder of the world.

Name: Elisa Johnson

Comment:

Please don't hunt wolves or bears

Name: Jeanne Conley, Oppose

Comment:

Oppose the killing of bears and wolfs

Name: Jesse Hermanson

Comment:

Please consider taking a better approach. The government has a tendency to porpoise. I suggest you increase tags over the next 3 years and adjust tags as necessary. This will increase revenue and slowly adjust populations. We do not need to keep repeating the typical government Boom and Bust tactics.

Name: Peter L

Comment:

I oppose

Name: Emilie Palmer

Comment:

Why on earth would you want to kill helpless animals! They deserve to be on this planet. Don't decrease the population. Shame on you for thinking this was a good idea!

Name: Joanne Douglas, Myself

Comment:

Oppose. Alaska is not just for people. It's not just 'ours'. Who would really want that?

Name: Karen Lapham

Comment:

Stop destroying nature and what belongs here.

Wild life belongs on the earth.

Being inhuman is not the solution.

Name: Eliza Fernandez

Comment:

No to all of it. Do not kill the animals. No No no!

Name: Nicholas Hardy

Comment:

Is nothing sacred anymore? This is outrageous. Stop killing animals!

Name: Genevieve Morin

Comment:

Please don't kill animals!!!!!!

Name: Susan Prior

Comment:

OPPOSED to the killing of bears and wolves!!!!!!! Whyyyyy????!!! Please save the bears and wolves. Live and let live! Read your Bibles!!!! 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Name: Debra Curci

Comment:

I vehemently oppose killing wolves and other animals from helicopters and planes. It's cruel and inhumane. Please ban aerial attacks on wolves and other wildlife.

Name: Melanie Kingdon

Comment:

Absolutely oppose

Name: Allison Loftin

Comment:

I don't think killing the bears and wolves is the answer.

Name: Maria Kely

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Jami Muhle

Comment:

Please do not kill off our wildlife. They have it hard enough to survive with what us humans are doing to the earth . Why would you do such a horrid thing to wildlife as if it's garbage . I find it truly pathetic . I have no respect for this decision . It's truly sickening I'm sorry .

Name: Boel Thörn

Comment:

Do not gun down the population of wolfs and bears. Instead save the wildlife for them and for the tourists coming from all over the world just to see the extraordinary wildlife.

Name: Jackie Badenhorst

Comment:

Wildlife across the globe is under threat from overpopulation, climate change and so many other factors.

Protect these animals where you can instead of gunning them down.

Predators will always capture the hearts of people - attracting people to visit these places.

When I visit from Africa - it will be to photograph the bears and wolves, if they're gone - what's the point of coming.

Name: Deborah Chute

Comment:

The proposed killing of these animals is not only cruel but will most likely lead to a rebound effect. When species are decimated like this, they reproduce at a higher rate ultimately increasing their population.

Name: Kate Kovatch

Comment:

The proposals set forth by ADFG represent excessive mismanagement of a number of species within the region.

Name: Sandra Costa

Comment:

Please do not use lethal methods to kill wolves.

Wolves play a keyrole in the ecosystems.

Protect the species.

Name: Autumn Brady

Comment:

This is horrific!! We don't need to kill this animals.

Name: Amy Kilduff

Comment:

I OPPOSE the reduction of bear and wolf populations. These animals are crucial to the balance of the biosphere. We humans encroach upon THEIR LANDS, they do not encroach upon ours. The land, animals, trees, and waters of this country have been plundered and decimated by humans long enough.

Name: Siri Miller

Comment:

How can you even propose killing these bears? They are part of the ecosystem and contribute to its survival. Please consider taking care of the ecosystem rather than killing members of it.

Name: Simone Marx

Comment:

We need wolves and bears- stop killing them

Name: Layken Nungester

Comment:

We want to save our bears!

Name: Tommy Salmon

Comment:

Ridiculous

Name: Carolyne Nestruck

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Jo Blume

Comment:

killing animals for nothing is ridiculous

Name: Steve Kahn

Comment:

I am a lifelong Alaskan commenting on a number of proposals. Those I support include:

82, (for safety of humans and pets); 11 (to re-establish the season as October 7–21 and May 10–25, which has historically worked well. I say this as a former big game guide); 29 (an accurate and scientific predator population count is needed before further harvest); 18 (to avoid conflict between consumptive and non-consumptive users of the resource); 35 & 36 (wolverines should not be trapped during denning).

Those I oppose include 75 (the gunning down of predators from helicopters is inhumane and not scientifically based. Bears and wolves are important to the ecosystem as well as to tourism); 2 (bear baiting is inhumane, not good sportsmanship, and is a safety issue as bears become habituated to human

handouts); 3 (the use of cellular cameras is much like same-day land and shoot hunting, which is illegal. Using cameras in this way is not hunting, it is exterminating via the aid of an electronic device); 32 (there is already a predator control program in place, thus no need for a year-round hunting season on bears); 33&34 (same-day airborne taking of bears and wolves is not necessary and not sportsmanlike. It should not be allowed, with or without a permit); (58 (the current wolf population of approx. 300 in this area should be preserved); 59&60 (there is no need to change the current regulations, which do not impact breeding seasons); 79 (again, no need to change current regs, which do not impact the breeding seasons. Having lived in Alaska my entire life, loving the outdoors, being an avid hunter and fisherman as well as a former big game guide, I do not understand the aggressive targeting of predators in a way which appears that the BOG wants to eliminate them entirely, without acknowledging that they are an important part of the ecosystem.

Name: Ariane Wilkin

Comment:

Support all

Name: Margaret McGinnis

Comment:

I am writing to oppose Proposal 75. Aerial gunning of bears or wolves near Denali and Lake Clark National Parks is outrageous. Why won't you leave predators alone? They serve a vital function by keeping prey animals in balance - they are not the cause of caribou, or other ungulates declining. In addition, tourists who come to Alaska want to see these animals - you don't visit Alaska to go to the beach or a theme park - it's the wilderness and wildlife.

I support the following three proposals: 82 - Palmer Trapping Setback which is a no-brainer. People and pets should be able to walk on trails without worrying they are going to get caught in a trap.

Proposal 11 to shorten Brown Bear Hunting season near Katmai where non-consumptive users of the area are being dropped off near hunters - a recipe for disaster.

Proposal 29 Mulchatna Caribou Herd Population Review. Again, scapegoating bears and wolves is wrong. The herd is declining - stop hunting them. Climate change and disease are causing the problem. In short, stop managing all wildlife for those who think killing is fun - and let wildlife live their lives as nature intended.

Thank you.

Name: Doug Lyon

Comment:

Lifelong Alaskan / 62 years. Time to stop this nonsense of the senseless non scientific slaughter of our states animals to benefit a handful of users. Many people in this state enjoy these animals alive and the thrill of seeing them in person , sometimes a once in a lifetime opportunity. The same can be said for the many tourist that come to this state to view the wildlife as well. Study after study has clearly shown that this type of “predator “ control does not work. Not to mention the large waste of money for this that could be better spent elsewhere.

Name: Andy Klamser

Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposal to kill wolves and other predators in Game Management Unit 16. The Board has a responsibility to manage wildlife for the benefit of ALL users, not just hunters. These aerial hunting forays by the State always result in very bad publicity for the state and I'm not convinced ADFG actually knows how these projects ultimately affect different populations.

I have no idea what the "proposal number" is for this idea. You do not make it easy for people to find this information (I went through the information via the link below and didn't find it). This is typical government nonsense: You can't comment unless you can find the hidden "proposal number".

Name: Kenneth Widmer

Comment:

I agree that moose numbers have decreased due to unusually hard winters the last two years. Predators are not responsible for the decreased numbers, which should be evident to state biologists. The hundreds of thousands of dollars spent on predator control would be better spent on improving habitat.

Name: Evan Druce

Comment:

As a property owner in the Alexander Creek community I have seen the devastation first hand of the moose population due to inclement weather and a rapidly growing wolf population. The wolves in the areas are becoming increasingly more aggressive and continue to push closer to remote populated areas. I support Ariel predator control

Name: Richard Kohal

Comment:

This is about Proposal 148 (?)

Slaughtering predators is absolutely unacceptable.

Alaska's answer to these situations is always to start killing predators because hunters are complaining about low game numbers.

Hunters and/or trappers **MUST NOT BE ALLOWED** to continue **Dictating** wildlife policy.

It is disgusting. My friends, my neighbors and I are sick and tired of gun totin' killers getting preference over letting nature be. Want more moose? Stop shooting them.

There are so many more non-hunters in Alaska than hunters, when are we going to be recognized as the majority in wildlife 'management'?

This proposal is monstrous.

Name: Ryan Easter

Comment:

Hi I'm Ryan I grew up in Washington I have a AAS degree in fisheries technology and have worked for WDFW as a sci tech and hatchery tech. Washington has tried to introduce wolves and then later killed them off with no avail. Nature can manage itself better than humans. A wild wolf that has its own reason and purpose for living especially in Alaska, look if people were causing moose to decline would you cull a hundred of them? Wolves have proven time and time again to have high numbers when abundance of food and then decline when there isn't but it is natural cycle which should not be messed with. I'm a hunter and fisherman and I believe in hunting and fishing for my food but I believe it's wrong to over harvest and waste meat. If a person went out and killed 100 wolves he would be a felon. Be humble and have patience nature has a right to play out. Nobody can match nature's beauty.

Name: Richard Steele, myself

Comment:

I am an Alaskan hunter. I oppose artificial control of predators as a form of game management. I oppose paying state employees flying and killing wolves, bears and other predators. Please halt this program and practice.

Name: Larry Miller

Comment:

I believe that after the hard winter of 2019 and some others we need to exterminate as many wolf's and bears. I live and hunt in unit 14B . I personally found where 2 new born moose were killed and eaten by bear. I hear 1 while it was happening. Open seasons and suspend bag limits. Or children won't have anything to hunt in the near future. Thank You Larry

The proposal about shooting wolf's. To include bear

Name: Jennifer Limvorratre

Comment:

With so much destruction already going on, please use your position in power and decision-making to protect these innocent animals in their natural habitat. It's a shame that there even needs to be a law about this – as they should be respected regardless since we are guests In their home – but since there does need to be one, then please create it so it effectively protects the bears and sends a message on respecting nature & animals.

Name: Dale Ebben

Comment:

Shooting wolves in what's known as Game Management Unit 16 - Be a Denali Park Transit Driver for 30 seasons, I am 1000% against this deplorable act. The Denali Wolves know NO boundaries, as they exist in the The Park and the notion that they will be "safe" for the Visitors of the Park to view in Awe, doesn't add up. There is NO comparison between the Visitors that want to see Wolves over those that want to be Bears. It's beyond disbelief that You are going to spend money that the State doesn't have, to promote a practice that doesn't jive with what science shows! On top of that, how many times have US Alaska Residents voted down aerial slaughter of Wolves?!?!?!?

Name: Jeff Jenkins

Comment:

The killing of wolves in Unit 16 is an unnecessary and costly waste of time and state money. Reducing predator population doesn't have any effect because so many moose hunts have been so badly

mismanaged by fish and game. Pt. Mackenze has no moose because of all the permits handed out here too.

In addition, visitors to the national parks want to see wolves. In conclusion, wolves are worth more alive than dead to the state of Alaska.

Name: Jackie Deorazio

Comment:

Please do not pass the upcoming proposals. I don't agree that this would help.

Name: Carolyn Bankston

Comment:

Please protect these bears!

Name: Bernard Roisil

Comment:

I understand the concerns about the decline in caribou herds, but to think that it is only the fault of wolves and bears is to show a lack of deeper reflection, or common sense.

Alaskan native communities need caribou for food and they only take what they need. They have always known how to manage this resource essential to their survival in harmony with other animals, bears and wolves.

Everyone has their place in maintaining a balance in the harmony of the ecosystem.

There are examples where man has disturbed this balance and when we want to restore it it takes decades or more without ever going back to the way it was before.

Banning sport hunting should have been a first intention.

Fund studies to find out why the number of caribou is declining, is it a cycle, global warming disrupting vegetation...

The fires that may have burned the food source? With global warming there will be more.

Does the melting permafrost develop bacteria or viruses?

We know that deer have been infected with SARS-CoV-2, or even chronic wasting disease.

Caribou may themselves be affected by the same illnesses.

Avian flu can also affect several species of animals just like humans!

The causes are surely multifactorial, but if we don't look for the why, we won't find out how to eradicate the decline in the caribou population.

Wolves and bears are not the problem, they are the victims of poorly informed men who organize their genocides for the good of another species.

What will they do tomorrow when the bear itself is in danger?

Name: Janet Heinle

Comment:

LEAVE THE WOLVES BE! They are a necessary good for our environment!

Name: Fern Walker

Comment:

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 - this is horrifying and shouldn't take place.

Name: Elena Boumpouridou

Comment:

Please, protect the wolves

Name: Laura Hathaway

Comment:

Wolves are an integral part of nature and benefit all aspects of the environment. They need to be left alone, and protected from human hatred. Mothers protect their babies, just as humans do, and therefore

are entitled to the same protections a human mother has. Stop the profiteering and human transgressions against their lives and against nature.

Name: Tracy F, Wolf conservation center

Comment:

Please do not invoke a killing of these beautiful animals, wolves. They help keep the ecosystem under control, and are very majestic and beautiful. I do not understand why the government is always insistent on nearly putting these animals near extinction. What are they doing wrong that the government must feel the need to kill these animals! I'll urge you to please reconsider and not kill these animals as they are part of the land, and have been here for decades. Thank you Tracy

Name: denine heinemann

Comment:

Here I am, again, having to fight government for an animal's life. The government insinuates itself into everything, it should not surprise me that it works hard, very hard, to interfere with nature as well. Then again, with the ranchers pulling the strings, and their wishes being at least partially behind your decisions to kill, I suppose it is they to whom I should be addressing. And aerial hunting? Really. That's a challenge. That's fair. What cruelty abounds in your decisions. So, yet again I say, stop with the wolf hunts, allow them to live, have families, thrive as best as they can, with absolutely zero government interference. Stop messing with the eco system for profit!

Name: Jan Xeno

Comment:

Please put wolves back on the Endangered Wildlife Protection list. These beautiful creatures are essential to the earth Thank you

Name: David Groves

Comment:

RE: 33, 79, and 55 Proposals: Wolves and Caribou existed for millenia in great numbers and in harmony. What right do we have to deprive the Wolf of the right to exist, simply so that there are more

Caribou for hunters? These iconic creatures are worth far more alive than dead to the local economies they impact through tourism. And the extremely cruel methods upon which these programs are based, will reflect on those who vote to implement them.

Name: Brian Bisbee

Comment:

The shooting and the senseless slaughter of these Beautiful and majestic animals is cruel unwanted, unwarranted, and needed. The wolves should be allowed to live in peace and harmony without the fear of being chased down by a chemo or hunted from the air and shot. The senseless killings of these wolves needs to stop or we're not gonna have any left. Wolves are a very important part of our ecosystem. Stop killing wolves!

Name: Fran Sacchi

Comment:

Maybe stop over fishing and hunting, then there'd be enough to go round. Wolves are natural controllers of the weakest and sickest. It's nature's way.

Name: Elicia Collier

Comment:

Based on many years of studies and one one one studies with wolves and their effect on the surrounding wildlife and humans i feel and so does my whole family that it has always been detrimental to not only the wolves human like family structure but also on the ecosystem surrounding them.

Studies have also shown that compared to the small amount of money for permits that state make way more money off of tourism with with wolves and education about them and there have been many ways to jave all of us to exist together. I feel the trophy hunting is also unethical and sad that their so closely like us even taking care of grandparents when we dont, that we feel we have a right to just slaughter for such a spot. There has been no proof in this and therefore should be not allowed

Sincerely Elicia and family

Name: axel teyke

Comment:

There is NO reason to kill wolves !! Find other solutions.

Name: K Talbot

Comment:

I live in the UK and am horrified how the countries with Wolves treat these amazing creatures. Britain did have wolves once upon a time but they were hunted to extinction. A top predator, keeping the environment healthy, the UK is now overrun with rabbits, deer and other small mammals. Now gamekeepers have to cull larger prey because there are no predators. Scotland and Wales are considering reintroducing them now. Don't become like us. These magnificent animals should be encouraged. Meat products for people should be discouraged for the sake of our planet. A home we all share. Killing a part of the ecosystem makes no sense. Spend that wasted money on enhancing it instead. I'm ashamed of the UK and it's impoverished wildlife. Bears, Wolves etc used to roam here. I wish they still did. I lived in the Rockies for many years and was lucky to see lots of wildlife. Do the right thing. Protect your amazing environment. Protect these animals and rejoice you still have them. Thank you.

Name: Charmaine Villadonga

Comment:

Please leave the wolves alone. Stop killing them they are not harming anyone and this is cruelty beyond anything I have ever heard of. They need to survive because they are an important part of the eco system. Stop the killing now. This is cruelty at the highest level and should not be done. They need to survive. Stop the cruelty.

Name: Martine Massa

Comment:

L'idée que l'abattage des loups sanctionné par l'État est nécessaire pour contrôler les populations de loups est l'une des hypothèses les plus répandues dans la gestion des grands carnivores, mais la recherche démontre que les loups limitent leur propre nombre. Les loups ne déciment pas les populations d'ongulés sauvages et ne constituent pas une menace pour la sécurité humaine. Alors, pourquoi l'Alaska continue-t-il de s'en tirer avec des pratiques de gestion désuètes et incorrectes ? (The idea that state-sanctioned wolf culling is necessary to control wolf populations is one of the most widely held assumptions in large carnivore management, but research demonstrates that wolves limit their own numbers. Wolves do not

decimate wild ungulate populations and do not pose a threat to human security. So why does Alaska continue to get away with outdated and incorrect management practices? - Google Translate)

Name: Sue McNally

Comment:

I absolutely do not support the gunning down of predators via air. It does nothing to help the environment or other animals. It is cruel and unnecessary.

Name: Elke Vogelpohl

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?

This should NEVER go ahead. It is cruel and not needed at all. Lots of just wounded animals will suffer. Let nature do what nature does best, take care of itself. Please do not go ahead with such a horrific and misguided act! I opposed all plans to kill wolfs from the air of course it is cruel, will cause suffering and it is simply not needed!

Trapping should be banned, Nobody needs fur in todays age, It is cruel and not needed. We have plenty materials that have long replaced fur. We do not need to have animals suffer in traps to put some fur on some Kardashians..

Name: Joanne Twilleager

Comment:

Please stop killing wolves, they are beneficial to the environment that they live in. It's not the wolves fault that humans have to take over the public lands that they live on for their cattle and sheep and their greed. *****STOP KILLING OUR WOLVES.*****

Name: Carol Kjemmer

Comment:

Wolves have the right to exist the same as you or I.....IT IS WRONG TO PERSECUTE AND KILL THEM!!!! STOP!!!!!!

Name: Maggie Frazier

Comment:

Have we (US citizens) not learned anything from the slaughter and eradication of wild predators the past centuries? I guess not. Predators (wolves) are necessary to a wildlife habitat's environment.

How hard is that to understand - especially when there are scientific studies and research to learn from?

Perhaps its time we learned that we alone cant survive on this planet!

Name: Kimberly Derwent

Comment:

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 ecoystems.

Name: Susan Copping

Comment:

I love wolves and think it's very wrong to kill them they should have the right to live just as we do. So I'm against any killing of them

Name: JIM CORRIERE

Comment:

Please stop the killing of Wolves 🐺 along with all other wildlife. Thank you!

Name: Sheri Beecham, Wolf Conservation Center

Comment:

Wolf hunting has become a problem in this Country. They are being massacred and destroyed in great numbers, unhumanely and foolishly, and for what? Pride? Ego? A pathetic and pitiful skin trophy to elevate one's fragile libido? We are about to completely wipe out and decimate a very important species for the control and cleanup of wildlife and keeping the deer population in tow. Wolves are our National Treasure. Nature is what sustains us. I would urge you to consider with good reason and logic that we need to keep the environmental balance. Also, I have had the privilege in previous years to own rescued wolf hybrids and I have found them to be Social, intelligent, protective of their family and probably the best animal companions I have ever had the privilege to own. I even had small children and they were most protective of them and loved them as if they were part of their pack. We are over hunting these amazing, glorious and wonderful creatures. Please do not become part of the problem, but the solution. And as to the Rancher issues, wolves do not indiscriminately attack healthy animals as Coyotes have been known to do, they normally focus on the weak and very young. They also do not kill for pleasure, but for food or to protect themselves. Their intellect should be given more levity and their usefulness as part of the balance of nature and one of our great Nation's national treasures. We are killing too many things these days as it is with over hunting, poaching and pollution. Please consider these facts on behalf of the Spirit of our Country's wild, which is part of what makes us a wonderful place to live, and leave wolves alone.

Thank you for your honesty consideration and time,

Ms. Sheri A. Beecham

Name: Maryetta Pinn

Comment:

Killing these animals is cruel and unnecessary

Name: Seema Zeya

Comment:

Please reject the inhumane wildlife hunting proposals that are being considered on December 27, 2024. One of these proposals, in particular, 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 egregious measures not only raises serious ethical questions but also lacks scientific evidence supporting their effectiveness in increasing prey populations for hunters. Vulnerable wolf packs and other Alaska

wildlife should be protected and managed utilizing humane methods instead of annihilating them in the most violent and cruel ways. In short, these new hunting proposals are unconscionable!

Name: Flo Fender

Comment:

Who remembers proposal numbers at this point. My comment is simple. LEAVE MY WOLVES ALONE!!!!

Name: James Wilcox

Comment:

This is [REDACTED]! Hunting by air, that isn't hunting, what an unfair advantage. Leave all these animal species alone. They control themselves, we had this same issue here in Michigan, we do have Deer culls here, because they do so much damage to crops, and vehicle collisions. Let them live free, and as far as trapping this cruel and inhumane. [REDACTED]

Name: Sharon Parmentier

Comment:

Maybe the powers that be, forgot reintroducing wolves to Yellowstone, actually changed the course of a river. Killing off predators is going to lead to an increase in prey animals to the detriment of those prey animals. An over abundance of prey animals is going to deplete the natural resources they survive on. I am so disappointed in and tired of humans thinking they can control nature. Nature will take care of itself. Wake up and realize the truth!

Name: Christine Mueller

Comment:

I'm urging to stop the killing of wolves in Alaska and abroad. This must STOP NOW! It's heartbreaking. We're racing to our 6th mass extinction. We must speak for the wolves and other wildlife. STOP THE KILLING.

Name: Andrea Rohr

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 there is no need for incorrect management practices like hunting and brutally killing these animals or other predator, which also regulate their numbers by themselves.

Name: Scott Kloes

Comment:

I believe that after all the years of trying to bring wolves back from extinction. That now bowing to pressure from people ignorant on the need for apex predators, we will repeat the mistakes of the past

Name: Alice Artzt, NA

Comment:

Stop killing wolves !!

Name: Nadine Huey, Wolf conservation center

Comment:

I am really concerned about the wolf population and all wildlife species declining due to climate change and humans crowding out their habitat. I don't understand why getting rid of a species solves any problems. We are supposed to be stewards on this planet: to keep it flourishing for the next generations. Why can't we work with nature and not destroy it for someone's pleasure. Humans are the problem here: not the animals!!! Let them be: Mother Nature has a way of taking care of things: not us. Leave the wolves alone!!

Name: Marielle Marne

Comment:

Absolutely NOT to authorizing 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. And just how CRUEL!

Name: Sandra Sobanski

Comment:

Please don't hunt wolves! They are majestic beautiful intelligent animals!

Don't shoot those beautiful wolves!

Name: Stephanie Farac

Comment:

Oppose 33- this proposal violates fair chase methods, ethics, and decency. It will give hunters an unfair advantage over killing bears and wolves. We are better than this! Why can't we coexist with our native predators instead of killing them. This will give hunters a bad name. Hunting is on the decline because of the behavior this proposal recommends. Any decent hunter who believes in fair chase will oppose this. This proposal will allow unethical behavior.

Oppose 59- allowing a longer trapping season for wolves will put non target species at risk, and also pets. I am a very active person and I bring my pets with me everywhere. I do not think it is fair to extend trapping where people exercise their dogs and partake in non-consumptive recreation. It violates my safety and my pets safety. The trapping season is long enough and extending it infringes on my right to recreate safely. The only group that wins in situation is the trapper! That is selfish. The public, pets and wildlife loses. It is not worth it.

Oppose 75- the removal of predators is an outdated method that needs to stop! I challenge you to think outside of the box. What are you trying to solve? The easiest solution is to just kill predators. In addition to not solving the problem, it is cruel and unethical. We are almost in 2025. It is time we coexist with our native wildlife. Predators are beautiful, intelligent animals that deserve our respect! My favorite wildlife viewing to date was viewing a pack of wolves howling in the distance. It was the most magical experience I have ever lived. Wolves pose no threat to human safety. They are merely trying to survive. They keep our ecosystems healthy and our wild lands wild. Please vote against this barbaric proposal! Come up with something more creative. Thank you!!

Name: Gail Jacobson

Comment:

Killing wolves is unnecessary. They are very afraid of humans and will usually stay away from human habitation. They are very important for the balance in nature. Please listen to environmental scientists. and protect this misunderstood animal.

Name: Hanna Tube

Comment:

History has proven time and time again that the type of population control you are recommending has devastating effects of the economy and on the ecology of the community you claim to serve. If you cared about the wildlife and the people, you would find a way to engage your community to help bolster them while protecting wildlife both predators and ungulates. Increasing hunting quotas would be better than indiscriminate shooting from a state owned air craft which would be a waste of your communities tax dollars when they could use the pelts and meat to provide for themselves and their families and communities. Do not pass this bill, find a different way to solve your problem. You run the risk of decimating populations beyond recovery with indiscriminate killing from a plane.

Name: Josephine Jones

Comment:

Wolves are wonderful, intelligent mammals. If there never had been a wolf population, we would not have dogs. Wolves do not deserve to be hunted down like vermin or to be tortured. Please save these magnificent animals.

Name: Cornelius matteo

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: Mariano Francesco De Luca

Comment:

Wolf is Essencial !!!

Name: Martha Sellers

Comment:

I am 80 years old, and I apologize for not even knowing what a "Word document or PDF" actually is. I do know that I love wildlife and especially the highly intelligent, very familial, truly iconic wolves. I beg you to let them live, because the ecosystem is better by far with them as a part of it (example: Yellowstone Park). I intensely favor all proposals that HELP more wolves live! I beg you to see wolves as feeling, thinking, social beings of high intelligence and social interaction--animals who benefit the ecosystem on many levels. I want my grandkids to SEE wolves in the wild. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Martha Sellers; traveltheworld@inbox.com

Name: Daniela Stabile

Comment:

The new that One proposal 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.

So, please, don't kill the wolves, they are essential for the entire ecosystem.

Yours very truly

Daniela Stabile

Rome, Italy

Name: VADM DESMOND J LAWRENCE, WHITE HOUSE N.S.C NAVY INTEL OFFICER

Comment:

This is VA DM, DESMOND J LAWRENCE, White House,n.s.c Navy Intel department (m j) and I see you tried this proposal before at Yellowstone national park and it had a bad reversal process be very careful very careful with your proposal on this one. Thank you.VADM DESMOND J LAWRENCE. This is the proposal for hunting, the Wolf and the Bears to equalize hunting for humans

Name: paul troalic

Comment:

I have a really good suggestion. This suggestion should please everyone and will have the desired result - that of culling the population of animals that you consider unfit to walk on this earth with you because you are so superior.

Here is the suggestion:

- 1) you invite as many visitors to the area as possible to see the show
- 2) you then allow as many poachers and hunters as you can muster to murder as many animals as they can in full view of these visitors, you do this already in many parts of your awful country
- 3) you then display all the bodies proudly so that the visitors can see what brave people you all are.

Right that should do the trick. Animals will be culled and you will be the brave but bad guys and the protectors of something or other?

What do you think? Good idea?

The other option is to learn to live with your fellow beings because you have no more right than they to live in this [REDACTED] up world. This is my preferred option.

Happy Christmas to all.

Name: Alfonso Gallo, Jr.

Comment:

I lived and worked in Denali from 1993-2002. I and many of the folks who came to Denali NP were always thrilled to see Wolves. I totally OBJECT to reducing the number of Wolves [100] by aerial hunting. What doesn't F&G get about how unfair it is to shoot any animal from the air? It reflects poorly on the State to use that method of killing Wildlife.

Name: Yvonne Smith

Comment:

Alaska's predator control programs do nothing to increase caribou , deer, and moose harvests. Such programs have serious and negative effects on the Denali and Lake Clark ecosystems. Please cease and desist from further aerial gunning of innocent wolf and black and brown bear populations at the borders of Denali National Park and Lake Clark National Park. I stand firmly and wholeheartedly with the Wolf Conservation Center in advocating for ethical and science-based wildlife management practices.

Name: CONNY VAN LEEUWEN

Comment:

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.

Now why can't you leave God's creation be? Why are you so blood-thirsty?

I wish you wisdom and a kind heart.

Name: Laurie Sosa

Comment:

This is utterly disgusting. We all need to take care of our wildlife not destroy them. I don't know how anyone can get any pleasure out of shooting wildlife from planes or going into dens to kill mothers and cubs. This really has me outraged. It is a very evil thing to do. Please let's help the wildlife or at least leave them alone to live in peace!!!

Name: Natasha Conley

Comment:

These animals are a very important part of our natural ecosystem and must be protected. Reintroducing wolves into Yellowstone made a positive impact on the enlivenment both animals and plant. We should be doing everything we can to protect them. No allowing the killing of more.

Name: Marie Gregoroff

Comment:

This concern is for 13D and all units in consideration for predator control. I have been in Alaska for 40 years. I've lived in Nelchina for 29 of those years. I'm asking the biologists and the powers that be to take a good long look at a predator that is not in consideration of predator control. COYOTE. YES...they are a very real predator of caribou and moose...on cows and calf's of both species. I've seen it way to much. The snow has been a real problem in the last five years minimum...packs of COYOTES and WOLF are the main issue here. I've seen them...mostly coyote...surround healthy moose...caribou...bite the hamstrings..disable them...kill them and LEAVE! No eating of the carcasses. I firsthand 15 years or so ago..saw...from a bush plane the slaughter of cow caribou..it was a bloodbath...nearly 400 cows and calf's..some still giving birth. THEN in late spring during breakup a bear comes along...finds it .and feasts...then are blamed. Bears are the clean up crew for all of Alaska. Yes bear will take a caribou or moose .but normally it's old..sick .injured. nature's way of balance. Bears have a varied diet as you know...not coyotes..not wolf..strictly meat eaters. I'm ASKING ADFG to seriously look at an over abundance of COYOTES... especially from Fairbanks to include all game units south of them. Being a smaller animal on their own would not be able to kill large animals..but packs of them do...ALL THE TIME. These coyote and wolf push out pups like no tomorrow and do considerable damage to the caribou and moose...most of it is thru winter into late spring. THANKYOU for consideration in this often over looked predator

Name: Sandra Parciak

Comment:

Please stop killing wildlife. Stop the hunts. Stop the indifference. Stop the need to kill innocent beings.

Name: tracy nilson

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? Wolves must be protected not figure out ways to destroy them!!!

Name: Elizabeth Enright

Comment:

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Name: Elaina Garone

Comment:

please do not allow 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: Nathaniel P

Comment:

When you do this, you make us Republicans look bad. This move is cruel. I know you wouldn't do this to your kids or pets.

Name: Joel Johnson

Comment:

Please keep in mind that your proposed rule revision may negatively impact wolf packs in the border areas, Please reconsider granting the latitude to trophy hunters.

Name: Diane Kastel

Comment:

Our family is commenting on, two, critical, proposals before the "Alaska Board of Game that will, significantly, impact, wolf, populations at the borders of, two, National Parks. These proposals aim to liberalize hunting, and, trapping, regulations which will, undoubtedly, leading to, increased, wolf, mortality!

One of these proposals would authorize the "Alaska Department of Fish and Game" to conduct, merciless, 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!

Scientific 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 will, definitely, have serious, and, negative, impacts on the "Denali" and "Lake Clark" ecosystems!

By participating in this process, we contribute to the protection of Alaska's wolves, and, the preservation of, two, National Parks! We are advocating for ethical, and, science-based, wildlife, management, practices!

Name: Ron Linder

Comment:

Prop 50: I am in SUPPORT of changing DS165 permit sheep hunt to a registration hunt. I think with the closures of Large areas of Alaska (western brooks, central brooks, Denali NP, St. Elias NP, and the Yukon charley's) and the majority of the Chugach mountains being Draw hunts there is less areas to hunt and more hunter crowding over the same sheep in limited areas.

Prop 51: I support the nonresident closure and Resident registration tag in this area as it is a Isolated area to easily determine hunter population trends.

Name: Jennifer Shea

Comment:

The slaughtering of wolves to “fix” a decline in the caribou population is barbaric and unreasonable. These sentient beings don’t deserve to be hunted and tortured by humans any longer.

Name: Linda Hansen

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.

Wolves belong in Alaska. Prioritize protections before commercial concerns.

Name: Rachel Magnavite

Comment:

God's Gift is our wolves. We want our wolves protected Under The Endangered Species Act.

Activist for Wildlife, Rachel Magnavite

Name: ERIC Burr

Comment:

Please count this submission as opposed to all your wolf, and all your predator killing proposals: #s 33 etc. Full disclosure I'm not an Alaskan resident, and only worked summers in Denali and Chilkoot I worked with Dr. Gordon Haber and took all Starker Leopold's classes at Berkeley. I'm a retired seasonal National Park and Forest ranger, and professional skier.

Name: Frank Burke

Comment:

Same day airborne killing violates fair chase methods and gives hunters an unfair advantage over their target species.

NO!

Do you really need more time to kill poor wolves?

NO!

Extending the trapping season poses a risk to non-target species as well,

NO!

This is the truth: Wolves are vital for healthy eco-systems.

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.

STOP KILLING WOLVES.

Name: Linda Gazzola

Comment:

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THIS HORRIFIC PROPOSAL MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS!!!! I STRONGLY OPPOSE!!!

Name: Theresa Everett

Comment:

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THIS HORRIFIC PROPOSAL MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO PASS!!!! I STRONGLY OPPOSE!!!

Name: Ted Ellquist

Comment:

Killing wolves is unnecessary because they don't pose a threat to humans and they self limit their populations. Please stop the inhumane killings by trapping and shooting from the air to thin the population. This is outdated and needs to stop.

Name: Jess Friedman, 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. Alaska should not continue to get away with outdated and incorrect management practices!

Name: Eric Zatarack

Comment:

I very strongly oppose all killing of wolves for any purpose.

Name: Allison Holm-Joergensen

Comment:

Please dont kill wolves. They are an essential part of the ecosystem,

Name: Gaylene Sloane

Comment:

Killing wolves and bears endangers their survival and is an inhuman thing to do.

Name: patricia fleuranceau morel

Comment:

As citizen deeply concerned about wildlife conservation and ethical treatment of animals, I am appalled by the continued killing of wolves in Alaska. This practice not only disrupts the delicate balance of ecosystems but also threatens the survival of an iconic species that plays a crucial role in maintaining the health of the environment.

Wolves are vital to Alaska's natural heritage, contributing to biodiversity and the functioning of natural systems. Their predation helps control populations of herbivores like deer and moose, which in turn allows vegetation to thrive and supports a wider range of animal and plant species.

The indiscriminate killing of wolves is both ecologically damaging and morally indefensible. It is our responsibility to ensure that future generations inherit a world where wolves and all wildlife can flourish.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards

Name: Frances Walker

Comment:

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Please do not allow aerial gunning /slaughter of Alaska's wolves and bears. They belong where they are. All species have the fundamental right to navigate safely in their natural habitats.

Name: Taryn Gibbons

Comment:

The bizarre desire to destroy what was a recovering population only ensures an unbalance ecosystem-something Yellowstone has already experienced.

Predators help ensure the strong survive to repopulate, by weeding out the sickly and the old, ensuring that overpopulation doesn't lead to stripping the environment of vegetation, leading to problems like topsoil loss or landslides due to lack of root systems holding soil in place.

If this is something you wish to avoid, stop the unnecessary destruction of an already decimated species.

Name: Caroline Benda

Comment:

This is disgusting and horrific. Bears are a keystone species. Without keystone species, ecosystems will not thrive and be out of balance, more than they already are with human encroachment and intervention. Reducing the bear population is extremely unnecessary and will fully harm the environment.

Name: Jami Muhle

Comment:

Please stop killing our beloved wildlife . It's 2024 , surely we have evolved enough to realize this is wrong and not necessary . Wildlife is essential to our whole earth and Mother Nature can control her own populations without humans exterminating predators and keystone species . Whoever can do this is truly evil .

Thank you .

Name: Angela LaPlante

Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposal to kill bears and wolves again. It makes me sick to my stomach that another human could actually do this. I just don't get it. You're so fortunate to live in Alaska and that's how you treat the wildlife there? It's wrong.

Name: julie phillips

Comment:

please protect these wonderful animals the planet your country needs them
help them survive please

Name: Maryann Vasseur

Comment:

Killing wolves is unnecessary.

Name: Barri Hitchin

Comment:

We need more Wolves, NOT Ranching !

Name: Toni Kimmel

Comment:

Wolves are an essential part of our ecosystem. They are a close knit family group. It is cruel to try to eliminate these defenseless wolves because of man and his greed and vanity ideas. I am asking you and praying that this program does not take effect at all. Put yourself in the wolf packs shoes would you want

someone gunning you down in front of your children or family? Wolves are very social animals and need to raise their families to be a part of their environment.

Name: Valarie Koziol

Comment:

I OPPOSE killing wildlife from motorized vehicles, including aircraft.

I OPPOSE killing wildlife adjacent to protected areas.

I OPPOSE killing wildlife just so human hunters have more stuff to shoot at.

Wildlife is MORE VALUABLE ALIVE than dead.

Name: Sam CHAPNICK

Comment:

Please do not allow killing of wolves. They live in families and are critical to the habitat and wellness of the environment. Please do not allow killing of wolves.

Name: Dana Hoskins

Comment:

Please stop the trapping and shooting of wolves. They are a necessary part of nature to keep down over population of other animals. They were made and have a purpose in nature. Unnecessary cruel trapping and shooting of these animals should be a crime.

Name: Marchi Marchi

Comment:

NO KILLING!!!! You are disturbing the NATURAL wildlife!!! KEEP OUR WOLVES, BEARS WILD!!!!

Name: heidi ahlstrand

Comment:

protect the wolves

Name: Stacy Horn

Comment:

Hunting is a traditional and legitimate experience to feed families and for sport, However, the health of the population of many of the species discussed in these proposals are hanging by a thread. The numbers on paper look adequate. But many of these animals are dependent on large, minimal or undeveloped territory to maintain a stable ecosystem. Allowing increased intrusion and stress into their environment is courting disaster; primarily for the wildlife, but also endangering sustainable hunting and the dollars received from the tourists who flock to Alaska to see these animals alive - not dead.

See attached

Name: Arthur Kampmann

Comment:

Killing bears and wolves is not the answer to this problem. Please don't continue this horrific slaughter

Name: Shirley Mills

Comment:

I am writing to you because I am derply concerned about your proposals to liberalise hunting and trapping regulations which will lead to inreased wolf mortality. Wolves face many problems of survival and are an important part of the ecosystem.

The proposal to allow the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game to conduct aerial gunning of severl species at the border of iconic wildlife viewing areas is not only unethicsl but lacks scientific evidence that it will increase prey populations for hunters. Which in itself is another unethical pastime.

These programs would have serious negative impacts on the Denali and Lake Clark ecosystems and therefore should not go ahead.

Thank you.

Name: Jörg Gaiser

Comment:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I was shocked after learning about the critical proposals before the Alaska Board of Game that could significantly impact wolf populations at the borders of two National Parks. These proposals aim to liberalize hunting and trapping regulations, potentially leading to increased wolf mortality.

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.

Wolves, deer, moose and other animals are not there, to be killed for sports! Every creature has a right to live, not only humans! I urge to take care, that these killing plans were cancelled!

Sincerely,

Jörg Gaiser

Baiersbronn

Germany

Name: Gina Obrien

Comment:

I submit my Opposition to any/all proposals to trap, kill, harass, trophy hunt, massacre, any and all wolves. This is despicable and will not be tolerated. No Excuses. Gina Obrein.

Name: Katherine Gonzalez

Comment:

PLEASE STOP SO MUCH HUNTING!!!!!!! WE NEED ANIMALS FOR A BETTER WORLD. WE DO NOT NEED FUR OR FOOD FROM THEM.

Name: Vivian Kao

Comment:

I strongly oppose the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) practice of culling wolves, brown bears, and black bears to artificially increase caribou populations.

This intensive predator control program is ecologically damaging, ethically questionable, and ultimately unsustainable.

The State's Intensive Management Policy states that predator control should be the last step considered, rather than an immediate tool.

Moreover, scientists who are experts in the delicate AK ecosystem have questioned the rationale and effectiveness behind the Mulchatna intensive management proposals.

<https://www.adn.com/opinions/2024/07/04/opinion-biologists-dispute-the-states-mulchatna-intensive-management-rationale/>

What research is the state conducting to determine caribou habitat capacity fro the Mulchatna herd? The target level of 30,000 does not have enough data to support it as a realistic and achievable goal. It may not be feasible to manage the Mulchatna caribou at a sustained population level that permits high-levels of human harvest since the ADF&G's own historical data shows dramatic swings in the Mulchatna's herd size.

Studies have shown that bears are highly individualistic in their hunting habits. A blanket cull over a target area will likely kill bears that do not prey upon caribou at all. It would be a waste of effort and resources which would not yield the desired results.

The state should work on alternative measures to increase caribou herd size. Indigenous Protectors programs have been shown to be effective method; it was successful in southern British Columbia.

Predator control, in addition to being ineffective, is not the state's only option. Bears and wolves play a vital role in maintaining a healthy overall ecosystem. They should not have to pay the price for lack of data and other factors that may be contributing to depressing the Multchatna's herd size.

I urge you to reconsider the current predator control policies and invest in effective, long-term, sustainable solutions that prioritize ecosystem health and respect the intrinsic value of all wildlife.

Sincerely,

Vivian Kao

Name: Charles Jos Biviano

Comment:

Wholesale killing of Alaska's wolf population is absolutely not necessary. 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. As a frequent traveler to Alaska, I come to view the state's wolf population. Please do not remove this misunderstood living state resource.

Name: Kathleen Pratt

Comment:

Maybe game unit GMU 16 should go away and be turned into a non-game area, given the ongoing expense by the state, year after year after year attempting to make the area into something it is not. Stop destroying wildlife. Stop wasting money. Denali and other areas of Alaska attract increasing numbers of visitors to see wildlife, take photos, sharing these with friends and relatives who in turn make the trip to Alaska. Wildlife Tourism dollars spent in the state support the people who live here.

Name: Tom B

Comment:

It is the responsibility of Alaska Game and Fish to manage wildlife for Alaska residents rather than outside interests. As a long time Alaskan native, I can say that more needs to be done to manage wolves and bears which are limiting recovery of our much needed caribou and moose populations. Allowing the same day harvest of bear and wolves for flights into hunting areas will be a step in the right direction to assisting in recovery of our much needed food sources. Alaskans, both rural and urban, depend on harvesting moose and caribou as part of our livelihood to feed out families and pass on the tradition to the next generation. Over the last few winters, the weather has devastated the moose and caribou population but predators remains constant or increasing throughout the state; as a result, caribou and moose populations are having a difficult time recovering. Increasing the harvest and ability to harvest predators for Alaskans will help us better manage our wildlife and help ungulate populations recover to sustainable level where we can put sustainable food on our tables for our families as well as continue our tradition. We (as Alaskans both rural and urban) need more opportunity to harvest predators such as bear and wolves as a necessity to managing and maintaining out sustainable moose and caribou populations.

Name: Carol Book

Comment:

It is a statistical fact that when the predator populations are diminished in nature, it throws everything else in that wildlife area out of balance. Hunters shouldn't be the determining factor in wildlife management. They always have their own destructive agenda.

Name: Daniel Feller

Comment:

Yet another poor management decision focused on predator reduction proposed by AK Fish and Game. Lack of ecological knowledge is rampant through state wildlife agencies, where decisions focus on promoting unsustainable game harvests at the expense of ecosystem management. Hire some capable biologists Alaska and keep the moronic politics of selfishness at bay. I've watched blunder after blunder by the agency throughout my career as a Natural Resources Biologist and wondered why Alaska can't professionally manage natural resources, blame shifting their inability to adequately manage game species while resorting to the easy but ineffective "tool" of predator reduction. Follow the science, you look stupid to anyone well versed in the topic.

Name: David Walker

Comment:

I'm incredulous, appalled, and justifiably upset as to how heinous, unscientific and unconscionable the ADF&G predator-control policy is!

Have you guys lost all semblance of compassion for wildlife – or are you all truly blood-thirsty and trigger-happy canid murderers?! Hard to believe you actually enjoy inflicting such dastardly pain and suffering on these defenseless beings.

(Oh, if only the precious sentient wolves, bears, etc., could respond in kind to your hard-hearted sharp shooters.)

Please STOP this animal-abusing cruelty immediately, you heartless, diabolical wolf-haters! And leave all the keystone predators alone, [REDACTED] you!!

Great thanks.

Name: Hunter B

Comment:

Alaska Game and Fish have a responsibility to manage wildlife for Alaska residents rather than outside interests. I am an life-long Alaska resident, and more needs to be done to manage wolves and bears at this time due to high winter mortality of ungulates over the past four to five winters. Alaska Fish and Game should allow the harvest of bear and wolves on the same day when flying into hunting areas encourage the harvest of more predators. My family and I have had limited opportunity to put the much needed food on our table due to the massive die off we have seen from record snow fall the past several winters and bear and wolf populations are still very high which limits the recovery of caribou and moose population.

Having longer seasons and more liberal hunting opportunities to harvest additional bears and wolves is essential to our way of life as an Alaska native. Alaska residents should be able to harvest moose and bear on the same day they fly and have extended opportunities to hunt bear and wolves.

Name: Elise B

Comment:

We as Alaska residents need the opportunity to manage predators such as bear and wolves better and increase harvest of both species. Being able to hunt bear and wolves the same day would be a step forward for helping the moose and caribou herds much needed recovery for both rural and urban Alaskans. Our culture as Alaskans to be able to harvest wild game and assist in additional predator management is crucial to the survival of our culture. It seems as though outside interests try and tell us how to live, but harvesting wild game is imperative to our survival and way of life. Fish and Game need to allow additional opportunities for Alaska residents.

Name: Charles Roth

Comment:

I appose ALL KILLING OF WOVES and BBEARS. There is no need for this, other than the point of view that these animals are a threat to human existence, which is not true. They are necessary for the balance of nature. We humans are the cause fo the problems causing the environmental disater that we are experiencing at this time. ALL of these animals were here long before we were. WE ARE THE PROBLEM, NOT THEM. We must inform ourselves on the criteria that is causing whatever problem that exists, and find a way to solve it without simply going out and killing wilflife.

Name: Diana Nagy

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?

Leave the wolves, but all the wildlife in Alaska alone, please! Do not destroy the balance of nature any more than it has already been destroyed. The last frontier must at least be the last paradise for the animals and for the Inuit. Be proud of what you have!

Name: Ann Elisabeth Segtnan

Comment:

Wolves are an essential part of its eco system.

Name: Charlotte H Lee

Comment:

wolfs and moos have lived together for millions of years they are disturbed by the humans for hunting and profit, now the wolfs are the bad guys, but in reality are the causes of all the imbalance arte the hunters. There need to be more consideration for the Wolfs because they serve a mayor service as cleaning up leftover carcasses and so many other things

Name: Jeffrey Ramirez

Comment:

Bears are vital

Name: Maggie Sullivan

Comment:

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.

Name: Zee Skurtys

Comment:

I am appalled at plans for eradicating Alaskan wildlife - a disgusting endeavor at the cost of animal lives!

Name: Anni Luneau, Wolf Conservation Center

Comment:

While I am writing from New York, I actually grew up in rural New Hampshire where I maintain close ties. We do not have wild wolves and as a result we have too many deer. Even with hunting - and I respect that there are a lot of people who hunt to put food on the table - the deer population is too large. There is not enough for the deer to eat so they invade people's gardens - depriving humans of their food source. The increase in the deer and moose populations has led to increased traffic fatalities, or at the very least, increased traffic accidents resulting in higher insurance premiums and loss of work. In addition, wasting sickness - which no animal should have to endure - is far more prevalent in areas where deer are over-crowded.

Wolves are intelligent, social creatures who help create balance in nature. Shooting any animal from the sky is an act of cowardice. If you are afraid wolves will run your domestic animals, get a few Great Pyrenees. They will protect your land in a balanced and sustainable manner and they will love living in Alaska.

Name: Nick Larghi

Comment:

I'm tired of Alaska being behind the times and practicing outdated management practices. These animals are worth more alive than dead. It's time to keep Alaska as the true last frontier. We need to stop predator management, it's inhumane, outdated, and ineffective.

Name: Louis Rhodes

Comment:

Dr. Sirs:

Please protect ALL wolves as much as possible. Wolf populations nationwide are critically declining! The US must get rid of these terrible policies regarding loose and horrific killing of wolves resulting in wholesale declining wolf populations.

Thank you.

Louis D. Rhodes, Jr., MD

Name: Mary Bloye

Comment:

I am totally opposed to this. Brown bears should be protected. They are good for tourism

Name: Ann Coz

Comment:

Please reconsider this plan. 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Mary Lou Zeis

Comment:

I recently visited Lake Clark NP and did not see any wolves and only a few bears. That's why I don't understand why there is any need for this senseless killing, especially shooting/killing them from planes or helicopters. How brutal. I can't understand the mind set of people that are able to do this without any guilt or care for wildlife.

Name: Susan Urang

Comment:

I vehemently oppose the proposition to hunt wolves and bears by shooting them from helicopters and planes. Wolves and bears are essential predators and killing them from the air is grossly unfair and

unsportsmanlike. Please PLEASE do not approve the proposal for shooting them from airplanes and helicopters. Please let them live free of harm by humans.

Name: Jean Nix

Comment:

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Please do not allow aerial gun hunting of Alaska's wolves. These creatures are family members and serve a special purpose to other wolves. The family can't survive without all the members. Wolves are sentient and a part of the heritage of all Americans.

They are only hunted for sport, which is absolutely unnecessary.

Please help keep wolves from going extinct.

Thank you.

Name: Marcello Giuliani

Comment:

Believe in science, not in business

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Name: Daniele Falcinelli

Comment:

The choice of harvesting so much wolves and bears is not supported by population sizes, so I oppose to It.

Name: Maria Laura Pretaroli

Comment:

Salviamo l'orso

Name: Giulia Pace

Comment:

This Is due to climate change for for. Large carnivor

Name: Stefano Civitarese, Stazione ornitologica abruzzese

Comment:

Oppose. It's scientifically wrong to attribute the decrease of caribous to predators

Name: Amatuzio Erennio

Comment:

Non sono d'accordo con l'abbattimento di lupi ed orsi (I do not agree with the culling of wolves and bears - Google translate)

Name: Nicolò Borgianni, Rewilding Europe

Comment:

Such important decisions must be taken taking into account the scientific knowledge on the subject, to intervene in the most effective way possible and above all to have concrete effects.

Scientific literature indicates climate change as the main cause of the reduction in the number of caribou, therefore intervening on the number of carnivores is not only a probably ineffective measure, but it risks being counterproductive.

Name: johan van dijk

Comment:

PLEASE SAVE OUR PRECIOUS WOLVES!!!! STOP THE CRUEL HUNTING!!!

Name: alexandra van dijk

Comment:

I'm AGAINST all hunting! Please end this barbaric cruelty!

Name: adriaan foppen

Comment:

A civilized country does not allow hunting! I am ashamed to be a citizen of such a barbaric society. Please stop this sickening horror ASAP!

Name: kira van dijk

Comment:

Please keep our beautiful wolves and all other animals safe! Don't let evil uncivilized hunters kill our precious wildlife!! Hunting is barbaric and primitive and must end NOW!

Name: Angelique Prescod

Comment:

It's time to protect and see animals as a extension of us and of nature as we also are an extension of nature. It's outrageous that you guys are still aloud to just decide to kill animals as if they're just walking garbage you're disposing of. If the roles were reversed you wouldn't find it funny. What happened to treat others like you want to be treated? Does that apply only to humans?

Name: Kaija Jones

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. I oppose this. 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: Karyn Ford, I don't belong to a group. This is just my opinion.

Comment:

I don't believe you should be killing any bears or wolves. There beautiful, majestic animals. Why do we have to destroy and kill as humans. It's just so wrong to do that. Let these animals live there lives in peace.

Name: Tim Haubry

Comment:

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Name: Inez Mahony

Comment:

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Name: Garrett Hutcheson

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed measures that would authorize the aerial gunning of wolves, brown bears, and black bears near the borders of iconic wildlife viewing regions, including Denali National Park and Lake Clark National Park.

These proposals raise significant ethical concerns and lack scientific evidence to justify their implementation. Studies have consistently shown that Alaska's predator control programs, which aim to increase prey populations such as moose, caribou, and deer for hunters, are not effective in achieving their stated goals. In particular, research indicates these programs do not lead to measurable increases in human moose harvests.

Moreover, these measures would have serious and negative consequences for the delicate ecosystems of Denali and Lake Clark. Predators like wolves and bears play an essential role in maintaining ecological balance by regulating prey populations and promoting biodiversity. Removing them disrupts these systems, potentially leading to long-term harm to the parks' wildlife and habitats.

Beyond the ecological impacts, these proposals jeopardize the unique opportunity for visitors from around the world to experience the majesty of Alaska's wildlife. Denali and Lake Clark are world-renowned destinations for wildlife viewing, a vital contributor to Alaska's economy and a source of inspiration for countless people. Aerial gunning of predators at park borders risks diminishing this extraordinary natural heritage for future generations.

I urge you to reject these proposals and instead prioritize conservation strategies that reflect ethical stewardship and science-based management of wildlife. Protecting wolves, bears, and other predators is not only essential for the health of Alaska's ecosystems but also for preserving the natural beauty and biodiversity that make these parks iconic.

Sincerely,

Garrett H

Name: Lynn Anderson

Comment:

Aerial gunning is indiscriminate, and ecologically damaging. It must never be legalized.

Name: Peter Branson

Comment:

Predator control is an outdated concept. An ecosystem approach should be used. In addition you're harming a growing and important industry in Alaska, tourism. I'm a guide at a local bear viewing area, Anan, a major contributor to our economy. Simply put , fewer charismatic megafauna, namely wolves and bears that you want to eliminate, will cost jobs.

Name: Suzanne Krivoy

Comment:

Do not allow grey wolves to be killed from aircraft. This is inhumane. Please find another solution.

Name: Michelle Martinez

Comment:

Alaska is the home of these animals and they come first, not newcomer humans who choose to move there. Shooting animals from a helicopter is dangerous, and clearly a scene of money laundering among the politicians and company that will run this operation. Hunting tags should be issued to responsible hunters who respect the balance of nature, while government also must limit human encroachment into wolf and bear habitat.

Name: Mel Gomez

Comment:

Stop killing in the name of conservation. ■ does one have to do with the other- lets them live in peace.

Name: Christina Brockbank

Comment:

Save the wolves. Let them be!

Name: Ken Amagai

Comment:

I am planning to visit the Katmai area from Japan for sightseeing.

I am hoping that they will maintain the natural ecosystem of the bears.

Please check the attachment

Name: DEAN GRICE

Comment:

save all wolves

Name: Cynthia Bournellis

Comment:

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Your proposals to hunt wolves, bears and other wildlife by air or any other means is a euphemism for KILL and is inhumane and cruel. Please leave wildlife alone; they will take care of themselves.

Name: Katyuska Royster

Comment:

Please, don't kill them. They are here for a reason, just like us (humanas). We can do something better with them such as preserved their habitat. Please have compassion, love and grace for those beautiful blessings that we have in our ecosystem. Don't kill them.

Name: Larry Royster

Comment:

Don't kill them, they are so important for our ecosystem. Preserve their habitat!!! We can find the way to help them to be here and coexist. Don't kill them!!+

Name: Bev SoychK

Comment:

I'm deeply concerned for the approach being considered to cull bears and wolves. Science has proven over and over that is not a sustainable solution .

We owe it to our wildlife our communities and tourist and generations to come to keep wild lands wild and seek coexistence methods that support humane and wild populations. Most conflicts do involve human interferences in some ways . My specialty is beavers , they are one of the most misunderstood and anialated species in existence yet benefits are now coming forward but getting protections is almost impossible . Once you go down the slope it's too slippery to get back up ! Please consider working closer to find a better way to keep Alaska wild it's one of the last frontiers.

Name: Arlene Spencer

Comment:

Dear Alaska Board of Game Members:

The implementation of wanton destruction of predators as natural resource management 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.

Thank you for your attention to my comment.

Sincerely,

Arlene Spencer

Name: Kim Daniels, WCC

Comment:

Wolves are an important part of our ecosystem. They are not many more wolves left in the wild killing wolves for fun or for sport should not be tolerated as if any animal should be not killed for fun or sport just not wolves. I stand for all the animals. Thank you.

Name: Ayesha Jain

Comment:

This is their home. When will humans stop taking and taking for wildlife. I oppose this proposition. Please protect wildlife, Alaska is known for its wildlife. I will tell everyone not to visit a state that puts itself above gods nature.

Name: Saul Marin

Comment:

These exotic animals should not be killed or hunted, bears especially are endangered animals, these animals need to be left alone and instead we should focus on climate control/change, we need to be making these animals homes better and more greener

Name: Jeffrey Stevens

Comment:

The aerial killing of brown bears and wolves in Alaska is a misguided and outdated approach that does little to help moose populations. There's no evidence that removing predators leads to long-term increases in moose numbers. In fact, it disrupts the natural balance of the ecosystem and causes more harm than good. It's time to move away from this ineffective strategy and adopt more humane and science-based methods for managing wildlife. Reform is overdue, and it's crucial for the health of both predator and prey populations.

Name: Gina Zanmarini

Comment:

This proposal is not science backed as large ungulate populations do well when predator populations do. These killings of wolves and bears will lead to boom and bust populations, if they even have an effect at all. Caribou and moose need habitat protections to increase numbers significantly, please focus there instead.

Name: Gina Zanarini

Comment:

If an increase in large ungulate populations is being cited as the main reason for the killing of large predators (wolves and bears), then there is no science to back such a claim. The science supports more habitat connectivity if that is truly the desire. Otherwise put it under a different proposal that is more open and clear.

Name: Kayla Idemne, The Wildlife Collective

Comment:

Animals have the right of their land just as much as humans do. Humans are SUPPOSED to share the land with wildlife creatures. Is it NOT our right to hunt or kill for pleasure/gain any animal. These wildlife creatures bring many benefits to the Earth and biosphere, hunting bears and wolves by a huge percentage is CRUEL AND UNJUST. This land is the animals, we CO-EXIST with them. ANIMALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE

Name: Karen Baker

Comment:

Please oppose killing grizzlies and wolves by helicopter. It is cruel. Please find humane ways in which animals and people can coexist together. Thank you.

Name: Samantha Weiss

Comment:

This is barbaric and terrible for the environment. Sincerely, an environmental engineer.

Name: Avery Ambrose

Comment:

Please save those sweet animals

Name: Karen Wrzesien

Comment:

I am writing about the proposal to hunt and kill the wolves and bears. It is appalling to think that we humans want to hunt these majestic creatures. They are both apex predators and are crucial to a successful ecosystem! We humans need to do more to protect them. As elected officials it is part of your duty to ensure a healthy environment and killing these creatures is not the way. Please consider other options before destroying these creatures.

Sincerely,

Karen Wrzesien

Name: Janice Anderson

Comment:

Responses to send re bears.docx

Written

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.

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT 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. Having said that, there are indications some populations are collapsing due to human activity, so all hunting should CEASE until such time as reasons for this are made clear through scientific facts and studies. Nonresidents should NOT be allowed to hunt caribou, nor anyone other than indigenous people specifically using it as a food source, not a trophy.

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT 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. Hunting should stop given collapses in most populations. Nonresidents should not be allowed to hunt caribou. Nonresidents should NOT be allowed to hunt caribou, nor anyone other than indigenous people specifically using it as a food source, not a trophy.

SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT 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. With studies showing collapse in all of the populations, all hunting should cease. Nonresidents should NOT be allowed to hunt caribou, nor anyone other than indigenous people specifically using it as a food source, not a trophy.

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 hunting laws need to be modified for the protection of the species. Population numbers have crashed in all but 2 areas. We suggest NO hunting for at least the next 5 years until numbers rebound, and certainly no hunting allowed for non-residents.

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

Increasing moose hunting at the current levels is bad enough, introducing NEW hunting seasons and handing out more permits will only make the situation worse.

Support with Amendment 65, 68, 69

If you are going to persist in allowing people to hunt moose, then yes, decrease the number of permits, lower the bag limit, and shorten the season. Frankly, for both caribou and moose, if anyone should be allowed to hunt them at all, it should be only the indigenous local population, who will use any animal killed as a major food source for themselves and their families. Trophy hunting is a disgraceful waste of a very limited natural resource, one which can save lives in the harsh Arctic.

OPPOSE Proposals 70 to 81, 83, 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.

Support with Amendment 82: There should be NO traps anywhere where children, dogs, or ordinary citizens would be walking. Remove, or increase the distance from the sides of the roads/rights of way.

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.

Janice Anderson

Glencoe, Ca

Name: Vanessa Bonifacio, Chunkz & Tubz Rescue

Comment:

We do not feel the majority of these propositions are just nor necessary. Quite frankly, we find it extremely barbaric and absurd to aerial shoot animals, let alone hunt them entirely. Please consider allowing the ever decreasing population of wolves, bears, and other large mammals to be at peace from your senseless hunting antics.

Name: Adolfo Rodríguez Moreno

Comment:

This is stupid and will only make a PLAGUE of hervivores as there wont be predators to control the population. Also carnívores form an important part of the country's identity.

Name: Alexandria Harr

Comment:

Studies have shown that Alaska's predator control programs - aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters - do not increase human moose harvest.

Large carnivore management in Alaska is a reversion to outdated management concepts and occurs without effective monitoring programs designed to scientifically evaluate impacts on predator populations or identify causal relationships between predator control and pre-population dynamics.

If approved, this proposal would give ADFG full reign to implement an aerial gunning plan in Unit 16. Once a proposal like this is approved, ADFG has the authority to develop an Operational Plan for aerial gunning that is not open to public comment.

Please don't do this!!!!

Name: Monique Kirsch

Comment:

I am opposing this proposal as this act is cruel and inhumane against the wildlife that reside on this land . This senseless violence to innocent animals that are vital to an already compromised environment . To gun down wolves and bears by parasitic humans is an egotistical act that we will not stand for . Humans cannot survive without the balance of all species and to reduce the population numbers so drastically you are pushing towards a desolated planet .

Name: Sherry Mezg

Comment:

I oppose the aerial wildlife killing of any creature - stop the human invasion! Survival of the fittest in the region- allow it to stay as wild as it is now. No increasing bear bag tags, no baiting, no drone or like aiding in hunting (only conservation efforts) . Limit Caribou killing by human hunters if you want those creatures numbers to increase!

Name: Barb Mezg

Comment:

Oppose increase hunting of all wildlife! No increase to human killings, incursion into the wilderness even with digital imagery. Support shortening days of hunting, numbers killed of any creature, limiting nonresident hunting,. Just less killing by humans in total! Green light the animals, red light to the humans

Name: Elena Arceo

Comment:

No to killing any animal! Completely oppose

Name: Nick Acosta

Comment:

I don't think it's right to kill any animal on purpose regardless of what role they have in the food chain, we are losing so many species every year is saddening and sickening.

Name: Kevin Dole

Comment:

It is barbaric shooting animals by helicopter

Name: Mitchell Kitt

Comment:

I OPPOSE the areal shooting of predators in Denali. It is a misplaced approach with no benefits to anyone especially the local ecosystem.

Name: Cindy Barclay

Comment:

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populations or identify causal relationships between predator control and pre-population dynamics.to 80%.

This is not a wise decision and i personally strongly oppose. When you implement mass killings of species, you run a huge risk of having devastating repercussions in the future!! We cannot afford to have that happen in this day and age of such uncertainty of the changes happening on our planet affecting all species .Thank you for listening.

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populations or identify causal relationships between predator control and pre-population dynamics.

Name: Enna Desai

Comment:

Please do away with this proposition trying to control wildlife and its own natural habitation.

Name: Monica Miranda Fay, Wildlife collectors

Comment:

Please respect wild life don't kill animals just. Because 🙏🙏

Name: Nuha Rushdi

Comment:

What purpose does the killing of animals in their natural habitat do? If studies have proven this will have no effect, then the only purpose for doing this is to satisfy some internal need to kill.

Name: Anett Meszaros

Comment:

I know these pesty animal lives mean nothing to you and I'm sure the shooting game will be fun for the wildlife organization. But for a minute, start thinking what your kids, grandkids, generations to come will have...or won't have. Killing can't be the solution anymore, what kind of an example does that give? No wonder our race is flooded with inhumane acts. Humans need to be smarter and more conscious that this massive chunk of rock we live on is shared, that means it's not ours to dominate like we are superior. Our actions have proven we are inferior and unfortunately are triggering our own extinction. I'm sure the mass animal killings will continue regardless of signing this, I just hope one day you realize what your actions actually mean. Merry Christmas Alaska Fish and Wildlife.

Name: Henry Shaver

Comment:

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Large carnivore management in Alaska is a reversion to outdated management concepts and occurs without effective monitoring programs designed to scientifically evaluate impacts on predator populations or identify causal relationships between predator control and pre-population dynamics.

Name: Flora Merryfield

Comment:

This is an outdated practice.

I oppose the proposition to decrease wolf and bear populations in Alaska.

Name: Ana Mauro

Comment:

Please don't kill brown and black bears and wolves. We are not God and leave the nature alone.

Name: jay Harrison

Comment:

These animals are NOT invasive!

Top of the food chain animals is the sign of a HEALTHY ecosystem.

Modifying it with killings is not the answer.

Please do not kill these animals, let nature do its thing. It's very possible that by intervening with killings these species will be endangered themselves in this ecosystem.

Let nature DO ITS THING. Naturally.

Thank you.

Name: Jack Hardy

Comment:

Let nature be free to follow its course, without human interaction.

No human intervention needed, do not endanger these wolves and bears.

Top of the food chain being present is a sign of a HEALTHY eco system.

Please let nature run its course without human interaction

Name: Sidney Harper

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) practice of culling wolves, brown bears, and black bears to increase caribou populations artificially. Intensive predator control programs damage ecosystem health and resilience. Also, bears and wolves have a cultural significance to indigenous people and their customs on prey harvesting should be considered.

Ecological significance: Large predators prevent overgrazing, and promote biodiversity, A study of wolves and moose in Isle Royale found that with fewer predators, moose become overcrowded, deplete their resources, and ultimately major die-offs. Bringing in more wolves led to a more sustainable population. Other studies have found more diverse plant life when predators and prey are in balance.

There seems to be insufficient data on whether this predator reduction would lead to a stable population or if it would lead to unsustainable growth and a collapse. I feel most hunters would prefer a more stable population.

Quality of the habitat: I question if there has been sufficient study on whether the habitat quality is enough to sustain an increased population. Also, more studies are needed on how often caribou is a part of the bear and wolf diet.

Potential for overcorrecting: Bears recover slowly due to their slow reproduction rate and are difficult to census. There is the potential to overcorrect leading to an unsustainable ecosystem.

I urge you to reconsider the predator control policies and invest in studies on caribou population health and habitat quality as well as more studies on predator-prey relationships. Protecting habitat quality and human activities that may affect habitat quality may be more sustainable in the long term.

Name: Marina Ceinos

Comment:

This is insane... Please leave wildlife free and stop torturing ecosystems and Wild animals, this is so sad.

Name: Susan Urang, Humanity

Comment:

I am vehemently opposed to ANY proposal that allows killing of wolves and other predators, by grossly unfair means such as shooting them from helicopters. They are essential to a functioning ecosystem and

should be LEFT ALONE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITHOUT FEAR OF HARM BY HUMANS!! I will never visit Alaska for any reason as long as wolves are killed for any reason! Mankind should be ashamed of such despicable behavior toward the non-human denizens of this planet.

Name: Drew Reid

Comment:

Why are you trying to make another species extinct/endangered? There's a difference between population control, and accelerating potential extinction and an endangered species. If you're so upset about it, then do it yourself on the ground like a man would. I'd prefer neither as a hiker/nature loving person.

Name: Logan Johnson

Comment:

Lived in Alaska for three years. Leave the ██████ predators alone.

Name: Nikola Radisic

Comment:

Just stop the slaughter. Science is clear as to the necessity of apex predators for a balanced eco system. Wolves & bears are key factors to keep a balanced and healthy eco system. Protect wildlife instead of giving into people who's only desire is to kill for the sake of killing. Hunting from a helicopter is wanton slaughter. I'm an avid outdoorsman who is dead set against this idiocy.

Name: Jennifer Jones-Reynolds, The Wildlife Collective

Comment:

Please don't pass this proposal through. Let Alaskan wildlife remain wild & free. Let nature takes it's course over time. We don't need to intervene & kill innocent wildlife.

Name: Jennifer Jones-Reynolds, The Wildlife Collective

Comment:

Please do not pass this proposal. Alaska should be allowed to remain wild and free. Allow nature to take its course with this wildlife. Please do not kill the innocent animals!!!

Name: Sandy Gottstein

Comment:

I oppose all absolutely unnecessary killing of wolves. Fish and Game needs to review how saving wolves restored Yosemite beyond anyone's wildest dreams.

Name: lisa shire

Comment:

Predator culls do not support a healthy balance for prey species.

Name: roland d'amour

Comment:

I am so against the hunting of wolves (or any animals) from vehicles like snowmobiles, helicopters, trucks, etc. this is incredibly wrong and must be 100% illegal. please make sure that the penalties for doing so, are very severe.

Name: Lea Benson

Comment:

Wolves are apex predators; and the entire ecosystem relies upon their biodiversity.

Name: Christine Osekoski

Comment:

As an executive director of a conservation organization and a personal lifelong urban and rural conservationist, I do not understand why we continue to lessen protections on key predator species of ecosystems. They keep populations of all species healthy in check. They are not preying on anything near human interests. Asking for your reconsideration of this bill. Thank you, Christine Osekoski

Name: Jaime Center

Comment:

"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children." - Theodore Roosevelt

Name: Anke Isser

Comment:

Please don't do that, the bears are so important for this country, nature and for us.

Name: Marie Verbytska

Comment:

Strongly oppose proposal regarding aerial gunning of wolves and bears. It is cruel, inhumane, and proven to be ineffective. Leave our wildlife alone!

Name: Stephanie Melenka

Comment:

Studies have shown that Alaska's predator control programs — aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters — do not increase human moose harvest.

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Additionally, 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 and 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: Red Kelly

Comment:

Leave those majestic animals alone.

Name: tracy nilson

Comment:

Wolfs must be protected, these proposals are not at all in there best interest, we are suppose to be protecting none of these are doing this at all!!!

Name: Owen Petersen

Comment:

Controlling wildlife for human enjoyment is not ethical. The eco system of every region operates in a natural and respectful order. Once certain human intervention is introduced that isn't necessary, individuals who caused intervention may see an irreversible effect due to half thought actions.

Name: Kathy Axe

Comment:

Oppose all!!! Keep the bears safe!!

Name: Olivia Lawless

Comment:

The bill that Sen Cory Booker (NJ) & Rep Raúl M. Grijalva (AZ) introduced to protect bears, wolves, and bison, which advocates for coexistence among these 3 species with the understanding that the

predator/prey dynamic is part of the ecosystem. S.5115 - Tribal Heritage and American Bison, Grizzly Bear, and Wolf Restoration and Coexistence Act. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/5115/text>.

Name: Theresa Johnson

Comment:

I absolutely do not understand the decimation of any wildlife without the absolute necessity to do so. People have encroached on the natural environment of so many species of wildlife, and the only solution is to control the population of them. What right do we humans have to choose whether a wolf, a bear, a moose, a muskrat, has the right to live or die by our hand? What right do we have to decide how many live or die? Is this what we'll be doing next to people if we have too many neighbors don't like someone, or don't get along with them, then we get to decide if they live or die too?

I thought Conservation was exactly that. Conserving nature and all that lives in it so we can enjoy it and so future generations can too.

Why do we get to play God? Why do we get to decide? Who said we could? Who gave us the permission to take out these animals that are just living their lives on their own terms? Did we ask their permission to take their lives? Did they give it to us? Why do we think we have the right to do it? Why do we think we have the right to decide for them? Is money that much more important than their lives?

Is consumerism that much more important than anything else? The almighty dollar that has to be made at the cost of animals that were here before we were alive.

I guess my biggest concern besides the greed is that when does it stop? Where does it stop? What will it be next? When is it enough? I don't know what the people that want to do this are thinking, but in my mind, all lives matter on this earth, they all serve a purpose, whether we understand it or agree with it or not.

I absolutely think this is a horrible idea, a horrible thing to do to animals, and to do it from the air, picking them off is even more disgusting. Honestly, I don't know how you live with yourselves making these decisions.

Name: Glen Nicoletti

Comment:

I oppose any type of Aerial hunting of any animal unless it is to cull the herd for its own good and survival and the long term survival of the nature in that region.

Name: Diane Loppnow

Comment:

Please, I urge you to vote no on the proposals to control predators. These proposals provide advantage to hunters only and are not ecologically sound nor are they environmentally advantageous!

Name: Emily Cauley

Comment:

I hope this finds you well. I am writing out of concern for the precious wolves we have remaining in our country. This letter is to express my concern for not only the lives of all wolves but also our environment. Wolves are critical to our environment. As an avid animal lover and now a mother, both issues concern me greatly. As an animal lover, it breaks my heart that people torture and mercilessly kill these beautiful, powerful creatures. Even worse that there is no justice served to those who do these killings. Wolves should be protected and their lands should be protected. I strongly believe any sort of criminal penalty would deter these abhorrent actions. Secondly, but no less importantly, as a mother I am for our environment and for the respect we show animals and humans. I won't waste your valuable time attempting to explain the importance of wolves to the environment, I'm afraid I wouldn't do it justice, but several studies have proven the positive impact wolves have on our environment, as I'm sure you and your team are already well aware. If we don't protect the wolves (and other wildlife) and the lands they live on, help

maintain the natural balance, I fear what our country will become, both in terms of empathy, respect for our environment and wildlife and the landscape itself.

Name: Jack Loppnow

Comment:

I urge you to oppose any proposals designed to kill wolves. I particularly object to proposals that extend the killing season and allow aerial killing. These proposals only give an unfair advantage to hunters and are not based on sound environmental management.

Name: peter hapke

Comment:

The wildlife science is well-settled and clear that culling predators in a geographic area does not result in healthy ungulate populations. Rather, Alaska caribou and moose populations are declining in certain geographic areas because of climate change, industrial development and habitat loss and loss of connectivity between habitat. Bears and wolves should not be scapegoated and killed to appease hunters when the science does not support it. Bears and wolves are critical apex species for balanced and healthy ecosystems. Tourists come to Alaska and support an important economy to view these large predators in Denali and Lake Clark National Parks.

Name: Angela Stofsky

Comment:

As an avid traveler to Alaska, please do not change the laws that protect our wildlife in our protected lands. Preserve wildlife.

Name: Sheila Krug-Swaney

Comment:

I travel to AK to photograph its apex predators, are you trying to reduce tourism? Not to mention the inhumane traps rendering them unable to defend or provide for themselves? Are you planning on taking out the natural beauty of wildernesses for 'progress' as well?

Once it's gone ... suffice it to say I am NOT at all behind this proposal.

Name: Katy Ellis

Comment:

Large scale shooting of apex predators is not only unethical but also threatens ecosystems with sudden imbalances. It's impossible to predict how the food web will regulate itself after, and gives me so predators unnaturally reduced pressure.

Given the worldwide conservation status of wolves and bears, greatly reducing the number of extant individuals would illogically damage the gene pool, which we might need to critically rely on in future should other populations diminish. These extant individuals are a critical lifeline for some of the world's last remaining wilderness.

There is also the cultural value that these animals hold for people - Indigenous and non-Indigenous - which would be totally violated if such extermination occurs.

Sterility measures are more ethical and reduce pressure on ungulate populations, whilst giving ecosystems and foodwebs a chance to reequilibrate more gradually and naturally. Bob Hayes' book Wolves of the Yukon highlights how we have already experimented in culling wolves and sterility measures work much better.

Name: Kris Horvath

Comment:

Dear Sir, Madame,

I am totally against the killing of wolves and all bears in Alaska. These animals are very important for the ecosystem. They should be protected at any cost. There are already too few predators and wildlife as a whole in Alaska and on our planet.

Protection of our wildlife as a whole should be of our greatest concern.

Any proposal/proposition that offers the possibility of killing wolves and bears should be opposed.

Sincerely,

Krisztina Horvath

Name: Danielle Tipton

Comment:

Please don't kill bears, wolves and other predators that are a natural part of the Alaskan predator population.

Name: Tracy Boyer

Comment:

These predators need protection!! I am opposed to any laws or bills that remove protections for Wolves, Bears and any other predators. I come to Alaska every year to fish and enjoy seeing wildlife that we don't have anymore in Oregon. Alaska should be promoting the fact that you can still see these animals in the wild. Thank you

Name: deanna horton

Comment:

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. We need to protect our Wolves - not hunt and kill them - they ARE essential.

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Name: Julia Gueth

Comment:

Please don't kill wolves for sport. That is cruel and inhumane. There is absolutely no good reason for it. Alaska is plenty big and there are not enough wolves. They are required for biological diversity. Killing them is atrocity and murder! Stupid human ignorance and arrogance.

Name: Kathy Axe

Comment:

Killing innocent animals for fun and or money is SICK!!! This is NOT the way to promote Alaska!!' It's WRONG!!!

Name: Olivia Amestoy

Comment:

Bears are imperative to our ecosystems and the impact of their killings would reach far and wide. The impact on tourism would be significant since views that include bears drive visitors. Preserving wildlife means doing just that.

Name: Janet Brooks

Comment:

I oppose all Board of Game proposals that would destroy any wolf animals.

Name: Lisa Scharin

Comment:

What is WRONG with this agency?? Nationally Wildlife Services, Fish & Wildlife, etc have slaughtered Millions of Wildlife that the MAJORITY of Americans want PROTECTED and LEFT ALONE! We are seeing the World's 6th largest extinction rate right now-We cannot say that We are educated, advanced, civilized or humane IF We allow ANY species to become extinct or to be listed as Endangered! Wolves should NEVER have been delisted in the first place-they have lost most of their natural territory and migration routes-along with Grizzly Bears and other predators like Mountain Lions-

It is obvious and clear that We CANNOT continue to use lethal methods when dealing with ANY Animal-there are TOO many threats against them as it is due to Humans!

Habitat loss due to development, industry mining, blasting, fracking, etc, logging, climate change and the change of migration, behavior among so many Animals is causing ecosystem collapse!

It is also very clear to many that Chronic Wasting disease is spreading and killing hundreds of Deer, Elk, Moose, etc due to the FACT that there is an UNNATURALLY LOW population of predators!!! This agency should know better than ANY "lay person"-YET YOU do NOT follow SCIENCE, the Trophic Cascade and how Animals work together in symbiotic relationships-Predators naturally prey on the sick and the elderly in a herd-helping to keep that herd healthy and in balance-reducing the dangerous risks of diseases-SOO WHILE these States are spending MILLIONS to "combat, solve" this issue-it IS the VERY

act of killing OFF ALL these Predators that YOU support and also fund-with MY tax money-that has caused the issue and problem of chronic wasting disease-

Many would think that in light of E-Bola, HIV, AIDES, E-Coli, Swine flu, Covid and now Avian flu that YOU would FINALLY CONNECT the DOTS and SEE that taking WILD Animals OUT of their habitats and IN close contact with Humans IS EXACTLY how these deadly virus's infect Humans! 73% of all zoonotic diseases Humans get come from Animals-

It is OBVIOUS again-that We are causing the very dangerous situations we are spending too much money on to resolve! The answer is also obvious-NOT to use lethal methods!!

It is also well documented that using lethal methods-killing off pairs of Wolves, the Alpha male or female or any member of any pack that the disruption actually causes more incidents of predation on "livestock" and also unpredictable behavior within these packs-if an entire pack is wiped out-then another one will move into that territory-that will behave differently and might be more aggressive in predation-it has proven numerous times to be COUNTER productive and actually makes matters worse!!

I would say that YOU and ALL agencies within Our Park system and managing Wildlife should NOW begin to STOP using lethal methods-With the risks of another pandemic in Avian flu-which has now infected over 700 herds of Cows in the USA-also infecting Humans now-this virus MUST NOT be ignored-action should NOT be delayed either-as it was for Covid with the incompetence of trump-NOW that he is back-this is a VERY REAL danger of another pandemic spreading-WILL YOUR ACTIONS HELP increase this risk?? I believe that the writing has been on the wall and the alarms have been going off for a very long time and Humans NEED to FINALLY LISTEN & STOP doing the SAME things over and over again-thinking things will get better-they won't!

I also RESENT MY HARD earned tax money going toward the slaughter of these iconic, vital predators that help keep the balance and health of other Wildlife species and the Wilderness areas they call home.

I also RESENT the EGREGIOUS, SAVAGE, BARBARIC act of chasing down ANY Animal with ANY motorized vehicle!!! As one of the thousands that petitioned to have Cody Roberts thrown in JAIL for running over a Wolf in Wyoming with His snowmobile-YOU prove that this is NOT a "one off" incident" that Cody was just another caveman with NO brain and was only exposed due to his immoral, unethical, evil act & showing off-so he was "caught"-People like Me know this IS the mindset and sick, demented ethos of underdeveloped Humans-cavemen among us-for sure!!! NOT "evolved" to the level of being about to understand, respect and appreciate the VALUE that these Animals have ALIVE and LEFT in GOD'S Creation-as GOD's creatures-NOT to be hunted down in cold blood just for existing!! More People are realizing this-it's about time-that Animals deserve to be autonomous from Humans and that Humans MUST CO-EXIST with the Animals We have left!! It is imperative now due to ALL the threats that are SOO obviously changing landscapes and Animal behavior-YOU ARE FOOLS NOT TO USE YOUR BRAINS, EVIDENCE, SCIENCE To CHANGE how YOU interact with these Keystone species that HELP ALL of Us actually be healthier too-

We are WELL INTO the 21st century and YOU should NOT be using ANY lethal methods-unless YOU are being physically attacked by one of these Animals-which is VERY rare since they naturally stay away from Humans-the ONLY reason why they would go near Humans is because dim witted Humans use Human food to "bait" them OR put EVASIVE Animals INTO predator territory and do NOTHING to PROTECT those Animals they claim to "care about"!!!!!!! Also VERY TIRED of that!! Ranchers should Keep their Cattle, "livestock" OUT of Wilderness areas, OUT of Public Lands-Parks-Ranchers should use their OWN land and ONLY their OWN land-NOT grazing for pennies while taxpayers pick up

the rest of the tab-BS!!!!!! Ranchers NEED to be RESPONSIBLE, ACCOUNTABLE and SPEND the Money it takes to PROTECT their EVASIVE Animals If there are any predators in that area-There are MANY NON lethal methods to use and the Wood River Project in Idaho-of ALL places has been VERY successful for decades now!!!!!!!!!

Maybe We should demand for a COMPLETE REFORM of THIS SYSTEM-GUESS WHAT// THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING!!!!!!!!!!

STOP being a neanderthal and USE YOUR DEGREES! It's backwards to take a weapon and shoot another living being-it should NO longer be supported, invested in, tolerated or allowed by ANYONE!!!!!! STOP! I HOPE THAT YOU ARE SUED!!!!!!!!!!

Name: Patricia Logan

Comment:

This proposal to use taxpayers money to murder 100 wolves is an abomination! I was going to come to visit Alaska to see wildlife but since you are killing most of the wolves count me and my family out. Please go study ecology and learn how your insidious practice of killing apex predators is going to backfire on you someday. What on earth is wrong with you?

Name: Jill Pole

Comment:

I oppose this unnecessary, inhumane overreach of government. There is no need to waste government resources to terrorize and kill innocent animals, whose lifestyles and natural patterns have already been uprooted by human activity. This is a serious overreach of government and a failing attempt at land management. Do better.

Name: Lynne Robertson

Comment:

This proposal is barbaric and archaic. Conservation has moved far beyond indiscriminate killing of large carnivores to increase prey population numbers. Let the beats live in peace. America is huge and hunters can hunt in places where there are fewer large carnivores to compete with.

Name: Soha Sabet

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any plans to kill bears, wolves, or other apex predators. These animals play a critical role in maintaining healthy ecosystems by regulating prey populations and supporting biodiversity. Lethal management practices disrupt natural processes and can lead to long-term ecological imbalance.

Instead, I urge the department to focus on non-lethal, science-based strategies to address conflicts with wildlife, such as improved livestock management, public education, and habitat preservation. Protecting these species aligns with the values of conservation and responsible wildlife stewardship that many of us hold dear.

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Name: Betzaida Perez

Comment:

Oppose to kill wildlife animals! There are other options. Thanks

Name: Andra Cameron

Comment:

Dear Members of the Alaska Board of Game,

I urge you to ****not sign any legislation that includes wolf hunting****. Wolves are an integral part of our ecosystem and have a rightful place in their native land. Their presence plays a crucial role in maintaining the balance of wildlife populations, helping to control the numbers of various animals in the state.

Hunting wolves is not only a cruel practice but also an outdated one that undermines the natural order. It is essential to recognize that wolves contribute to the health of our ecosystems by regulating prey populations, which ultimately benefits other species, including those that humans value.

By allowing wolf hunting, we risk disrupting this delicate balance and perpetuating a cycle of ecological decline. Instead, we should focus on conservation efforts that respect and protect these majestic animals and their habitats.

Thank you for considering the importance of this issue.

Name: Jim Williams

Comment:

Oppose aerial killing of wild animals. Once they're gone, they're gone!

Name: Lindsay Lewis

Comment:

I strongly oppose the aerial removal of any brown bears, black bears or wolves.

Name: Colin Donohue

Comment:

As someone who loves, respects, and rescues canids, the genus of which both dogs and wolves belong to, i find the hunting of wolves, for sport, to be reprehensible.

Name: silvia garre

Comment:

Please do not kill any wolves, instead, protect them. We are all stewards of all the animals and plants in the planet, not their owners. They have the same right to live and enjoy life as us. God bless you!

Silvia

Name: Dylan Shaw

Comment:

Please do not loosen hunting and trapping regulations at the borders of the 2 national parks. Aerial gunning of these animals is cruel and inhumane and has no scientific backing to achieve your goal. Please reconsider these decisions that negatively impact the animals and the ecosystem they live in. Thank you!

Name: Tamara Lackey

Comment:

Leave wildlife do its thing, humans are destructive.

Name: Kerstin Opitz

Comment:

I am voicing my concern AGAINST proposal number 75. Studies have shown that these indiscriminate predator control programs do NOT achieve the intended outcome of boosting human moose harvest. A reversion to outdated management concepts without effective monitoring to scientifically support the actions taken cannot be supported.

Name: Cindy Hwang

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) practice of culling wolves, brown bears, and black bears to artificially increase caribou populations. This intensive predator control program is ecologically damaging, ethically questionable, and ultimately unsustainable.

Here's why:

Ecological Disruption: Large predators play a vital role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. They regulate prey populations, preventing overgrazing and promoting biodiversity. Indiscriminate culling disrupts these natural balances, leading to unforeseen consequences for the entire ecosystem.

Ineffectiveness: Scientific studies have shown that artificially reducing predator populations provides only a temporary boost to caribou numbers. Other factors like habitat quality, weather patterns, and disease play a more significant role in caribou population dynamics.

Alternative Solutions: Instead of resorting to lethal control, we should focus on addressing the root causes of caribou decline. This includes protecting critical caribou habitat, mitigating the impacts of climate change, and managing human activities that disrupt caribou migration patterns.

I urge you to reconsider the current predator control policies and invest in long-term, sustainable solutions that prioritize ecosystem health and respect the intrinsic value of all wildlife.

Name: Christa Bowman

Comment:

This needs to be stopped. These precious wildlife need to be protected. They should never be shot at from a helicopter.

Name: Patrick O'Neill

Comment:

God made this earth with perfect balance. Humans have inserted themselves into this mix and we act as if we can improve the situation in any way. Animals should not be killed to "control population". Hunting is an integral part of being a human being. Suggesting that hunting be used as a form of predator population control, and thus prey population control, asserts that we know better than the creator. This is asinine. This appeals to those who kill for fun and have no humanity.

Name: Scott Holden

Comment:

Hey maybe don't? Killing off wolves and bears has been catastrophic to ecosystems elsewhere, and we're still working to remedy past decisions.

Name: Dylan Warren

Comment:

Please keep the wild life wild and don't over hunt these keystone species. They are vital in order to keep a healthy ecosystem

Name: Theresa Loewen

Comment:

Alaska's predator control programs — aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters — do not work to increase human moose harvest. A 2022 article by ADFG and University of Alaska Fairbanks biologists published in the scientific journal *Diversity*, found no increase in moose harvests in the years following nearly 40 years of predator control in Southcentral Alaska. Listen to an interview with the author [here](#).

Large carnivore management in Alaska is a reversion to outdated management concepts and occurs without effective monitoring programs designed to scientifically evaluate impacts on predator populations, or identify causal relationships between predator control and prey population dynamics. Large carnivore management in Alaska should be based on rigorous science including the status and trends of carnivore populations - this program does not meet those standards. Read more in the 2019 article, *Large carnivores under assault in Alaska*, which was authored by three Alaska state and federal wildlife biologists.

The proposed aerial gunning program borders some of the most iconic wildlife viewing areas in the world. Predator control is not popular with the general public. The State's reputation as a responsible wildlife manager is rightfully beginning to sour after aerially gunning down nearly 200 bears in southwestern Alaska. Authorizing this program on such loose and un-studied biological grounds bruises Alaska's image and erodes public faith in the Board of Game to make sustainable decisions.

By ADFG's own admission: "Adoption of this proposal would result in significant costs to the department if department staff conduct control activities" (ADFG comments on Prop 75, Page 224). The Intensive Management program against bears and wolves a few hundred miles west cost \$231,000 in 2022 and \$612,000 in 2023 (page 14, 2024 annual report to Board of Game) Predator control as a whole has accounted for ~\$2.5 million in lost federal funding, as Pitman Roberts funds cannot be used for Intensive management. At a time when ADFG has almost no funding for non-game programs and the State is struggling for cash, it is unwise to dedicate another quarter million dollars each year to predator control programs that have yet to be deemed effective.

If approved, this proposal would give ADFG full reign to implement an aerial gunning plan in Unit 16. Once a proposal like this is approved, ADFG has the authority to develop an Operational Plan for aerial gunning that is not open to public comment. This is the time to weigh in.

AWA's Position Paper on Predator Control and Intensive Management clearly lays out our position on these programs, as well as our recommendations.

Name: Erin Glackin

Comment:

I am writing because I am concerned that the proposal for eliminating wolves is unethical, unscientific, horrendous, ridiculous, childish and just stupid. Wolves belong in Alaska and are a large part of the reason people visit Alaska. The wolves are needed to sustain a balance unlike people. They are an important part of the ecosystem and are needed to maintain the fragile balance on your state. The elimination of wolves will create an imbalance which will ripple throughout the ecosystem and will be a complete disaster. How about relying on scientists and environmentalists for information rather than on the fools you are apparently listening to. Leave the wolves be. Who would want to visit your state with the ecosystem ruined? No one that is who. We can spend our vacation money elsewhere if you continue on this foolish path.

Erin Glackin


Name: Jason Smith

Comment:

The gunning down of wildlife in Alaska is unacceptable.

Name: Mia Luscher

Comment:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the sanctioned killing and hunting of bears and wolves in Denali National Park and other Alaskan regions. I implore Alaskan lawmakers to consider widely accepted scientific concepts, which state that apex predators are a keystone species in any environment and that their absence will cause other populations to spiral out of control. The Alaskan ecosystem depends on these species, and with the threat of climate change looming over the world (and specifically the Arctic and other high latitudes), it is imperative that we do not jeopardize it further through preventable human activity. Even if predator levels are "too high" right now, ecosystems naturally balance each other out and the scarcity of prey will cause the predator populations to balance. That is a middle school biology

concept. Please act in the best interest of the citizens, environment, and the lives of the predators and say no to this measure.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mia Luscher

Name: Kevin Walsh

Comment:

These are all bad ideas.

Name: Heather Spencer

Comment:

Please don't kill the bears

Name: Philip Taylor

Comment:

Keep the wildlife protected. Man should not be interfering with wildlife & nature.

Name: Nicole Souply

Comment:

Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance.

-Theodore Roosevelt

Name: Steve Samders

Comment:

Opposed. Protect wildlife in an ethical and sustainable way.

Name: James Wells

Comment:

Remove any apex predator from any ecosystem makes no sense at all.

Name: Leona Pan

Comment:

It is very important for The U. S. To protect our wild wolf population for the balance of eco system and total wild life population. Wolf trapping, hunting, and killing should be stopped. History has showed it was a big mistake to eradicate wolves. Plus, all lives matters, not just human's lives!

Name: Andie Wall

Comment:

At this time there is no reason for aerial public predator control on bears in this unit.

Name: Ganesh Jain

Comment:

Hunting of grey wolf population is unacceptable. Their population will drop on their own when

Name: Sheel Bhatt

Comment:

Please oppose the use of aerial weapons against the only and very fragile brown bear population left in the world.

Name: State Rep. Andy Josephson, None

Comment:

I oppose any proposal to harvest predators, whether bears or wolves, from Game Management Unit 16.

First, as illustrated in a report entitled "Efficacy of Killing Large Carnivores to Enhance Moose Harvests: New Insights from a Long-Term View" (circa 2022), "additional information regarding factors influencing moose abundance and harvests should be more fully considered before predator control is applied as a general management procedure on large geographic scales."

Second, there is nothing about intensive management that conforms with the North American Model.

Third, predators that transit onto federal land--as is likely the case here--are the property of the American people, not just Alaskans. These predators should be managed pursuant to the enabling acts for federal conservation system units, which frequently require respect for in-tact, balanced ecosystems in their natural environments.

Fourth, Title 16 requires a diversity of opinion not shown by the current make-up of the Board of Game. As but one example, does the BOG entertain a discussion of concern for hunters and trappers of wolves and bears? What about those important harvesting needs? What about non-consumptive or tourism-related interests? Are those interests considered by the BOG?

Approval of this sort of IM program is a continuing embarrassment to many of the Alaska people. This proposal should be DENIED.

Name: Yusuf Berk Harmandar

Comment:

I'm absolutely disheartened that people are mindlessly shooting gray wolves in Alaska, wiping out their population. It is truly barbaric and unnecessary. Wolves are an extremely important part of Alaska's ecosystem, keeping the populations of other animals like deer, elk, and rabbits in check. I am strongly urging you to ban hunting in Alaska, and punish anyone who needlessly takes the life of a wild animal. As humans, it is our duty to protect animals. Thank you so much for your understanding. I hope to hear from you with positive news about this matter in the near future.

Name: Yusuf Berk Harmandar

Comment:

Please stop gunning down gray wolves in Alaska. This kind of barbaric cruelty has no place in our society.

Name: Maggie Fussner

Comment:

Please do not allow the aerial killing of these wild animals. They are beautiful and add to the Alaskan experience for both tourists and residents.

Name: Sven Jordan

Comment:

I would like to comment on the predator harvest by air, as I see several issues with both the methodology and terminology used in this approach.

Methodology Concerns:

The Black Bear Management Report estimates the bear population to be between 1,825 and 3,600 individuals. Such a wide variance indicates that the data collection methods are highly imprecise. Setting a harvest rate of 700 bears based on this range seems arbitrary and unscientific. This level of uncertainty suggests that the underlying data on bears—and potentially on wolves as well—may not be reliable.

Additionally, the report attributes moose die-offs primarily to high snow years. In years with significant moose population declines, it stands to reason that bear populations might naturally decrease as well, given the reduction in available prey. Harvesting 700 bears in such a scenario would only exacerbate the pressure on bear populations unnecessarily.

Terminology and Rationale:

This raises the question: why are moose populations prioritized over predators? The Moose Harvest Report cites "subsistence" as the justification. However, let's take a closer look at the reality. For example, there were only five hunters from Tyonek who could reasonably claim subsistence use. The overwhelming majority of hunters are from Anchorage and the Valley. The report also acknowledges that moose hunting in these areas requires access by boat or plane. Have you priced a Cessna 185, a Supercub, or even a boat? What about the cost of meat processing if the hunter doesn't do it themselves?

This isn't subsistence—this is sport hunting. Let's be honest: you can buy meat cheaper at Costco. While I fully support hunting as a 4th-generation Alaskan, prioritizing one species over another, especially when populations fluctuate naturally, is shortsighted. Moose populations have always experienced natural ebbs and flows; let that process continue without unnecessary interference.

Name: Courtney Alampi

Comment:

I completely and whole heartedly disagree with shooting innocent creatures from helicopters . This is not even humane. Disturbing next level

Name: Trevor Embry

Comment:

I am writing in support of the additional archery seasons proposals. Success rates are so low that it will have minimal to no impact on the populations while potentially spreading hunters out across a wider date range to decrease hunting pressure at any one given time.

Name: Haroun Alexander

Comment:

There is no economic excuse to disruption of the ecosystems that bears and wolves live in. The cascading effect of removing predators in an ecosystem could lead to long term damage and serious harm for the predator populations. Bears are intelligent sentient creatures too including wolves and they do not deserve to be killed to benefit our fish consumption. Please do not harm them, it is their land. This is an opposition complete to the amendment.

Name: Ivonne Montijo

Comment:

As we go into 2025 why are we still allowing sociopathic acts against nature to continue? I have just been apprised of your plans to murder 100 innocent gray wolves whose only crime is to exist alongside humans. We are not here to dominate the earth and all its creatures. The word dominion in the original Hebrew Aramaic meant to "take care of ". God has commanded us to take care of his creation not destroy it. This senseless killing of innocent beings with sentience and a soul needs to end. Let nature be nature, there is no need for this.

Name: Prima Belle

Comment:

Please do not kill more brown bears for money. It's sick and lazy. You know it's wrong and there's not justification for it other than human greed.

Name: Guy Turner

Comment:

The population of big game animals in unit 19C is the lowest I have ever seen it. I have been hunting that area for 48 years. I spend the falls at my cabin every year and it is sad that the game has been decimated. The bears (and there are plenty) and the wolfs are eating most the calves and the out of state hunters with guides take all they can, so it will be a long time before the other big game come back if Fish and Game takes the right steps NOW. You can't hardly find sheep and they use to be there in a healthy sustainable population. Hopefully Fish and Game will deploy basic biology 101 and have predator control and reduce substantially the guide impact with the out of state hunters. It use to be the guides had an area and would farm it so that they would have game for the future. Not Now. We see what guides going everywhere and not having the respect of keeping the animal population healthy has done to the game population. Residence that live here and have lived off the resource, need and deserve to have the game first. This is Alaska and this heritage needs to be preserved for all future Alaskan generations. The guides need some help to come up with a smaller harvest until the populations are restored and then a framing mentality of keeping the animal population for future years. I don't believe they can pull this off on their own.

Name: Greg Russell

Comment:

Dear Board of Game members,

I strongly oppose the proposed killing of wolves as requested by the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. Studies show this does little to nothing to increase the moose populations in the affected areas.

I urge you to decline this request by Fish and Game.

Thank you.

Name: Prince Kreutz

Comment:

My name is Prince Kreutz I am 19 years old and came across this petition on instagram and it hurt my heart and soul that our government will still go to these measures of extermination for the natives of Alaska. We are casing the next mass extinction and it's happening right before our eyes.

Name: Simon Murphy

Comment:

Unnecessary harm

Name: Josh Carpenter

Comment:

Hunters and Biologists should be able to work together to create a better outcome. Gunning down bears is not the right way to go about this.

Name: Syd Asplund

Comment:

Alaska wildlife is sacred and should be protected. The bears have no less right to be on the land than the people and it's an abhorrent abuse of power to propose to gun them down.

Name: Mariel Yglesias

Comment:

As a resident of Canada, and therefore someone who shares space with the black bears populations of northamerica I must oppose to this barbarity that is being proposed. Northamerican residents no longer accept this type of treatment towards animals. This is not conservation, it is murderous and unacceptable. America must be the most dangerous place to be, whether your are human or other animal. Only a failed democracy would propose things like this.

Name: George Gibb

Comment:

I totally oppose. This is probably a move in benefit to miners and oil industry and that is not acceptable in the border of a national park. If people don't like bears it's them who should move out of Alaska

Name: Sande Fisher

Comment:

It is appalling and soulless to kill bears and wolves . Please be human and let them live in peace

Name: Kathy Joyce

Comment:

I feel this idea of "gunning down" our bears is against everything that is moral. These bears are living beings and you have no right to decide when they should or should not be alive.

Name: Milan Jivan

Comment:

These bears are vital to the ecosystem. Something that man has encroached on for centuries. Please leave these beautiful sentient beings be.

Name: Carisa Reta

Comment:

These bears must be protected at all costs. They are not doing anything wrong. I know we are not supposed to base decision decisions off of our emotions, but this is just not right and I know you all know it so make the right decisions for our future.

Name: Christa Garza

Comment:

Dont kill the animals

Name: Timothy Perry

Comment:

Do not kill wolves and bears

Name: Ben Nicholson

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: Carly Maxwell

Comment:

I would like the bears and wolves to live peacefully in their habitat without aerial shootings taking place. There is so much earth taken from wild animals, leave these areas for them to live within their ecosystem without human input.

Name: Daphanie Mulet

Comment:

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

Name: Sonciarey Bushey

Comment:

No animals should be harmed regardless of any situation. Leave the [REDACTED] animals alone!

Name: Nicole Wichert

Comment:

I can not understand how bringing essential and sentient animals who have family systems and create healthy ecosystems to the brink of extinction to make money is even a possibility. It makes me sick! Do better- this is awful and should not even be in the conversation. Please.

Name: Vanessa Douglass

Comment:

This proposal does not include good conservation practices, but it certainly includes barbaric and inhumane conservation practices. It's time to go back to the drawing board. Why are non lethal practices included with limited population control? What about contraceptive methods? Why are shooting predators from helicopters the first go to? Because it's the easiest? I imagine so. It's also inhumane.

Name: Amisha Klawonn

Comment:

The killing of wildlife from helicopters is really a human issue not a wildlife issue. There is zero reason to be decimating the population of wolves (still endangered) or bears. This is literally their habitat and it's surrounded by national parks. The sole reason we will visit Alaska is in hopes to see a wild bear or wolf in their natural habitat. Please work to conserve this and be Stuarts for them.

Name: Steven Devadanam

Comment:

I emphatically oppose aerial gunning down of wolves and bears.

Name: Kenzie Kazmer

Comment:

This is simply wrong! Find another solution that doesn't involve needlessly murdering local nature!

Name: Lisa Schwinghammer

Comment:

OPPOSE! I have visited this area and enjoyed viewing the brown bears in their natural habitat. Removing these beautiful animals from THEIR HOME is unjust.

Name: Anna Becker

Comment:

Killing off wildlife because we think their population is increased is inhumane. Alaska is one of the only states left in America where we have wildlife that can roam free without several hundred/thousand people taking pictures and disturbing them. This is their home, we live in it and should learn to do so with respect not by mass murders.

Name: Anna Hall

Comment:

Save the brown bears!!

Name: Michael Neill

Comment:

Please do not kill or harm the bears. If there is an overpopulation issue then there has to be another solution that spares their lives. As a nation, we must find better solutions to cohabitate with nature.

Name: Joseph Stalnaker Jr.

Comment:

Hello, my name's Joseph and I live in Livonia, Michigan. Dispatching this many natural predators such as Wolves and Bears can and will have disastrous effects on your state's environment and economy. While I do not live in Alaska and I may not understand the politics going up there, but I do know that Alaska holds a special place in my heart that's amplified by it's natural beauty and it's people. Bears and Wolves draw so many tourists, biologists, scientists, nature enthusiasts and outdoorsmen from all over the world to Alaska; many of those will be good for your state's economy. If you do go through with your plans via aerial hunting, moose populations will skyrocket by a lot, because there aren't as many predators around to keep them in check which could lead to more attacks and accidents on the roads for your civilians. Truck drivers in particular could be effected, which could be bad for your economy in the future. I recommend reaching out and consulting a few conservationists, both in and outside of Alaska, to hear out different options to handle the predator populations and come to a middle ground.

Name: Charles Bell

Comment:

As a citizen of the United States, I am horrified that we are going to kill bears and wolves in and our national parks. The national parks are a national treasure, and the wild animals that live in the surrounding areas should not be killed. There is so much that goes on with our wildlife in this entire country that most people are not in favor of. I do not want my tax dollars being used for this horror that is being proposed to be perpetrated on the wildlife.

Name: Cheyanne Neuffer

Comment:

Bears and wolves are an integral part of the ecosystem. This proposal is absolutely an excuse to unnecessary kill wildlife.

Name: Ariana Dea

Comment:

This sucks, I was about to spend 10k coming to Alaska just to see them.

Name: Jacqueline Freedman

Comment:

As an active fisherwoman who has been lucky enough to visit Alaska on many occasions to catch and release salmon and trout, this is absolutely abhorrent. This destruction to the ecosystem cannot happen.

Name: Joshua Deeks

Comment:

It is absolutely despicable. The proposal of needlessly destroying America's beautiful wildlife for absolutely no reason. That national park is THEIR HOME. It belongs to the wildlife and the environment should remain protected and unbothered.

Name: Shawna Ohm

Comment:

As a tourist who comes to the region specifically to view brown bears, I urge you to work to control predator population in a more sustainable way (such as hunting vs aerial killings by the state) in conjunction with local economies. Not only will this help preserve wildlife for generations to come, it will lead to a continued increase in tourist dollars from people hoping to see the last frontier, many of whom go specifically for hunting and wildlife viewing.

Name: Rachel Pratola

Comment:

Cruel. Save the wildlife that makes Alaska special.

Name: Kristal Bailey

Comment:

I vehemently oppose the culling of the natural wildlife in, around, or near national parks. We need these species to maintain the natural order & balance.

Name: James Heintz

Comment:

This is slaughter, there is no reason for this within a National Park! Period!

Name: Kara Swensen

Comment:

I “Sherpa” for my dad on hunts and respect when population control is necessary. I do not believe it is needed for the wolves and bears and feel it would be cruel. Please know I object to this strongly and hope my next trip to Alaska will allow me to see these beautiful animals in their natural habitat.

Name: Alida Davila

Comment:

You can't do that to animals!!!! It's unbelievable

Name: Lori Richardson Richardson

Comment:

This is not conservation! Please consider the lives of God's creations!

Name: Christer Nihagen

Comment:

Stop killing wild animals destroying diversity and damaging nature's beauty in such a heinous way like from a helicopter.

Christer Nihagen

Name: Olivia Cukierman

Comment:

Save wildlife. Protect nature!!!

Name: Robin Johnson

Comment:

Gunning down these wonderful animals? This has to be the most egregious "wildlife management" tactic I've ever heard. And I put quotes around it because it is absolutely not wildlife management. Alaska should know better it's one of the last wild places that these wild animals should be able to live in peace. Unbelievable.

Name: Mary Sauer

Comment:

This is a horrifying and detrimental suggestion for wildlife "management." Apex predators are essential to the planet's ecosystems and biodiversity. The science proves culling wildlife does more harm than good. Please stop before you kill our planet!

Name: Matt Pupel

Comment:

Don't kill the bears

Name: Sierra Bianco

Comment:

Find this proposal extremely inhumane

Name: Dani Schilleman

Comment:

OPPOSE

Name: Monica Sin

Comment:

This is not responsible management. Reducing the populations of bears and wolfs in such manner will limit genetic diversity. Also reducing predator population is not the best option to keep balance in the whole ecosystem. It is also barbarism.

Name: Jennifer Jaster

Comment:

I do not agree with shooting bears and wolves. Their existence is crucial to our planet.

Name: Shauna Hart

Comment:

This is lazy wildlife management. Not a good plan and horrifically immoral.

Name: Jessica LeBlanc

Comment:

Don't kill bears using drones or helicopters or whatever gross "solution" you thought of like seriously I thought Alaska had higher standards than that. Shame on you.

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.

Name: Alyssa Uller

Comment:

Vehemently Oppose

Name: Jun B

Comment:

with great power comes great responsibility. it is our duty to protect nature and wildlife and coexist with them instead of abusing our power as custodians of this planet to cause genocide and extinction.

Name: Silke Rowbal

Comment:

Your reckless acts against nature are out of balance, ignorant and appalling. Think of the world you leave to your kids!! Our toxic lifestyle makes it impossible for innocent beings to survive. Start with yourselves and live a life of integrity. Turn your focus to creating a world you are proud of, not ashamed of. Where we coexist, not murder, kill & steal. Wake up!!

Name: Beverly Kelly

Comment:

I am writing to oppose the elimination of bears in anyway. The sheer number of bears killed by automobile accidents is astounding, and care needs to be taken to consider protecting them from unnatural challenges!! We must be mindful and appreciative of their existence. Please oppose any action that would harm the natural order of wildlife.

Name: Sarah Maciel

Comment:

Please do not hunt these bears aerially. Please be a state that advocates for conservation and coexisting with wildlife that was here before us. They can only survive and live because of us and they will also suffer because of us if we don't help them. Please take this into consideration and be the change in a world that desperately needs it. All Alaskan animals need protections. Without them, there will be consequences and we will only realize when it's too late. Alaska is the home to so many incredible animals and people want to visit it to see the amazing wildlife that includes brown bears, moose, and wolves!

Name: Zack Eastman

Comment:

Save the bears

Name: Laura Slezak

Comment:

I strongly oppose the measures proposed in this proposal. Please don't do this.

Name: Aarol Pattenden

Comment:

I believe we should allow nature to be nature. Culling bears, particularly by aerial shooting is offensive and is usually illegal but I guess government bodies aren't restricted by laws like the rest of us. This is shameful and I wonder how you sleep at night

Name: Elizabeth Kremer

Comment:

This is inhumane, unethical, and just morally wrong. This is not a form of conservation but just wiping out these species of animals.

Name: Olivia Fetz

Comment:

These species and their comparably high numbers are to be protected, in order for them to be able to sire offspring with healthy DNA.

Name: Anna Buenaventura

Comment:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in behalf of the voiceless ones who will be victimized by this cruel & violent plan to eradicate wildlife (Proposal 75). Please reconsider and stop this atrocity. These animals deserve to thrive and are vital to the ecosystem. Please let them live in peace and not take away their right as living beings in this planet.

Name: Emme Monique

Comment:

The barbarism of chasing down and gunning down wildlife in their own habitat is horrendous. I strongly oppose this proposal. Fish and game needs to lay their hands off wildlife and let them reach equilibrium that they had before so many humans came in the scene. Manage the humans and leave the wild places and wildlife alone. The sheer terror of using helicopters to wipe out generations of bears and wolves is a sick and sadistic practice that must end.

Name: Ariel Carpenter

Comment:

I vehemently oppose the slaughter of innocent animals. Please channel this time, energy, and resources into SAVING these animals and others. Thank you

Name: Lisa Warren

Comment:

There isn't a justifiable enough reason to shoot down predator species. We've seen what happened when we took away the wolves from Yellowstone and how devastating of an impact that there was in the environment and its effects on us. This should not go ahead it will only cause suffering and harm to our environment.

Name: Marie Raybaud

Comment:

Leave nature and animals as they are

Name: Ellie Marshall

Comment:

Please vote to PROTECT wildlife and the ecosystems where they live. Do not exterminate them.

Name: Delphine de Crombrugghe

Comment:

Wolves and bears, like other big predators, are key to our ecosystem, which crumbles without them. They are sensitive, emotional living beings and only kill to survive. Unlike humans. So please stop this cruel and unnecessary killing, go out and find the wild in yourselves instead. Thank you!

Name: Lillian Feldman

Comment:

Do not gun down these beautiful animals. They deserve life and peace. After all this is their land to.

Name: Zach Wozny

Comment:

This unreasonable and abusive. You could increase the amount of hunting tags per year to keep populations in check without doing thing like this. It is appalling and dispicable to think that is would be a proper way to manage biological populations. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Treat the environment with respect and hunt the proper way.

Name: Kim Steffen

Comment:

I strongly oppose.

Name: Aaron Echternacht

Comment:

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the hunting of wolves and bears in Alaska. I urge you to take immediate action to protect these magnificent creatures and their vital role in our ecosystem.

The hunting of wolves and bears has a devastating impact on the delicate balance of our natural world. These apex predators play a crucial role in maintaining healthy ecosystems by regulating prey populations and ensuring biodiversity. The loss of these animals can lead to cascading effects, disrupting entire food chains and destabilizing fragile habitats.

Moreover, the hunting of wolves and bears often targets mothers with cubs, leaving vulnerable young to suffer and die. This practice is both cruel and unsustainable, as it undermines the long-term survival of these populations.

I implore you to consider the following actions:

- * Implement stricter regulations on the hunting of wolves and bears, including limiting hunting seasons and bag limits.
- * Establish designated wilderness areas where hunting is strictly prohibited.
- * Invest in non-lethal wildlife management techniques, such as predator-proof enclosures and hazing.
- * Support scientific research to better understand the ecological importance of wolves and bears.

By taking these steps, we can ensure the protection of these majestic animals and preserve the natural beauty of Alaska for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Aaron Echternacht

Name: Caitlin Thorrez

Comment:

Please do not kill wild life. Let the bears and the wolves live their beautiful lives with us here on earth. This is their home too and we need them just as much as we need clean air and water. We are all connected and if you hurt them, you hurt us. Please please please... I know you know this. Listen to your heart and keep them from harm. Let them be. Stop the killing. This needs to stop. We need to stop ruining the balance of life. They are beautiful beings and we need them.

Name: Tara Cox

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: Allison Cardon

Comment:

Don't kill the wolves and bears!

Name: Sephia Giaracuni

Comment:

We need to save this wildlife. Just because they aren't human doesn't mean they don't deserve to have life.

Name: Charles Schneider

Comment:

I oppose this measure to kill these bears as I enjoy photographing them in the wild and sharing my love of them with others.

Name: Donna Feledichuk

Comment:

It is disheartening to read the proposals to decrease the wolves and bear populations through aerial hunting. Wildlife is able to balance its own ecosystems and work better with less human intervention

Name: Madeline Condo

Comment:

This is lazy and irresponsible wildlife management. Do better.

Name: Kayla Leon

Comment:

Both Bears and Wolves are very important to the Alaska ecosystem! I DONOT LIKE this proposal, it is not fair to the predators that are native to Alaska!

Name: Ihor Obukhovskiy

Comment:

Please, leave those magnificent animals alone. Reduce the population of Russian military forces instead!

Name: Kimberly Kirch

Comment:

When I was 26, I visited Lake Clark NP for the first time as a Mate/Engineer on a photography boat, and it completely changed my life. Coming from the crowded beaches of Southern California, I could never have imagined a place where you could safely get just a few feet away from brown bears in the wild. But this unique experience is fragile, relying on careful stewardship and a relationship free from trauma—like bears being shot at from helicopters. I can't put into words how special these bears are and this place is. As the brown bear population only truly exists in the farthest north territory I believe this is where they should be left to roam freely and the areas in which human populations are greater more regulated. Area 16 B doesn't even have an access road to it meaning these bears are not a threat to humans. As eco tourism is at an all time high I would assume that these bears are worth more alive and the money can be allocated towards more human co existence.

Name: Patra Chakshuvej

Comment:

I am disgusted that the Alaska Dept of Fish and Game has submitted a proposal to aeriually gun down bears in Unit 16 in order to reduce the brown bear population by 60%. This is an inhumane and unacceptable slaughter of sentient animals for no apparent reason. It is so special to see animals such as grizzlies in the wild. This proposal prioritizes the joy of few immoral people who find joy in killing animals over the joy of millions who love seeing and protecting wildlife. Alaska is one of the few special places left in the world where people can see bears and wolves in the wild - there is so much more to gain from wildlife tourism dollars. Please do not let this proposal pass.

Name: Melissa Lipton

Comment:

As a biologist and wildlife photographer who photographs bears and wildlife throughout British Columbia and Alaska, the plan to aerially shoot bears and wolves as a means of population control is harmful to our environment. These top predators are essential to keep the ungulate population healthy! They cull the diseased and old animals naturally, but in a balanced way compared to our human hunting of trophy bulls and bucks that reduces the health of the deer and elk herds. Nature balances life in the most appropriate way, and removing these key species will result in widespread and long term detrimental effects to the ecosystems of flora and fauna.

Name: Nancy Crowell

Comment:

Stop the assault on apex predators! There is no need to gun down these animals when their ecosystem is already under threat. Many people come to Alaska to see these animals and spend tens of thousands of dollars for that privilege. Gunning them down is short-sighted, poor wildlife management.

Name: Ashley Bowman

Comment:

Bears and other predator animals are integral to the ecosystem.

Name: Doug Johnson

Comment:

This is not wildlife conservation and terrible management. Very indiscriminate killing in cruel and often ineffective. It is also a gross waste of resources, especially in an area as pristine as area 16 is. Increasing hunting tags over time would benefit local economies and achieve similar goals with less disastrous outcomes over time.

Mass killing of animals in this way is pathetically reckless irresponsible and lazy management practice. Shame on you.

Name: Terry Danish

Comment:

Raising hunting quotas would be a MUCH more beneficial solution to this issue. and would also give back to the communities instead of being a total waste of life.

Name: Colton West

Comment:

Gunning down wildlife from an aircraft is reckless and arguably would harm and disrupt the environment. Other measures such as approved hunting tags would arguably be more beneficial for the environment and perhaps would feed a family instead of wasting life with aircraft artillery.

Name: Amy Bahruth

Comment:

Predators are not the problem. They have a place in our ecosystem and the methods proposed here are not only barbaric but unscientific. You have a great deal of people who come to your state specifically for wildlife viewing. Why can't you just let wildlife be?

Name: Kayla DeWitt

Comment:

Natural selection or use of hunter conservation is a much better option vs the senseless and violent act of shooting these predatory animals from the air. Providing hunters with permits will boost the local economy. These bears are already threatened with climate change due to local mining and threats to the natural salmon run.

Name: CARMYN MOORE

Comment:

PLEASE HAVE COMPASSION FOR THE WOLFS AND BEARS

Name: Michelle Duprey

Comment:

I think culling predators, particularly wolves and brown bears around Lake Clark is an appalling idea. For those of us that watch brown bears on live cameras we know that these sentient beings have thoughts, feelings and emotions. They are not a disposable coffee cup that can be eliminated without consequence for the other members of their respective communities.

Name: Leslie Just

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Julia Preszler

Comment:

Wildlife is important for all of us. Even though I live in Oregon, I know the environment of Alaska affects me, just as the environment of the Amazon Rainforest affects us all, etc. Please protect wildlife.

Name: Zach Romero

Comment:

There is absolutely no reason to interfere with such a delicate ecosystem. Leave these beautiful animals alone.

Name: Audrey Durbin

Comment:

Protect all wildlife, animals have rights to exist as well. Protect bears, wolves, all of it. Not just harmless animals. They are the reason your ecosystem and land is thriving as much as it is.

Name: Jenna Tannaccio

Comment:

We need to protect our Alaskan brown bear population!

Name: Kelly Tanguay

Comment:

Please do not allow the killing of black or brown bears, bear cubs, wolf's from the air or any other manner. They are part of the ecological system, we must protect them and the balance. Do better.

Name: Jazmine Christen

Comment:

Killing bears is not acceptable.

Name: Theresa Thompson

Comment:

It's a sad and shameful that people have to write and beg you to not destroy precious wildlife. Some of us will never have the thrill of seeing these creatures in the wild but it means so much to so many of us to know they exist. That they are there. Here in Michigan we must beg to save our wolves! Hard to believe that a place like Alaska would even consider this. Please don't.

Name: Allison Cass

Comment:

This is barbaric and unnecessary.

Name: Spencer Roberts

Comment:

Rate and imperiled carnivores of Alaskan national parks are not overpopulated. These habitats are some of their few strongholds in the world. The criteria being used for population thresholds are subjective and politically motivated. Even if there were a very high density of these predators, culling them does not solve anything. We must learn to live alongside wildlife.

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 wolves and bears. These beautiful creatures are our kin and are vital to our wellbeing and the wellness of our shared home, Mother Earth. Humans are not more important and are demonstrably more dangerous and hostile to all of life.

Name: Joshua Crumpton

Comment:

Wildlife populations are already under threat from the ever encroaching world of humans. Please find a better way to coexist.

Name: Giorgio Zavattoni

Comment:

This proposal does not make sense, brown bears are already not doing so great

Name: Lynne Snowden

Comment:

This is not conservation!!! It is slaughter. It's the lazy man's way of wildlife management.
DISGUSTING!

Name: Kath Schmaltz

Comment:

Please please raise the number of hunter tags. Do NOT randomly shoot these amazing animals.

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: Deni Parsons

Comment:

It is not your right to take the lives of that many bears and wolves. It's very disgraceful!!!

Name: Ana Lapizco

Comment:

Please stop killing our wildlife. We are against the killing of Alaska's wolves, brown bears, and black bears. Many have stated they will no longer visit Alaska if this killing continues.

Name: Kristina Gill

Comment:

Bears and wolves have a right to live

Name: Denise Abel

Comment:

ADFG AS 16.05.783. -Please vote no on this proposal. There is no scientific data to support this type of hunt or reduction wildlife population. These populations will self regulate. No humans or livestock are at risk in these areas. There is no need for human intervention.

Name: Savannah Zimmerman

Comment:

It is absolutely outrageous to reduce the predator population in Alaska by 60-80%.

Name: Andrea Mason

Comment:

This proposal is an absolutely disgusting display of ignorance and lack of respect for life. Every day there are fewer wild places for animals to be and in a national park this should be a sanctuary and refuge for animals. Please do not pass this proposal!!!

Name: Mariella Matheson

Comment:

This is unbelievably irresponsible, without a sufficient impact assessment how can you fully understand how this will impact the species you're proposing to cull, the effect of the ecosystem and landscape if this goes ahead.

In a world where many are trying to mitigate against the impacts of human encroachment on wildlife, with the goal to save many wildlife species- please see projects that are underway in south east Asia to save the pangolin and orangutan- you need to be better informed and open to ideas that will help us humans coexist with wildlife.

Name: Jamie Daniels

Comment:

Please leave the wildlife alone.

Name: Kristine Khachatryan

Comment:

Nothing wrong has ever been made by the Nature for ecosystem. With respect, but this method of yours is quite amoral and against the laws of the Nature. And we all know, that Nature can punish, and the punishment is always harsh. No one of you is the God to decide. Thank you.

Name: Tiffany Akers

Comment:

It is our duty to protect the ecosystems which keep our common home in balance.

Name: Cheyenne Tsao

Comment:

The wildlife in Alaska needs to be protected. Please choose compassion over cruelty. Don't kill or slaughter any wildlife in the name of "population control", for █████ SAKE.

Name: Brian Acosta

Comment:

All life is Precious

Name: ALONZO Mourning

Comment:

This is unacceptable

Name: Tameka Murrain

Comment:

Oppose! This sickening violence towards sentient beings who've just as much right to live free from death & destruction as you do is a grotesque proposal & I wholeheartedly OPPOSE IT.

Name: Maree Lawler

Comment:

Please stop this unnecessary killing of wildlife

They have so much to contend with due to shrinking natural habitat. What is being proposed is wrong in so many ways

We come to Alaska and the US to see wildlife

Do not allow this to happen please

Name: Jon Duddle

Comment:

We need to protect wildlife, not simply kill for the sake of it. We need to set an example and protect nature.

Name: Sonja Stamas

Comment:

Gunning down wildlife in national parks is inhumane and defeats the purpose of having protected space for wildlife. Do better

Name: Wil F

Comment:

Wolves, black and brown bears are extremely important to our ecosystem and deserve to live in peace not gunned down in horrific ways. They were here first and we need to coexist to save our planet and animals not destroy every living thing along the way.

Name: Candace Collins

Comment:

This is not ok. Not only will the animals suffer but the eco system will suffer greatly. Let nature do what nature does. Stay out of it!

Name: Teresa Masters

Comment:

Just don't. Be better. There's no honor in destroying. There's no moral justification for this. It's just greed. Total disregard for resources you've had no part in creating.

Name: Jacinta Bonsak

Comment:

Please we beg you to dismiss this barbaric, unnecessary and violent proposal. Our wildlife are already being pushed to the brink due to humans actions globally including deforestation, rising sea waters, climate change - the list goes on. These innocent animals are living their lives in their homes. Humans must repair their relationship with animals and learn to live with these beings. We cannot afford to continue our violent, cruel and inhumane treatment of these animals for simply living in their homes. The affects of their eradication will flow in to a much wider ecosystem disruption in Alaska, ironically creating new challenges for the Alaskan environment and people. It is almost 2025. We must act and evolve as a species -or this planet will continue on a dangerous path of destruction.

Please, please reconsider. Kind regards, a concerned mum, wife and daughter of the planet. Jacinta Bonsak

Name: Derek Mcgee

Comment:

Allow more natives and more hunting permits to harvest the meat

Name: Amanda Taylor

Comment:

Oppose the ruthless hunting down of americas wild animals. Shameful. Cruel. Sick. The animals were here first let them have some land for God sake

Name: Brianna Laurel

Comment:

The fact of the matter is not only is it INHUMANE to gun down an animal, these animals were here before us, and who are YOU TO play God. These animals add the flora and fauna of what makes Alaska so beautiful and worth seeing.

Name: Emily Humbert, Live Wild, LLC

Comment:

We demand the protection of these sacred beings.

Name: Krizzia Mireles, Amor de Bueno

Comment:

This is outrageous and unkind. Bears and humans can live together in peace, we need to stop killing innocent creatures.

Name: Erica C

Comment:

Proposal 75 is a short-sighted response to a complex issue. Culling innocent bears is not the solution to human-induced challenges in Alaska's ecosystems. Instead of targeting wildlife, we should focus on addressing the root causes of the 'chaos'—habitat destruction, climate change, and improper waste management. Bears play a critical role in maintaining ecological balance, and their removal risks further destabilizing the environment. Let's think bigger and pursue non-lethal, long-term solutions that prioritize coexistence and sustainable management.

Name: Marc Engel

Comment:

I strongly oppose the shooting of bears and wolves from the air and culling them to the extreme levels in this proposal I am a hunter and have seen the damage done to the ecosystems when the predators are culled Please rescind this proposal

Name: Anita Bose

Comment:

The killing of wildlife, bears, wolves, etc, who naturally inhabit this area, is not an ethical solution. In the year 2025, we need to do better to protect the environment and its natural inhabitants.

Name: Carole Hakoun

Comment:

I am opposed

Name: Marie Chin

Comment:

Please instead increase predator hunting tags. This would help the local economy and also prevent drastic immediate changes to the local wildlife populations.

Name: Judy Born

Comment:

I graduated high school in Anchorage. My brother still has a lodge in Sterling. When living in Alaska the first thing visitors wanted to do was to see the wildlife. Seeing a moose, bear or wolf was the highlight of their trip. Visiting my brother getting to photograph moose, bear and wolves are the reason we want to come back year after year. Killing wildlife destroys the biggest draw people have to Alaska. Shooting any wildlife from the air eliminates the ability to recognize a nursing sow. It doesn't just kill her, it kills her coy. That isn't hunting. No true hunter would recognize it as such. Please protect what we all love most about Alaska.

Name: April West

Comment:

There is no science to support the massacre of bears and wolves that you are proposing. The space between two national parks is a corridor. Tax payers want to protect wildlife, not wealthy ag lobbyists.

Name: Jessica Young

Comment:

The idea that you will gun down these sentient beings as "population control" is abhorrent and disheartening. There have to be other ways. Please do not allow this to happen.

Name: Brittany Lain

Comment:

Wildlife deserves to be protected, especially on and around grounds bordering national parks. The approach recommended is unscientific and inhumane in every way. These animals and the community deserve better.

Name: Inwoo Hong

Comment:

Please do not kill animals.

Name: Isabela Mazepa

Comment:

Hello, I would like to share my concern and shock when I read the information about reducing the population of 80% of the wolves and 60% of the bears in Alaska. This is horrible, a lot of animals being disrespected on their home. I hope you can change this decision for them!

Name: Gloria Goncalves

Comment:

This is so disturbing. This is their habitat, you should leave them alone.

Name: Elaine Schreiber

Comment:

Research shows that in carnivore populations that are not hunted by humans, offspring tend to stay with their birth families for several years. As a result, they leave the pack and have offspring of their own at a relatively later age, which reduces the overall population. Whereas in apex carnivore populations that are subject to human hunting, offspring tend to leave their birth families earlier, reproduce earlier and have more offspring in their lifetime.

The more socially stable an apex predator population is due to lack of interference of humans, the more likely they are to limit their own population through social interactions (self-regulation) rather than the availability of resources (food) limiting birth rates and mortality rates.

We need to rethink the level of human management of wolves and other apex predators in the wild! As an intelligent species, we should be making data driven decisions and have a sense of responsibility towards the mutual benefit of all earth's creatures. It is both selfish and senseless to behave in any other manner.

Name: Aileen Sanchez

Comment:

I very much OPPOSE this. Shooting bears and wolves from a helicopter is unethical!

Name: Jesse Harms

Comment:

Stop bad Managment practices

Name: Heidi Freeman

Comment:

Strongly opposed. This is an atrocity to Alaska's wildlife and the natural state of being of the world.

Name: Cassandra Zepeda

Comment:

I am writing to oppose and beg that the wildlife in Unit 16, near the Denali National parks be protected and preserved, particularly the bears and wolves that inhabit these areas. This is their home and they deserve to be safe and to thrive there.

Please reconsider your decision and think ahead to how it would affect these abundant ecosystems if you allow these beautiful, innocent creatures to be murdered.

Thank you for your time.

With urgency,

Cassandra Zepeda

Name: Dawn Hart

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. It's been proven both wolf and bear take out the sick and elderly of the herds. And they also take on winter kills before having to select one of the living.

Name: Paulina Seip

Comment:

Wild animals have the right to live and reproduce. The earth is their home as much as ours.

Name: Tara Knutson

Comment:

Alaska is Alaska BECaUSE of the wildlife. Tourists travel to Alaska because of the wildlife. You should be fighting to protect animals of all species, especially wolves and bears, they need you to protect their habitat.

Name: Nikki Sathananthan

Comment:

This is disgusting. We should be ashamed of ourselves to think we have the power to shoot these animals especially from helicopters. What has the world come too.

Name: Deborah Balcanoff

Comment:

I do not support proposals that involve inhumanely killing of wildlife. This includes killing wildlife from helicopters. The wildlife of Alaska needs to be protected.

Name: Maria Tsoleridis

Comment:

I am appalled and deeply concerned that this is even being considered. As human beings, we are only here for a short time, and it is our responsibility to preserve the land and all the creatures living in it. Who are we to decide who is overpopulating? It is not our place to play God with the natural world.

I strongly oppose this idea and will share my opposition with others. I urge everyone to join me in protecting our planet's precious wildlife and national parks.

What legacy will we leave behind if we continue down this path? Let us choose a path of preservation, protection, and respect for the natural world.

Name: Carol Verdino

Comment:

Leave the bears alone . You all are taking their homes from them to build and then you want to kill them like it's their fault shame on you all

Name: Megan Owens

Comment:

Gunning down wildlife is unscientific and barbaric with no benefit to be had. The repercussions of this will be severe as our wildlife count continues to dwindle every day due to capitalistic greed.

Name: Valerie Gust

Comment:

This is inhumane.

Name: Evelyn Kirkaldy, Upper Sunshine Coast Bear Smart

Comment:

Please increase scientifically managed bear and wolf hunting quotas, which directly benefits local economies through ecotourism, etc., and brings additional funding to wildlife agencies. Eliminating bears and wolves using random aerial shooting is not sustainable for many reasons and will not help the ungulate population in the long run, but will instead destroy the natural order for everyone, including humans.

Name: Amanda Gilbert

Comment:

I oppose this proposition because there are other ways of minimizing the populations of predators that would boost economy and be more controlled & beneficial than aerial shooting.

Name: Lotta Stenfelt

Comment:

Please don't kill the bears It's their home and humans do not owe the right to cull them.

Please do the right thing and stop the cull.

Name: Henry Newbury

Comment:

Shooting wildlife is a short-sighted and egregious act of environmental destruction - shocked it would even be considered in this day and age.

Name: Maliyah Lewis

Comment:

It is unlawful to be killing bears and cubs without scientific justification and public input. Bears contribute largely to our ecosystem and killing them will have dire and direct consequences for our ecosystem. Shame on you.

Name: Najah Fawaz

Comment:

Oppose. To kill an animal in THEIR home is truly disgusting and immoral. I beg you don't do this to these innocent beings. Do research about what happened to Yellowstone when they killed the wolves. Don't disrupt nature.

Name: Rylan Meadows

Comment:

I do not support the aerial gunning down of Alaska Wolves and Bears.

Name: Sarah Basha

Comment:

I strongly oppose this bill to slaughter wolves and bears in a National Park. You have a global responsibility to protect these animals who have already had their habitat greatly reduced. The world's eyes are watching. Make the right decision and protect these precious animals. Warm regards, Sarah Basha. Australia

Name: Anita Liao

Comment:

Bears are valuable individuals who deserve to live, just like us. Alaska is known for its beautiful scenery and majestic wildlife. Killing off the innocent bears is an extremely bad look.

Name: Jamie Kp

Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposal that will allow for the inhumane hunting and killing of Alaskan bears. They are a keystone species and reducing their, or wolf, populations down to 60/80% is cruel and unnecessary. Humans need to learn to live with nature and stop trying so hard to control/destroy it. It only hurts us in the long run.

Name: Michele Walker

Comment:

Keep hunters and human habitation and hunting.

Name: Debbie Hollomon

Comment:

Please keep Alaska wild and protect our wildlife!

Name: Isabella Messer

Comment:

Writing from afar, on behalf of unit 16. There are ways to accomplish this goal that better support long term sustainable bear populations and to better support local economies. For example, a gradual increase in hunting licenses.

Name: Yajayra Cerrato

Comment:

Please learn to coexist with these animals. They are important for our biodiversity.

Name: Justin Ryan

Comment:

Bears need more protection not getting a bad reputation. We need to protect these creatures so the next generation knows about them. Not to mention this will show a decline in visitation to Lake Clark NP

Name: Cindy Haller

Comment:

Bears and wolves are keystone species. This type of wildlife management is not scientifically based. Please no Ariel shooting. Thank you

Name: Annie Johnson

Comment:

Leave the animals alone!

Name: Japo Parcero

Comment:

We have already taken so much of their habitat, we shouldn't take any more from them.

Name: Sienna Wagner

Comment:

I am writing in regards to the recent proposal to eliminate 60-80 % of the wolf and bear population.

Predators are an essential part of the ecosystem. Additionally, their available habit has been significantly reduced for human purposes.

I'd ask that more holistic and environmentally sound measures are considered to manage wildlife appropriately and with responsibility.

Name: Juju Ha

Comment:

How dare you think you can kill your way out of pathetic desparation

Name: Katie French

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 by idly while such a tragedy unfolds. Please, reconsider this proposal and choose compassion over cruelty.

Name: Mandy Ohara

Comment:

Alaskan nature should remain wild and diverse. Removing wildlife from wild ruins them. There are enough cities and domesticated areas already.

Name: Rachel Talty

Comment:

There is no reason to murder the wildlife unless you are being immoral. We must protect the predators that sustain the ecosystems we depend on to survive. If you murder the animals you must plan to sell the land, as well? Do you not understand that as humans we need this planet? It does not need us. Money is not God.

Name: Deana Kaminski

Comment:

This is truly awful

Name: Sara Simone

Comment:

It is unacceptable and disgusting to propose this. I am extremely disappointed in a government that would kill bears without adequate cause. Proposal 75 is devastating and I am opposed. With climate change, we do not know what the future holds for our bear populations. They will decline on their own due to the damage we are doing to our ecosystems.

Name: Clare Ryan

Comment:

Predator populations are controlled by the availability of prey—they do not need to be culled by people. Boosting ungulate populations could be achieved in other ways that are more consistent with conservation

goals. Habitat conservation and restoration are much better options for the ecosystem at large. We should not manage natural resources for our consumption alone.

Name: Amy B

Comment:

Bears and wolves are essential to a healthy ecosystem. They should be protected, ESPECIALLY in a national park! Why is it so hard for governments to prioritize the health of the world over commercial gain? Please put the protection of Alaska's animals as a top priority - they are living beings with a critical role in the health of our world.

Name: Brian Fairlie

Comment:

Allow the bears and wolves to follow their natural life cycles. Over hunting has caused enough of a blow to their populations and we don't need to encourage further culling!

Name: Hannah P

Comment:

Please stop harming our wildlife. Nature is always a better means of control than relentless killing of our natural wonders.

Name: Maya Cabrales

Comment:

This is not "culling" or "tactful population control." This is straight up massacre. Near genocide. Our wolves are endangered as it is, struggle to survive through their pup years, constant territory disputes with other wolves of their own... lowering their number by 80%?! To a hopeful estimate of only THIRTY-FIVE wolves!?!? Its barbaric. We should be saving these wolves, protecting them. Do we need to look back to what happened to Yellowstone once the wolves were eradicated last time? I STRONGLY suggest you see how they graciously healed and impacted the environment once they were brought back. Wolves are absolutely essential to our ecosystems, their intelligence and social networks are something to be admired. We should be learning from them. NOT culling their already dangerous, endangered numbers. If you MUST "populate control," then I would suggest safely relocating to other areas where they can assist

the ecosystem there instead. Spread their numbers to the lands and ENCOURAGE their survival. Not this barbaric slaughter.

Name: Amber Peters

Comment:

I am vehemently oppose the killing of any predator species for "predator control". This is irresponsible wildlife management that does not consider the deeper implications of such a reduction in apex species. I beg you to reconsider and understand that this is a bandaid solution to what you perceive as a problem. Wolves in particular have community dynamics and cultures that are deeply fractured when members of their population are taken out. This leads wolves to having less efficacy in their role since time immemorial with removing disease from ungulate populations. There is a deeper intelligence in nature that humans cannot pretend to know how to reenact and we are clearly on the wrong path with these preposterous decisions.

Name: Lili Castillo

Comment:

Abominable and unacceptable to abuse and kill américas native

Name: Miguel Closa

Comment:

Just leave our American NATIVE wildlife be free.

Name: Felix Hens

Comment:

Unethical and lazy way to reduce a wildlife population while biodiversity is highly needed

Name: Emma Thommen

Comment:

I cannot comprehend the proposed culling of bears and wolves. Humans should not be intervening in wildlife this way especially culling large numbers of the population. Imagine what that will ultimately do to the ecosystem. This is absurd and inhumane!! Please reconsider this utterly disgusting proposal. We are here on this planet with all forms of life and should not be killing anyone unnecessarily.

Name: Alanna Scott

Comment:

This cannot be allowed to happen. This is heartbreaking that you are even suggesting this.

Name: Shelley Amodeo

Comment:

I oppose this interference by man on the habitat of wild anima! Leave the bears and wolves alone! Man needs to stop interfering and thinking that everything is ours to destroy! Enough already!!

Name: Kathryn Vizas

Comment:

I am writing as a frequent visitor to Alaska, where I have enjoyed the wild places your beautiful state offers. I am very opposed to Proposal 75. SO many tourists go to Alaska to see wildlife and enjoy the animals. I believe Alaska's reputation will be damaged by what is being proposed; shooting animals from planes is widely regarded as extremely cruel and unnecessary. And I have a specific comment on wolves — please familiarize yourselves with current research showing that killing even just a couple of wolves in a pack completely destabilizes the pack, frequently resulting in more deaths and the disintegration of that pack. Aerial shooting therefore does more damage than just to those animals shot. Wolves are social animals and they rely on each other and individual roles the members have. Please allow your ecosystems to develop naturally, rather than trying to “manage” them as you would a food crop. All the animals in the system have adapted to each other over centuries without our misguided interventions. Thank you.

Name: Anushka Sharma

Comment:

Please don't kill the bear. That's inhumane.

Name: Melissa C

Comment:

This is unacceptable. There is NO reason to take out this much of a population. It is inhumane and frankly pathetic move by the human race.

Name: Mariah Klitsch

Comment:

We need to protect our wildlife and earth in every circumstance. Our wildlife is a vital component to the ecosystem. Humans and animals deserve the very best. We have lost connection with Mother Nature and need to get back to being one with earth and not destroying and killing everything. It is crucial we understand the circumstances of killing innocent animals in there unnatural habitat. It is only killing us also. Please consider your family knowing that people purposely killing an innocent animal in its natural habitat for no good reason. Without guns its survival of the fittest. These animals are already suffering from global warming and pollution due to us humans not doing the right thing though we have all the research that we are also killing ourselves. Humans lived thousands of years not killing unnecessarily and only for what we need. We need to get get back to that point. Buffalo was ■ and killed for fun and now are endangered to humans killing unnecessary. We need to do better!

Name: Iz Gonz

Comment:

Please do not kill bears and wolves. There has to be a better solution than killing defenseless animals for no reason. This is there natural habitat and should be protected, not hunted and killed for sport!

Name: Deborah Parsons

Comment:

Don't kill the bears!

Name: Carina Gericke

Comment:

The proposed aerial gunning of wolves and bears in Alaska is not only cruel but also ecologically irresponsible. Predators like wolves and bears are vital to maintaining balance in the wild. Wolves, for instance, are keystone species whose presence shapes landscapes by controlling herbivore populations, preventing overgrazing, and allowing vegetation and forests to thrive. Bears, equally vital, disperse seeds and bring nutrients into the soil, directly benefiting the environment. Their roles are irreplaceable, and disrupting these populations will create ripple effects far beyond what we can immediately see.

Wolves are sentient beings with deep family bonds, similar to human families. Packs rely on the leadership of the alpha pair, and if a pack leader is killed, there is a 73% chance the entire pack will disband. This disrupts their social structure and survival, making them more likely to come into conflict with humans. Wolves, like humans, experience grief when they lose pack members, highlighting their emotional intelligence. Their role in ecosystems is invaluable, as seen in Yellowstone, where the reintroduction of wolves triggered a trophic cascade that stabilized the ecosystem by controlling elk populations and supporting biodiversity.

This proposal stems from deeper issues, including a lack of education, an unwillingness to change harmful practices, and fear-based reactions. Fear often drives decisions like this, prioritizing elimination over coexistence, fueled by misconceptions about predators. Ignorance and arrogance can lead to decisions that destabilize ecosystems and jeopardize the animals that play vital roles in them.

Targeting wolves and bears in areas bordering national parks like Denali and Lake Clark undermines conservation principles and the sanctity of protected lands. These parks should serve as havens for wildlife, not boundaries for mass slaughter. This is not wildlife management—it is destruction under the guise of action. There are humane, evidence-based solutions to address concerns without resorting to killing apex predators.

To protect Alaska's ecosystems and its natural heritage, we must prioritize coexistence, education, and respect for nature's delicate balance. I strongly oppose this plan and urge Alaska's leaders to reject it, honoring their responsibility to safeguard these animals as essential guardians of the wild.

Name: Jade Katz, (Wales?)

Comment:

Strongly OPPOSE, this is outrageous and disgusting. Humans are NOT superior to anything else, this is nothing but cruelty and greed.

Name: michele beaumont

Comment:

Bears are not simply animals to be destroyed for human convenience, they are part of a larger ecosystem- The destruction of which will disrupt the entire balance of things. Do not destroy these beautiful animals.

Thank you,

Sincerely

Michele Beaumont

Name: William McMullin

Comment:

It's outrageous you want to aeriaily gun down bears in Unit 16. Leave them alone.

Name: Wennilyn Almazan, PAWRFUL PAWSIBILITIES INC

Comment:

Bears are a huge part of our ecosystem and are very important to our environment. Just like other animals deserving to be in this world. Humans are taking that right away from them. You have the power to choose to be better to them or cruel.

We stand by these voiceless and innocent souls.

IMAGINE you to be the bears or animals humans are wanting to kill just for existing. Wouldn't you want people to care?

THEY ARE IMPORTANT. ANIMALS DESERVE MORE COMPASSION AND EMPATHY FROM HUMANS.

Leave the bears in their natural habitat and environment!

Name: Molly Scott

Comment:

It's deplorable that Alaska is trying to kill innocent animals and engage in population control through aerial shooting of brown bears. Brown bears are an essential part of Alaska's biodiversity and are in no

way infringing on any meaningful use of the land that isn't exploitative and damaging. We should be engaging in the termination of projects that damage wildlife and native lands

Name: Dakotah Rae Rae

Comment:

Killing wolves and bears via aerial gunfire is wrong and disastrous.

Name: Amber Ng

Comment:

I OPPOSE THE GUNNING OF WOLVES AND BEARS IN ALASKA!!!!!! STOP KILLING THESE INNOCENT ANIMALS AND TAKING THEIR HOMES AWAY BECAUSE OF YOUR SELFISHNESS!!! You guys have already taken so much from them, stop pushing them further!

Name: Linda Hansen

Comment:

Wolves are a natural part of your ecosystems and must be allowed to live and thrive for the betterment of all species.

Name: Chloe Powers

Comment:

Whose [REDACTED] idea was this? For what benefit to humans? Causing negativity and harm and distress, and disrupting the natural flow of life to these areas!!! Including impacts on every other form of life and plants. Get [REDACTED] real

Name: Robin Johnson

Comment:

My son lives in Alaska, and during my many visits, I have met locals who share stories of how they rely on hunting for their family's subsistence. Allowing people to hunt for food and collaborating with biologists is the most responsible and humane action to address the ungulate population and prevent the inhumane treatment of brown bears.

Name: Tamaryah Higgins

Comment:

This is outrage, disgusting humans wanting more and more. When are we as intelligent humans going to figure out that we can NOT destroy animals as if they are trash. How can we slaughter them from planes and rounding them up and running them by sharp shooters? How can you live with your self ? You are not GOD, you are Greedy, no heart 2 leggers. The 4 legged where here long before we showed up and the Natives had no problem keeping the balance in tact. The Natives did not slaughter because they wanted land. The killed to feed the tribes and cloth themselves. Now the white man has been slaughtering animals since they got here. They slaughter to kill the native pride, starving the Natives to death. Then white man came and the balance between Mother Nature and man kind began to fall apart , the animals were trying to get along, but we killed just to kill, so we could hang heads on walls and stuff the animals to once again brag about their mighty kill. We, as the white man is going to lose this land because we are killing the balance. Not only on land but in our Sea's. What is your problem? How stupid can you be? You had to hide behind closed doors and pass this slaughter without allowing the public to attend and voice their concerns, because you don't like to hear the truth! Will WAKE UP you are on the way to totally screwing US ALL, 2 and 4 legged will NOT survive. Stop PLAYING GOD, you only think you know what is best. These acts need be open to the public and not kept behind closed doors! We need a plan that we can all live with. 2 and 4 legged alike. Stop the slaughter.

Name: Chantel Trujillo

Comment:

I am from a different part of the world and from a different ecosystem altogether, however, the importance of protecting our wildlife stands true in all areas of the world. As we witness increasing environmental devastation due to industrialization and its impacts including climate change, pollution, and over-consumption, the wellbeing of our planet's animals needs to be prioritized for protection — not further destruction. Protect our wildlife.

Name: Yoseph Kamran

Comment:

Aerially shooting a keystone species like bears will be extremely harmful for the ecosystem. This cannot come to pass.

Name: Henry Shepherd

Comment:

In the face of environmental collapse we should be preserving and restoring key cornerstone species such as bear, not removing them. It is a black stain on humanity to further remove what tiny amount of wildlife exists. They must be kept and this outrageously out of touch proposal must be opposed and overturned.

Name: Shannon Roode

Comment:

The bill to propose gunning down innocent bears and other wildlife is disgusting!!!!!! Leave these animals alone!!!

Name: Jordan Gallant-Turner

Comment:

It's beyond time humans evolve beyond the primitive and immoral anthropocentrism which determines so much of our actions. This butchering of innocent animals cannot be justified nor forgiven. It threatens biodiversity and crucial species lost already under threat from capitalism and the climate crisis. Be better humans.

Name: Andrew Gaylord

Comment:

Don't

Name: Allyson Staford

Comment:

Do what's right. Killing innocent unsuspecting bears is appalling

Name: Kellen Dunn

Comment:

We write to strongly demand that this agency to address the entire issue of cruelty and torture, including the vehicular killing of wildlife, which you all failed to have considered. Such practices are NOT hunting or predator control—it is pure cruelty, sadism, and barbarity. .

As residents we write to strongly urge each of you to PROTECT our precious, iconic and ESSENTIAL WILDLIFE especially WOLVES at all costs. It is time to prioritize wildlife and co-exist with wolves as they are essential to our healthy ecosystem.

We note that wolves are also tourist cash cows for the Rocky Mountain and Alaska states – wolves are why tourists visit our national parks and bring in huge revenues for our state! Your anti-wolf policies are killing our state’s cash cows. People want to see wolves alive and thriving in the wild.

Immediately make the following changes to our current predator hunting laws in our state.

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- Prohibit baiting and close wolf hunting in known CWD units
- Prohibit the use of all motorized vehicles (e.g., snowmobiles, ATVs, helicopters, etc.) to hunt predators
- Prohibit use of night goggles and prohibit night hunting for the safety of people and predators
- Reduce wolf trapping season and close hunting units near national parks when quotas are met
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Name: Dr. Neville Dunn and Jesper Christian

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Kane Haugen, Anchorage

Kirill Knutson, Hudson

Arne Christian, Wasilla

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Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Annette Bentley, Anchorage

Jarri Richards, Alyeska

Drs. Francine and Matthew Webb

Name: Kyra Cherry

Comment:

Hearing this news is heartbreaking and devastating. This is not conservation. Increase hunting if anything to slow a population, so the sacred animals can be harvested for good, for food, for a purpose. This is just senseless killing and these numbers cannot be based on science. I do not believe that these animals need to be controlled by this much. This is only done bc it's easier for you to do this as opposed to all the work that has to be done if you do it the right and ethical way. These animals have families and souls. They feel emotions and communicate. This isn't 1867 where humans are ignorant and don't know or believe that. Wake up! If you have to control the numbers do it so they don't die in vain. there's a special ring in [REDACTED] for people who kill sadistically. Be better.

Name: Ko williams

Comment:

Please stop this poor management of wildlife. i am appalled that this could be proposed when Alaska provides so much natural beauty.

Name: Christopher Wilhite

Comment:

Please do not permit the irradiation of 60% of the bears in Unit 16!

This is inhumane.

Stop favoring game maintenance (sport hunting). I understand if you need to manage the population of the bears, but 60%, that's outrageous.

Name: Ross Pulin

Comment:

Strongly Oppose the slaughter of wolves and bears

Name: Marie Vaudolon

Comment:

Wild life needs our protection, are we going to live in an empty world, without beauty without nature? Where are we going gunning animals from an helicopter? This your responsibility to keep our planet green, please save the wolves and bears

Name: Jose Ortiz

Comment:

When are we going to learn to leave wildlife alone. Why do animals continue to suffer at the hands of humans who have done nothing but take their environments from them? Bears are not the problem, human development is.

Name: Ishani Ishaya

Comment:

Please seek alternative means of conservation while protecting wildlife.

Name: Brooke Benner, Strategy Window Cleaning

Comment:

To cull bear populations when wildlife is already dwindling world wide is arrogant. We must use innovation to come up with better solutions.

Name: Camilla Trugenberger

Comment:

Please do not kill the bears it is very cruel. Tourists will pay a lot of money to come and see them it is a stupid move.

Name: Serena Manuel

Comment:

Please protect the apex predators of Alaska and conserve the bears! They are a critical aspect of the ecosystem and should not be incessantly murdered only for the sake of human convenience.

Name: Victoria Canby

Comment:

As an Diné woman, I see the important of balance and value in Nature. The disrespectful slaughter of bear families is unconscionable and cruel. Please do not pass proposal to reckless take these animals lives. It's their home too and they deserve a place to live and raise their families just like any person.

Name: Lauren Hunt

Comment:

This land belongs to the animals before it belongs to any human. We have invaded their space and we have no right to kill them because they have a high population. Would fellow humans be okay with killing humans to purposely reduce our population by 60%? I doubt it, but it would be much more justified because this is not our land, humans are irresponsibly reproducing, and increasing their carbon footprint daily which is destroying our planet without any really progress or care to move in the right direction. Leave the bears alone. Can't everyone just be wild, free, and in peace.

Name: Roberto Cardella

Comment:

I find unacceptable destroying our precious wildlife. It has been proven in the past that the killing of wild animals like wolves or bear has caused un reversible damages to our ecosystem. It's not just a crime

against innocent animals who have no fault to live in their nature given environment. It's eco-cide. Thank you for reading

Name: Huet Chloé

Comment:

Your country has the chance to be the home for a rich wild nature. Please protect it instead of trying to please some hunters and kill by many ways those bears who need you protection. Please act now for life and for future

Name: Meena Amani

Comment:

Please protect Alaska's wildlife

Name: Emily Payne

Comment:

Killing bears is horrific. It cannot happen.

Name: Valéria de Proença

Comment:

ALASKA. Leave animal lives alone. YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO TOUCH WILD LIFE.

Name: Fiona Dunn

Comment:

Firstly, we understand the need for subsistence hunters to have access to healthy ungulate populations. And we're not denying that something needs to be done to help the populations increase.

We are also aware that AF&G has implemented plans to minimize cow hunting, and focus instead on the males. This makes sense. But, the issue here is, that due to changing weather patterns (which has affected the lichen) the herds are migrating between one and two months later than normal. Which means the males are in the rutting stage and that makes the meat inedible.

This proposal is flawed on many levels, but rather than using aerial gunning, consider these alternatives.

- work with conservationists/biologists on a plan to relocate the wolf packs. We know you've identified them, we know the biologists will know what areas they can be relocated to, and we know conservationists will come together to help the relocation, physically and financially.

- based on your own data, bears, being omnivores, aren't the main predator of ungulates. But both bears and wolves prey on small mammals that consume vegetation. Vegetation that is needed to sustain ungulate populations.

- lastly, and your own biologists have probably noted this, it's highly likely that many cows aren't gaining enough weight in summer to sustain a pregnancy through winter. Or, they're giving birth to already weakened calves. This is a climate/vegetation issue.

Your proposal is contemplating removing a natural and necessary part of the ecosystem. Regardless of how many predators you remove, the ungulate population (almost always cyclical in numbers), will keep diminishing. Address the root cause, literally, not the predators who are limiting the number of diseased ungulates in the population.

I appreciate you reading. Again, we want to make sure subsistence hunters have the food they need, so let's work together on a plan that doesn't involve unnecessary killing.

Thank you.

Name: Elizabeth Linhares

Comment:

As an occasional tourist; I come to see grizzlies in large numbers. Not only would this lose Alaska money, it's senseless! Frankly the world is bad enough as it is we don't need to add wonton violence against wild animals added to the long list of reasons to kill ourselves.

Name: Qudsia Khan

Comment:

Please reconsider decision about reducing brown bear population. Wildlife is critical for human sustenance. Since 1970s wildlife populations are on a decline. Please save these animals.

Name: Jennifer Griffiths

Comment:

I strongly oppose the gunning down of wolves and bears in areas bordering National Parks in Alaska. These animals deserve to be here and part of the land and should be protected to help biodiversity and the ecosystem of the area. Bears and wolves contribute to the land they are on and should be allowed to exist. Removing significant populations of these animals is heartbreaking and would hurt the environment in more ways than one. Please consider protecting these animals and finding solutions to support that instead of killing them.

Name: Leah Hendee

Comment:

It is sad to hear that once again humans think they need to control mother earth and her creatures. There is not a legit reason that there needs to be a reduction in any mammal outside of humans. It is sad to think that there are humans who will want to participate in this cull just for the sheer pleasure of killing an innocent mammal trying to live.

There are ways to make profit from eco tours that will bring the true story of these mammals to humans. More humans are caring for this planet than ever before. Protect these areas and the animals that live in them and people will pay to come see them living their lives in the wild.

Name: Marcy Gomez

Comment:

This is egregious heinous and monstrous for any such thing be done to loving living sentient. What kind of a DEPLORABLE NATION HAVE WE BECOME!

Name: Holly Benjamin

Comment:

Animals are rapidly going extinct before our eyes. Why do you think your life is more valuable than the bears? THIS IS THEIR LAND TOO. LET THEM LIVE IN PEACE

Name: Daniel Gay

Comment:

Reject the proposal to cull Brown Bears. This is a barbaric proposal when climate change and human development are already threatening these species. If their food supply is an issue, pass proposals to stop oil drilling and other human interventions that are the real cause, rather than murdering these wondrous animals. Get a grip and actually fix things, rather than needlessly shooting animals.

Name: Lita Mutt

Comment:

We are not a civilized country if we kill sentient beings using such technology. We need to live in harmony with nature rather than constantly try to eradicate aspects that do not suit us. If someone cannot live with bears, then they should choose a different state or community to live in.

Name: Kimberly Cohen Darin

Comment:

This is completely unnecessary and cruel. Please figure out other methods and things to take up your day that doesn't involve killing animals. Let nature take its course.

Name: Carson Armstrong

Comment:

With the way the world is going right now, why would we want to further harm our planet and destroy its beauty by killing all these animals. There is no way this is actually necessary

Name: Lori Hamlin

Comment:

Already made a comment but submitted without voting against the cruel plan to shoot brown bears to reduce the population by 60%.

Name: Pamila Manning

Comment:

Oppose murdering the bears and wolves. They are not harming tge environment. Their population will adjust with the food supply as it has for centuries.

Name: Ashley Wolter

Comment:

The incessant need to cull wildlife is not only scientifically ineffective, it is a human-centered, profit driven response to the mere idea that humans deserve to dominate every square inch of this Earth. And if you have not seen the destruction that this mindset has already caused this planet, then I urge you to read the scientific data, to think about your children and their future without wildlife, and to put our planet before wealth and profit.

Name: Mako Grace

Comment:

You clearly need to be reminded of how ecosystems work and how major a role bears and wolves play to keep natural order. The presence of wolves has literally changed the course of rivers (re-introduction of wolves into a US state reservation resulted in less deer overpopulating the environment, resulting in less erosion on riversides and, in turn, allowing the water to redirect itself) and countless scientific studies have proven that killing off apex predators can greatly upset the local ecosystem to a dangerous extent. You can't argue against biology that has been proven so often, time and time again, that children as young as 10 are capable of learning and understanding it.

Name: Alix Bakr

Comment:

For many reasons, predator cycles are vital to a sustaining natural environment. Species like bears and wolves are essential to a healthy habitat. Not only this, they ARE the habitat. It is cruel to gun down in the name of population control. It is a vague mission that holds no promise of a beneficial outcome for all. It is inhumane to believe that a population of 35 wolves is a statistic that suffices as harmonious survival of living creatures. An action to reduce a population of any species by the upwards of 80 percent is not acceptable and not on the level of humanity.

Name: Kristin Barlowe

Comment:

I'm in writing, an OPPOSITION of the current measure to vastly kill large populations of the wolves and bears. Nature does a better job every time than human intervention does. Millions of years, it has taken care of itself. This will vastly affect more than the populations you wish to limit but also what that they prey upon. It could throw the balance off tremendously and in a negative way. Because when what these predators eat over flourish, then there's an abundance of other things that are thrown off because of it. I implore you to let nature take care of its own balance. It's not only more effective, but it also is more cost-effective. I believe the high percentage numbers are just too high of a number, regardless of intervention. That is just too much of a swing. If some kind of a disease famine, another natural occurrence happens, it could wipe out the species. Beyond recovery in the area. Open up small amounts hunting in small increments. Perhaps with indigenous tribes and native Americans as that is a much more natural intervention than mass slaughter.

Name: Taylor Doehrman

Comment:

This proposal is lazy, irresponsible, and fails to consider conservation or our natural resources. I strongly believe other proposed solutions should be considered. These include increasing hunting quotas for bears and wolves and gradually increasing predator hunting tags to protect against a bust and boom cycle.

Brown bears in this unit are already threatened by many pressures. "Focus on one of the few things we can change" and deny this proposal.

Name: Lesley Green

Comment:

Bears need protecting not being aerielly gunned down

Name: Cody Traweek

Comment:

The plan to use aerial helicopters to gun down AK wildlife in an area that shares borders with not one, but TWO national parks including Denali is unnecessary, costly to taxpayers and is not a science based

decision to managing wild populations. These apex predators deserve protection, not to be gunned down for crossing an unseen boundary. Please do not proceed with this horrific decision. Wildlife belongs to the public and we demand you protect and conserve our apex wildlife!

Name: Georgia Niemeyer

Comment:

I am against reckless killing of wild animals. Please handle this responsibly.

Name: Lyndsay Swartz

Comment:

We do not need the government to overstep and take control of this situation. Protect our wildlife.

Name: Nicole Rueda watts, Nyx Studio Observatory Interior

Comment:

This is not the way to handle life. We have to stop playing God. This is brutality and short sighted. It is grotesque. We are the ones that invaded and took over this land. With our houses and our roads. Is there no shame?

Name: Nicole trigg

Comment:

Please do not slaughter Alaska's wolves and bears. These living creatures need our protection .Alaska is known for its abundant big wildlife. Slaying a huge percentage of their populations will have a ripple effect across sectors and borders. Please be part of the solution to protect the world's wildlife not part of the economic engine that is causing the biodiversity crisis. We live in a world where murder has become the norm. Please protect bears and wolves from being killed off due to human greed and callousness. The world needs more compassion not killing!

Name: Cristina Indiveri

Comment:

This is not conservation. This is cruel and unacceptable.

Name: Sonya Serna

Comment:

STOP KILLING OUR PRECIOUS WILDLIFE WE NEED OUR BEARS WOLVES COYOTES ALL ANIMALS

Name: Andrea Casas-Beaux

Comment:

How dare you. To believe in such superiority and exhibit such tangible mishandling of the natural environment. You all should be ashamed that this bill is even on the table. We are NEIGHBORS to nature, not the other way around!

Name: Carly Van kervel

Comment:

This is so wrong. There's too many people in the world, are you going to just start shooting down people too. Humans are the problem, not bears. Please don't do this. Let nature take its course.

Name: S Miel

Comment:

NO! This is an ecological atrocity. Gunning down predators from helicopters is barbaric, unscientific, and a betrayal of conservation principles. These animals are vital to maintaining the balance of ecosystems- not pests to be exterminated for human convenience. This is not management; it is annihilation. We must reject this reckless destruction of wildlife and demand protection for these species and the ecosystems they sustain.

Name: Viktoria Christman

Comment:

Killing bear populations can disrupt ecosystem balance by destabilizing predator-prey relationships and altering biodiversity. As apex predators, bears regulate other animal populations and contribute to the health of their environment. Reducing their numbers can lead to ecological imbalances, loss of genetic diversity, and cascading effects on other species. Additionally, bear populations play a significant role in local economies through eco-tourism and hold cultural value. Therefore, the indiscriminate killing of bears threatens both ecological integrity and socio-economic well-being.

Enough is enough.

Stop with this nonsense and start protecting wildlife.

Name: Olivia Nordgaarden

Comment:

There is no sane reason why we should be purposefully killing animals to reduce their population. Especially with aerial shootings.

Name: Jonathan Hornick

Comment:

This proposal is in no way, form or fashion an act of conservation. Controlling predator overreach by allowing governmental authority benefits no party. By gradually allocating more availability of predator hunting permits, you not only benefit the animals you are trying to protect, but you also benefit the families of the hunters who care for and preserve the meat to provide for their family. The community would also benefit with increased tag sales, increased sales for local businesses and other areas of monetary gains. This proposal is nothing other than governmental overreach, and a waste of the lives of the animals both prey and predators.

Name: Valerie Leonard

Comment:

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to vehemently oppose the slaughtering of any wolves or brown bears as put forth in proposal 75. Alaska is the last wild refuge for wildlife! And aerial murder from a helicopter is obscene. Please do not allow this killing of wolves or brown bears.

Name: Jessica Atherton

Comment:

To whom it may concern, ADFG-

This proposition is not conservation it is a slaughter of bears and wolves and can not be allowed to happen!

Name: Mayroon Yacoub

Comment:

Save all bears lives. Always. That's it.

Name: Mary Edelman

Comment:

This is a ridiculous proposal. The revenue coming into the border communities brought in by eco tourists far outweighs the "management" of the wildlife.

Name: Lynn Henry

Comment:

Please consider HUMANE conservation and control of wildlife. Do not allow the shooting of bears and wolves from aircraft.

Name: Laila Engelmann

Comment:

This proposal is a gross misjudgment of the population in this area. Reducing the animal population by this much will greatly affect the natural habitat for generations to come. I strongly urge you to vote no on this proposition and urge Alaska fish and game to come up with alternative solutions if they are needed.

Name: Holly Cox

Comment:

Bears deserve to live. We're in a climate emergency & the world's sixth mass extinction. We've lost 70% of the world's wildlife since the 1970's, so we need to do what we can to save as many of all species as possible. This bear shooting policy is inhumane. Bears should be allowed to live together in their families without humans harming & killing them. This is so sad. Please do not enact this policy. Thank you.

Name: Kris Shapira

Comment:

Please halt the cruel proposal to kill bears and wolves in Alaska. These native species are essential contributors to a balanced and healthy ecosystem. Their presence helps regulate other animal populations and maintains the health of the land.

Name: Tyra Smith

Comment:

Stop the killing of innocent wildlife .. Our planet is home to wildlife , Alaska is home to bears. Totally Oppose

Name: Myrthe Majoor

Comment:

Bears and wolves are so important to the ecosystem, and shooting so many of them is absolutely destructive to both the species and the environment they are a part of. Top predators like these species regulate themselves according to available space for territories and food sources. Humans do not need to intervene. Let nature handle itself, because nature handles it best.

Name: Peronica Hunt

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) practice of culling wolves, brown bears, and black bears to artificially increase caribou populations. This intensive predator control program is inhumane, ethically questionable, and ultimately unsustainable.

Instead of killing these magnificent animals we should be focusing on addressing the root causes of caribou decline, which appears to be disease. This also includes protecting critical caribou habitat, mitigating the impacts of climate change, and managing human activities that disrupt caribou migration patterns. Enough killing!

I implore you to reconsider the current predator control policies and invest in long-term, sustainable solutions that prioritize our ecosystem and respects our predators.

Name: J J

Comment:

Why do humans think their desires are more important than wolves desires.

Name: Joe Marsala

Comment:

Alaska's predator control programs — aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters — do not work to increase human moose harvest. A 2022 article by ADFG and University of Alaska Fairbanks biologists published in the scientific journal Diversity, found no increase in moose harvests in the years following nearly 40 years of predator control in Southcentral Alaska.

Large carnivore management in Alaska is a reversion to outdated management concepts and occurs without effective monitoring programs designed to scientifically evaluate impacts on predator populations, or identify causal relationships between predator control and prey population dynamics. Large carnivore management in Alaska should be based on rigorous science including the status and trends of carnivore populations - this program does not meet those standards.

The proposed aerial gunning program borders some of the most iconic wildlife viewing areas in the world. Predator control is not popular with the general public. The State's reputation as a responsible wildlife manager is rightfully beginning to sour after aerially gunning down nearly 200 bears in southwestern Alaska. Authorizing this program on such loose and un-studied biological grounds bruises Alaska's image and erodes public faith in the Board of Game to make sustainable decisions.

Predator control as a whole has accounted for ~\$2.5 million in lost federal funding, as Pitman Roberts funds cannot be used for Intensive management. At a time when ADFG has almost no funding for non-game programs and the State is struggling for cash, it is unwise to dedicate another quarter million dollars each year to predator control programs that have yet to be deemed effective.

Name: Laurie Lane

Comment:

I utterly DEPLORE the heinous, brutal killing of wolves just to satisfy the unending selfish greed of the trophy hunters! There are more than enough elk and other game for hunters to take. Wolves are part of God's beautiful creation and He said "it was good." God created them for a specific ecological purpose.

LEAVE WOLVES ALONE !

Name: Lucas Ried

Comment:

As a wildlife biologist in a state with an incredible resurgence in our bear population thanks to immense conservation work, do not remove all of these keystone species from the landscape. On top of their importance to creating a healthy and balanced ecosystem, they are a huge reason people visit this park to begin with. Wildlife photography brings people in from great distances who'll spend a lot of money to get a look at these incredible creatures. Education is the only work that need to be done here to keep anyone safe.

Name: Chris Crawford

Comment:

The only bad this about this proposal is the fact money has to be spent to hire someone to manage the resource instead or earning money through permit and tag fees. The North American game management model works, and the carrying capacity of the land as well as the adverse impact predators can have on other animals must be taken care of.

Name: Chip Cirillo

Comment:

Please don't kill wolves.

Name: Jennifer Cicali

Comment:

To: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed predator control program. This comment outlines several key concerns about the ecological and scientific basis for this proposal:

1. Disruption of Natural Ecosystem Balance

The proposed culling of wolves fails to account for their vital role as apex predators in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Wolves help regulate ungulate populations naturally, preventing overgrazing and promoting vegetation diversity. In Alaska's delicate northern ecosystems, this natural predator-prey relationship has evolved over millennia and helps maintain the health of both caribou and moose populations by selecting for stronger animals and preventing overgrazing of sensitive vegetation.

2. Questionable Scientific Basis

The proposal appears to prioritize short-term game management goals over long-term ecosystem stability. Predator control programs often fail to achieve their intended results and can lead to unintended consequences. Research has shown that wolf removal can disrupt pack structures and hunting patterns, potentially leading to more erratic predation patterns and decreased pack stability. Additionally, artificially inflating ungulate populations through predator control can lead to habitat degradation and increased vulnerability to disease.

3. Economic Impact on Tourism

Alaska's wolves are a vital draw for ecotourism, bringing significant revenue to local communities. Wolf watching and wildlife photography tours contribute substantially to Alaska's economy. The opportunity to view wolves in their natural habitat attracts visitors from around the world. Reducing wolf populations could negatively impact this sustainable source of income and Alaska's reputation as a premier wildlife viewing destination.

4. Alternative Solutions

Instead of lethal control, I urge the Department to consider alternative methods:

- Conducting more comprehensive studies of predator-prey dynamics in the target areas
- Implementing habitat improvement projects that benefit both predator and prey species
- Developing science-based wildlife viewing programs that generate economic benefits for local communities
- Establishing more protected areas where natural predator-prey relationships can function undisturbed

5. Public Trust Considerations

As a public agency, ADF&G has a responsibility to manage wildlife for all Alaskans, not just hunting interests. Wolves are a public trust resource that should be managed based on the best available science and for the benefit of the entire ecosystem. The proposed control program appears to favor single-species management over ecosystem-based approaches, which contradicts modern wildlife management principles.

I respectfully request that the Department withdraw this proposal and instead work with wildlife biologists, conservation organizations, and other stakeholders to develop a more balanced approach to wildlife management that preserves ecosystem integrity and natural predator-prey relationships.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Jennifer Cicali, DVM, MLS (ASCP-CM)

Wasilla, AK

Name: Elisa Van der Lingen

Comment:

We do not have the right to decide over the lives of so many creatures. They are beings with their own life and experiences and they deserve to live it as much as any other being on earth. This proposal makes me so angry and sad and absolutely discussed with those produced it.

Name: Chris Keefe

Comment:

It is not appropriate to use taxpayer dollars to slaughter native wildlife. Wolves belong in wild landscapes. Idiots with guns in helicopters and snowmobiles do not.

Name: Niamh Oconor

Comment:

Leave the wolves and bears to roam and live out their lives away from humans - (the worst unkindest animal of all) - move humans habit away from these creatures - Animals have just as much rights as any human to inhabit the earth

Name: Meredith Melahn

Comment:

Leave the wolves and bears alone. This is there land, not ours.

Name: Adriana Barinaga

Comment:

I am wondering why we have to continue to sign petitions in order for others to do the right thing

Name: Serenity Denson

Comment:

Don't kill them

Name: Meaghan Osmond, (Ontario?)

Comment:

This is absurd and is just unnecessarily barbaric!! These animals deserve the right to live or at the very least change the hunting laws for a more humane approach... Disgusting behaviour from everyone over there who thought this was the way to "solve the problem". There is another way, give your heads a shake and maybe use your brains a little bit more and think of a better option.

Name: Kerri Stroupe

Comment:

I urge you to defeat efforts to allow arial hunting and other aggressive hunting tactics of wolves and bears. This species should be protected and not cruelly hunted. Please reconsider and rely on updated scientific studies and provide the protection these animals deserve.

Studies have shown that Alaska's predator control programs — aimed at boosting moose, caribou, and deer populations for hunters — do not increase human moose harvest.

Large carnivore management in Alaska is a reversion to outdated management concepts and occurs without effective monitoring programs designed to scientifically evaluate impacts on predator populations or identify causal relationships between predator control and pre-population dynamics.

If approved, this proposal would give ADFG full reign to implement an aerial gunning plan in Unit 16. Once a proposal like this is approved, ADFG has the authority to develop an Operational Plan for aerial gunning that is not open to public comment.

Name: Ryan F

Comment:

Please reconsider your proposed approach to the wolves & bears of the Lake Clark region.

Name: Lauren Kingery

Comment:

Don't kill animal

Name: Morgan Key

Comment:

This is absolutely absurd to reduce the population of wolves and bears. For what reason? This is disgusting

Name: Jacob Rossi

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Cibdy Worth

Comment:

Stop the proposed killing. Stop the proposal to nearly eliminate bears. This is outrageous reducing their numbers to such a low percentage. Let wildlife live.

Thank you

Name: Jessica House

Comment:

Oppose this

Name: elizabeth lauer

Comment:

Please stop killing our majestic bears.

Name: Elisa Jensen

Comment:

Do not hunt wolves or bears

Name: Vanessa Wlodyka

Comment:

Please don't kill the bears and wolves

Name: Raymond Reddington

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Christine Zimmerman

Comment:

Oppose!!!

Name: Anne Nolan

Comment:

Stop the killing

Name: Jody Richards

Comment:

Oppose

Name: Darcy Baldrige

Comment:

Gunning down brown bears as a way to control or manage wildlife is a travesty. In a culture that seeks to destroy not only the environment but also the animals that inhabit this land, as is their right, I plead with you to be the hero. These animals can't speak for themselves. Please.

Name: Brandi Brown

Comment:

Sick of government killing innocent animals! That is cold blooded murder! Thou shall not kill!

Name: Katye Hegedus

Comment:

We have a massive responsibility to protect wildlife and the environment from human destruction. Please protect bears.

Name: Anthony Mack

Comment:

Wildlife should be protected not murdered to dangerous population levels.

Name: Emma Johnson

Comment:

Please do not hunt bears.

Name: Jeffery Biss

Comment:

Wolves, wildlife in general, have the right to exist without psychopaths shooting them, including the psychopaths in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Department needs far better people than the reprobates they currently have. Humans have already caused a severely decline in all wildlife populations, human biomass is estimated at 0.06 GtC while that of all wild mammals, including those that you want to wantonly slaughter, is at 0.007 GtC. That is a huge imbalance that indicates that the human needs to be reduced to well below 2 billion ASAP by getting people to stop having kids, especially those that slaughter for recreation.

Enough of this paleo-man [REDACTED], you babies. Leave other living things alone and live your own [REDACTED] life in peace.

Sincerely, Jeff

Name: Dawn Donadio

Comment:

We need to save these animals, not reduce their population

Name: Arwyn Larson

Comment:

Killing wolves and bears in such giant numbers is insane. Our children and grandchildren need us to protect the natural world. Find a better solution!!!

Name: Jody Stover

Comment:

Unconscionable proposal!!!

Name: Charlotte Arthun

Comment:

I work in wildlife tourism. Bears and wolves are so important. Please let's protect them we cannot suffer losses to their population as proposed!

Name: Casey Mannes

Comment:

The amount of animals you're looking to kill in this region will have a negative impact on the wildlife viewing companies that work and operate here and surrounding areas. This will do more bad than good for the people and the ecosystems in Alaska.

Name: Valérie Nebon

Comment:

For nature !!

Name: Denise G

Comment:

Just no! Opposed

Name: Anastasia Khovanskaya

Comment:

I disagree

Name: Colleen Allen

Comment:

Opposed to culling bear and wolf populations

Name: Sande Fiaher

Comment:

Please don't let this insanity happen . Bears and wolves deserve to live !!!

Name: Heidi Greene

Comment:

Stop the killing of animals.

Name: Chelsea A Murdock

Comment:

Please protect the beautiful bears and wolves. They are so precious. Please don't eliminate them from the planet.

Name: Katie Sayre

Comment:

I frequently travel to this area with my family for tourism, and I strongly oppose Proposal 75. Please reconsider what you consider to be beneficial vs. cruel. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Kathryn Brandlin

Comment:

Oppose gunning down bear and wolves

Name: Tristan Sophia

Comment:

I'm sure no one will care what I say but you want to get MORE aggressive at killing wildlife? How is that even a possibility? Why is killing the only answer? And not to mention the fear and torture that happens before the killing... Are you even human? With a heart?

Name: Anne Margaret Caverte

Comment:

Let the bears live unimpeded. We've encroached into the wildlife's habitat so much that there's only 4% wildlife living with the 96% humans and their domesticated nonhuman food.

Name: Andy Klamser

Comment:

Addendum to my earlier comment where I couldn't locate the proposal number

Name: Ash Horn

Comment:

Didn't kill bears. Predators exist to sustain the ecosystem, and any proposal to reduce their population is about corporate greed.

Name: Sonja Dorrance

Comment:

I am against wolf (and future bear) eradication efforts. The research shows that eliminating top predators does not cause moose populations to recover.

My family visits Alaska 4-5 times a year for work and tourist purposes. I love the wildlife viewing and happily support the tourist industry (for next year I was planning a week-long trip to Lake Clark) but in the future I'll likely spend my time and money in Canada where they have not proposed/executed wolf elimination programs like Alaska has around Denali. The wildlife tourist industry brings in \$\$\$ for Alaska - don't kill it along with your wolves. Thank you for your time.

Name: Evet Sanchez

Comment:

Please stop the proposed killing of Bears and cubs. To protect our planet and the humans on it, we need a thriving ecosystem, and this includes Bears.

Thank you for your support and intelligence.

Name: Trevor Olson

Comment:

This is unreasonable, unjustified and an act of inhumane barbarity. The act of killing shouldn't be the solution in this regard. Not only is it cruel, but it undermines the human ability to have to think critically and propose a more sane solution. When us humans resort to taking lives, animal or otherwise, in order to "fix" our differences, then we've lost touch with nature and humanity. As stewards of this planet we should hold ourselves to higher standards. We owe that in the very least to the natural surroundings that give us so much to love, be in awe of, and be one with.

Name: Sarah Mehl

Comment:

Wolves are apex predators and help keep ecosystems healthy by controlling the wild ungulate population. It seems like removing them because hunters want to have a monopoly on these prey animals is not in the best interest of the ecosystem. Wolves belong to this landscape and removing them for human convenience is a travesty. It would be a disservice to the people of Alaska and of America to kill this threatened species when so many predators have been needless extirpated from much of the rest of the country. Please allow Alaska to remain wild. Please do not shoot the wolves.

Name: Annjanet Cruz

Comment:

Gunning down wildlife is such a lazy, irresponsible and cruel proposal that should never have been introduced. Why can't other, more humane alternatives be proposed? It's so sad and scary that this is what leaders propose to do and others just follow. Please look into other ways to reduce predator population like relocation for these animals ... they deserve to live also

Name: Olivia Hendry

Comment:

I am writing in opposition to this bill, due to its egregious nature. Not only is it proven that reducing a wildlife population offsets a delicate balance of ecosystems in these areas that said wildlife naturally occurs, but doing so is also violent and morally unjust. I implore the board to find a less harmful, an ultimately easier way to achieve

Safety and balance between human nature and wildlife. Especially in a state that prides itself and receives most of it's tourism around its wildlife.

Name: Ethan Abelov

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed killing of wolves in Game Management Unit 16. This policy not only undermines the ecological balance of the region but also disregards the broader interests of Alaskans and the economic vitality of our state's tourism industry.

Wolves are an iconic species of Alaska, representing the wild and untamed spirit of our state. Their presence plays a critical role in maintaining healthy ecosystems, as they regulate prey populations and promote biodiversity. Removing wolves from this landscape risks disrupting these natural systems, with potentially far-reaching consequences for other wildlife and the environment.

Moreover, these wolves belong to all Alaskans, not just a select few hunters or interest groups. Decisions regarding their management should reflect the shared values of our diverse communities, rather than prioritizing narrow, short-term interests. Many Alaskans and visitors alike cherish the opportunity to witness wolves in their natural habitat—a privilege that strengthens our connection to the wilderness and enriches our shared heritage.

The importance of Alaska's tourism industry cannot be overstated. Each year, millions of visitors travel to our state, drawn by its unparalleled natural beauty and wildlife. Wildlife viewing, including the chance to see wolves, is a cornerstone of this industry, contributing significantly to our economy and providing jobs for thousands of Alaskans. By reducing wolf populations, we risk diminishing the very attractions that make Alaska a world-renowned destination, potentially causing long-term economic harm.

Instead of lethal measures, I urge the adoption of non-lethal management strategies that prioritize coexistence and sustainability. Investment in public education, habitat preservation, and scientific research can help address concerns about wolf populations without resorting to their extermination.

As stewards of Alaska's natural heritage, it is our responsibility to protect the delicate balance of our ecosystems and ensure that future generations can experience the wonder of our state's wildlife. I respectfully request that you reconsider this policy and prioritize solutions that reflect the shared values and long-term interests of all Alaskans.

Name: Ron Brown

Comment:

I am deeply opposed to public aerial hunting by the public. There is no skill to this type of hunting and reminds me of how they almost erased the bison herds by shooting from trains in the 1800's

Name: Susan Brown

Comment:

I am absolutely opposed to aerial hunting- it is unethical, cruel, inhumane and causes unnecessary suffering to wildlife. It also destabilizes biodiversity and long-term environmental health.

Name: Kevin Aronis

Comment:

Instead of solving a problem, you'll devastate an ecosystem and create a new problem with an unbalanced food chain

Name: Jamie Weir

Comment:

I support the animals 100 percent. Keep the ego of man out of nature

Name: Jerrod Christensen

Comment:

Why would you allow this atrocious act to even,take place. Alaska is known for its wildlife population. I suggest you spend mobey on bear education n studies of the animals. Wolves same thing educate . As humans our first thing is to protect a species. Not to cull them as there's to many. How bout relocation, to areas that they have been severely eradicated. Imagine if the years decided to cull us humans. Cause there's to many . We do that with wars . Rethink your proposal were to protect wildlife not eradicate it cause of a study done 20 years ago. I'd rather send a bear then a human .

Name: Marybeth Coghill

Comment:

Please protect the bears!

Name: Sarah Grimwood

Comment:

Please cancel the cull

Name: Jeffrey Ramirez

Comment:

Bears are Vital

Name: Jeanine Thorpe

Comment:

Bears are a critical part of the Alaska ecosystem and subjecting them to “predator management” will likely have unintended, negative consequences. They are also important to the tourism economy in Alaska and policies like this one will dissuade people from visiting your beautiful state.

Name: Rachel heath

Comment:

Please do not use aerial weaponry to reduce the bear and wolf population. Please consider increasing hunting permits which will allow support of local economies while achieving your goal of reducing predatory populations to allow an increase in ungulates. Please. Thank you!

Name: Sarah Kerner

Comment:

The department claimed overgrazing in the area was apparent. Bears can help with overgrazing caribou and help increase the health of the overall ecosystem which works in tandem with itself.

This is also a region that could use eco tourism and capitalize on its natural resources in a way that doesn't result in wasted death. Is there no acknowledgment that this is murder?

Name: Jeannine Bradley

Comment:

Please do not approve this proposal. As someone who lives in a community that has daily interactions with bears and other wildlife, I understand the reasons behind wanting to reduce numbers. I do not think it is our right to push our agenda over the rights of the animals who were here first and cannot defend themselves however. As the people who can bring ideas to life, we should be able to find more creative

ways to coexist. We should protect areas with bear and wolf populations as some of the few areas remaining for tourism. This plan is short sighted and cruel. Please do not move forward.

Name: Kelly Faulkner, Nat hab

Comment:

Save the bears

Name: chris ness

Comment:

you must make any hunting wildlife from helicopters and snowmobiles, illegal, and enforce very strict criminal charges to anyone that does this terrible way of hunting.

Name: George Wilcox

Comment:

Please don't allow this. Killing top predators at this scale will unbalance these ecosystems for generations. Let them be wild.

Name: Eric Gustafson

Comment:

No

Name: Bruce Davis

Comment:

Please, for the love of God, don't do this.

Name: Victoria Dent

Comment:

Bears are a vital part of any ecosystem and are smart, caring, emotional, and beautiful creatures who deserve to live. If you approve this you'll be responsible for the massacre/mass murder/genocide of these incredible animals who only want to mind their own business and live their life. If you do approve it I hope you feel guilty and miserable every second of every day for what you allowed to happen. These bears are not harming anyone. They only attack humans if they feel threatened or if they feel like their cubs are in danger. You'd do the same for your children but would you want to be murdered for simply defending yourself and/or your family?

Name: Caterina Palombo

Comment:

Large carnivores are not the problem! The planet is facing a global climate change and the humans cannot affect more the natural cycles. I not agree with the proposal n.75.

Name: Hubert Kafel

Comment:

I dont think that hunting wolves for the sake of controlling population is an good idea that is proposed in the proposal 75, there are far better ways to not only control wolf population such as making sure that their prey items are not overhunted or relocating wolves to territories that have no wolves. Also while i support the idea of hunting, does not mean that the hunting terrytories should be just an pointless slaughter.

Name: Yajuvendra Upadhyaya

Comment:

I oppose it

Name: Gena Bennett

Comment:

The bears deserve to live! DO NOT gun down these innocent animals that are just trying to live their lives in the wilderness that we as humans have encroached upon.
