



PC901

Name: Meier, Amelia

Community of Residence: USA

Comment:

All top “predators” in nature are mandatory for healthy and biodiverse ecosystems. Yellowstone brought back the wolf years ago and watched their parks begin to thrive. (1995)



PC902

Name: Melendez , Frank

Community of Residence: APT 1

Comment:

Don't wait till it's too late act now, this is how we loose a species forever. This cruel and inhumane imagine they were humans. What will history say about our race. Future generations will study your actions with great sorrow stop this senseless slaughter please.



PC903

Name: Melick, Erica

Community of Residence: Oklahoma

Comment:

I oppose mindless shooting of the bears. There is a better way to control animals which some may have been on the endangered species list (brown bears). Please allow hunting, or start tracking the bears and only euthanize nuisance bears that are dangerous to humans and livestock. Have we not learned our lesson yet?



PC904

Name: Mello, Julie

Community of Residence: Pinole ca

Comment:

I've briefly read the information presented to support the culling of bears in the area mentioned. While I understand the need to support the caribou birth success and the advancement of young female to breeding age I don't support the method of helicopter hunting and the taking of mothers with cubs. The numbers given don't support a great success response to the culling. There must be a better way forward than the proposed method.



PC905

Name: Mellon, Ashley

Community of Residence: Pennsylvania

Comment:

Bears are an important part of the food web and keep things in balance. Bears and cubs cannot speak for themselves. Gunning them down like this is not wildlife management.



PC906

Name: Meloche, Julie

Community of Residence: Minnesota

Comment:

If there is NO scientific evidence supporting the need for this “culling” STOP!!!! If there is no evidence that this practice will help increase the caribou populations...STOP!!!!

Just STOP!!!



PC907

Name: Menendez, Stella

Community of Residence: Los Angeles

Comment:

Please stop killing the bears, we need them. They are part of our world. The earth belongs to them more than it belongs to us.



PC908

Name: Menke, Kathleen

Community of Residence: Haines

Comment:

I oppose the new Mulchatna bear control program. Bears are family. If the goal is to improve the strength of the caribou herds, work on habitat and controlling humans. Bears are omnivorous. Alaska's Board of Game needs to better understand ecology. These predator control programs are expensive and in the long term do not achieve the desired goals of increasing prey herds. Alaskans do not support this.

**PC909**

Name: Menon, Vrinda **Affiliation:** The Oneness Living

Community of Residence: Abu Dhabi

Comment:

Stop the Slaughter: Protect Alaska's Bears, Protect Our Biosphere

The shooting of bears in Alaska is not merely a local policy issue—it is a reflection of a decaying relationship between humanity and the wild. These majestic beings are not trophies, threats, or targets. They are keystone species, spirit guides of the forest, and ancient custodians of balance.

Financially, killing bears is a short-sighted act. Wildlife tourism generates millions in revenue annually. Tourists from around the globe come to witness Alaska's untouched wilderness, hoping to see a grizzly roam free. By encouraging bear hunts, we threaten a sustainable, long-term economy for fleeting satisfaction and gun-lobby appeasement on the cost of taxpayer's money. Dead bears don't fuel tourism. Living ecosystems do.

Ecologically, bears are irreplaceable. They regulate prey populations, disperse seeds, and fertilize soil. Their absence will trigger cascading damage to entire food webs. Every bear killed is a step closer to the silent collapse of fragile ecosystems that took millennia to form.

Spiritually, this is desecration. Indigenous communities revere the bear as a sacred presence, not a commodity. By authorizing slaughter, we violate ancient wisdom and lose touch with a reverence that once guided humanity's relationship with Earth. We sever ties not only with the bear, but with our own deeper selves.

Ethically, this is indefensible. Killing sentient beings for sport or population control, especially during vulnerable times like hibernation or with cubs nearby, reveals a disturbing moral vacuum. This is not management. This is massacre. And it reflects a dangerous disconnection from compassion and conscience.

The Earth is not ours to dominate—it is ours to protect. When we kill the bear, we kill a part of ourselves. Let us not be the generation that destroyed the sacred in the name of control.

Call upon your leaders. Speak out. Resist the slaughter. The future of Alaska's wilderness—and the soul of our planet—depends on it.

**PC910**

Name: Meo, Nicky

Community of Residence: Italy

Comment:

I oppose strongly the killing of these brown bears



PC911

Name: Mercer, Heather

Community of Residence: Fraser Valley British Columbia

Comment:

Mother Earth knows how to balance nature, arial gun shooting is atrocious. Shame on you!



PC912

Name: Merida Rodriguez, Juan Valente

Community of Residence: Mexico

Comment:

Stop murdering nature!! . Protect Brown Bears as well as any other animal species!



PC913

Name: Mesa, Ray

Community of Residence: Wasco

Comment:

We humans are not happy until we have nothing left! :(



PC914

Name: Mesirov, Isabella

Community of Residence: San Diego

Comment:

I strongly disagree with the killing of the bears.



PC915

Name: Meszaros , Anett

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

I'm not sure what happened to your upbringing that you need to target practice on a species that was here before us and whose homes and food sources are decimated because of us. And worse, you'd laugh in the face of mothers and their babies as you aimed your gun on them. That's not a hero, that's not a hunter, that's not a human...that's a coward with a mental disorder and if you didn't have bears to shoot, you'd find something else until nothing is left to satisfy your need to kill. You're supposed to be a leader, unfortunately you're not. Maybe step down from your roles and go open outfitting businesses and slaughter facilities because then you can happily kill and leave nature preservation to those who care about nature. Sad to see your reign come to such a horrific idea you call "management".

**PC916****Name:** Meyer , Denise**Community of Residence:** Ohio**Comment:**

Please do not kill the bears and bear cubs. Let what God created live its natural course. I do not support this proposal. This is inhumane and causes bears to suffer. Please stop.

**PC917****Name:** Meyer, Megan**Community of Residence:** Wisconsin**Comment:**

I am very much OPPOSED to this. There is no data to show that this will better the Caribou population and is devastating to the bear population. Please do not approve this.

**PC918****Name:** Meyers, Abigail**Community of Residence:** Covington**Comment:**

there is no need for the killing of these innocent bears!! the caribou are being affected by loss of habitat not the bears!!!

**PC919****Name:** Mezg, Barbara**Community of Residence:** Washington state**Comment:**

I have visited Lake Clark NP and hope to return next year to Katmai NP to photograph bears and other wildlife, seeing and photographing wolves would be a dream come true! So I am wholeheartedly opposed to the slaughter of bears and other predatory animals just to save the caribou for humans to shoot. And thinking that if you "clear" an area of predators that will help the caribou population, that won't happen as Nature fills a void, and more predators will move into this area. This in no way is an appropriate method of wildlife management. And as a person who has worked before in Alaska, and travels there typically 1-2 yearly for photography purposes, spending significant money in the local communities, with businesses and with guides, I won't return and will deter my friends as well, perhaps opting for Canada over Alaska. Please stop this shooting of predators immediately!

**PC920****Name:** Michie, Cheryl**Community of Residence:** United Kingdom**Comment:**

Opposition, after experiencing a bear tour on Katmai I honestly have no understating of how a human could murder such a beautiful beast. We do the same thing with stags in the UK and I don't agree with that either. The Faroes kill whales, another thing I can't stand to witness. It is something that happens to often and then next thing you know they are endangered. Then you want to bring the numbers back up. Seems a waste of time, animals should be superior to humans. We just ruin this planet.

**PC921****Name:** Michon, Terie**Community of Residence:** Cape Cod, MA**Comment:**

These apex predators BELONG. Hunters & hunting DO NOT. Killing then is just an act of barbarity. Humanity will be judged by how we treat our animals. We are guardians, stewards of the environment & you are not doing a very good job

**PC922****Name:** Midoux, Kristyn**Community of Residence:** Arkansas**Comment:**

This should be illegal and stopped! Shooting animals surviving from a helicopter is plain wrong! We need to protect them and NOT harm them!

**PC923****Name:** Mikkelsen, Rebecca**Community of Residence:** Kern**Comment:**

I am in opposition to this due to the unsound science provided and inadequate reasoning. Killing off bears to prevent what naturally occurs is only going to create another problem. Better, humane solutions should be sought out rather than ones that support senseless slaughtering of animals.



PC924

Name: Millan, Shea

Community of Residence: Winchester CA

Comment:

Please do not allow the killing of bears, especially mother bears and their cubs. Thank you!



PC925

Name: Miller, Debbie S.

Community of Residence: Sitka

Comment:

Dear Board of Game members,

As a 50 year Alaskan, I'm strongly opposed to the Department's proposal to reinstate the bear control program in an effort to boost the Mulchatna Herd. I urge you to abide by the March, 2025 Superior Court ruling, and do not approve of this culling proposal as it violates sustainability requirements of the State Constitution. My letter with detailed comments is attached.

Thank you,

Debbie S. Miller



July 5, 2024

To: Alaska Board of Game

Fr: Debbie S. Miller

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Sitka, AK 99835

RE: Mulchatna Herd Bear Removal Program

Dear Board of Game members,

I urge you to question and deliberate the Department's flawed proposal to reinstate the bear culling program for three more years to boost the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. This program will cost the Department millions of dollars, money that could be better spent on wildlife research, conservation and education vs. gunning down bears and wolves from a helicopter with shotguns during the sensitive calving time for the Mulchatna Herd.

This proposal, if approved, will allow the Department to indiscriminately kill hundreds of bears during the Mulchatna Herd's calving season in a defined region that's about the size of Kentucky, nearly 40,000 square miles, for three years. I truly pity those who are asked to pull the trigger, killing sows and terrified cubs on the run.

The Department has already been reprimanded by the Superior Court with the recent March ruling that determined the Department was wrong in conducting this illegal predator control program without adequate public process, and without meeting the requirements of the State Constitution on managing wildlife in a sustainable manner.

The Department is circumventing the court's ruling by holding this July 14 meeting, in an effort to push the culling program through, once again, with no regard to bear sustainability and the unpredictable impacts on other elements of the ecosystem. I find it astonishing, after all the public opposition to this intensive management program, that the Department offers the Board of Game no details on the number of bears they might kill each year, including males, sows and cubs. With no estimated cost. With no targets or caps. With no recent bear census for this region. This clearly violates the State Constitution with respect to managing wildlife in a sustainable manner for both predators and prey. This is reckless wildlife management at best.

The Department is boasting that the herd numbers look better, and that the fall composition counts have improved for the Western segment of the herd. I urge the Board of Game to look at the composition counts and census data closely with respect to historical data. Read the important recommendations given by the area biologists who authored the 2023 and 2024 census reports, and the 2024 Fall composition report that includes 20 years of composition



counts. I encourage you to ask the Department questions pertaining to the following information contained in their own reports.

1. Has the Department considered revising the current Mulchatna Herd population objective of 30,000 to 80,000, given historical and recent trends as noted by the Dillingham area biologists? (the herd has been stable at low levels for seven years ranging from 12,500 to 14,800 --- current population objectives are likely very unrealistic given habitat changes, disease factor and ongoing climate change conditions)
2. Can the Department provide you with information on the number of Mulchatna Herd calves who have died as a result of brucellosis that causes abortions, stillborns, and weakened calf conditions? How many diseased dead calves were retrieved in 2023 and 2024? Does the Department know how many diseased calves were scavenged or killed by bears? (these disease related questions are important because the aspect of disease for the Mulchatna Herd is excluded in the Department's proposal).
3. The Department boasts that the Mulchatna Herd has increased by 19%. But isn't this largely true because the Eastern segment of the herd grew by 28%, where there was no predator control? The Western segment only increased by 11% where there was predator control. It's interesting to note that the Eastern segment of the herd did better than the Western segment in 2024, where there was no intensive management. Given the small size of the Western segment of the Mulchatna Herd, is 11% a significant number?
4. Is the Department conducting a range analysis and the nutritional stress level for the Mulchatna Herd? The region is undergoing shrubification which benefits moose. What does climate change mean for the Mulchatna Herd in terms of quality of range and long-term population projections?
5. Should the Department be culling hundreds of bears to boost a herd that is suffering from other causes such as habitat changes, nutritional stress and disease? Should bears and wolves be the scapegoats even though they are not a significant cause for the herd's low numbers?
6. Has the Department made any effort to census the bears that live in the Mulchatna Herd calving region? Does the Department plan to indiscriminately kill every bear sighted in the defined calving zone for the next three years, with no thresholds or science-based bear studies? If so, doesn't this violate the March court ruling on sustainability requirements?
7. When the Mulchatna Herd was at its peak, was there a predator control program that led to these high numbers?



8. The Department notes that this proposed regulation is not expected to require an additional appropriation. Does the Department have an estimated cost for this intensive management program over the next three years?

In closing, I urge the Board of Game to request an independent analysis on the Department's proposed intensive management plan for the Mulchatna Herd. Many well-known scientists in Alaska have denounced the bear culling program. I also urge the Board of Game to look at other caribou herds throughout North America. Herds fluctuate and most populations are down in number. In Quebec, predator control programs for wolves, coyotes and bears have failed to limit the decline of caribou. Some of these control programs have run for several years, if not decades, without long term caribou recovery.

I urge you to oppose the Department's proposal to amend 5 AAC 92.111 (c), that would allow for indiscriminate and unlimited bear killing to boost the Mulchatna Herd numbers. This proposal is in violation of the sustainability requirement of our State Constitution, and the proposal does not address the real causes why the Mulchatna Herd numbers are low.

Sincerely,

Debbie S. Miller

**PC926****Name:** Miller, Diana**Community of Residence:** No**Comment:**

I am in opposition of killing the bears proposed in this bill. There should be strong scientific evidence that a program like this would be the best solution moving forward. This proposition is not science based and killing of these bears especially moms and their cubs will have a dramatic impact on there overall population. I respectfully ask for this to not move forward as there is a better way to increase the caribou population in this area.

**PC927****Name:** Miller, Elizabeth**Community of Residence:** Blue Ridge**Comment:**

First I have 2 words that truly exemplify what this is: SIMPLY BARBARIC. That being said, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the practice of aerial hunting of brown bears. This method of hunting, which involves pursuing bears from aircraft and shooting them from the air, raises serious ethical, ecological, and conservation concerns.

Brown bears are iconic wildlife species that play a critical role in maintaining the health of ecosystems. They are slow to reproduce and particularly vulnerable to overharvesting. Aerial hunting undermines the principles of fair chase and sportsmanship, as it gives hunters an overwhelming and unfair advantage over these animals. It also increases the risk of wounding and leaving bears to suffer unnecessarily.

Furthermore, such practices can disrupt bear populations and the balance of natural systems, harming not only bears but also other species and habitats that depend on intact ecosystems. Aerial hunting damages the reputation of wildlife management programs and alienates the public, many of whom value the opportunity to observe and appreciate brown bears in the wild.

I urge you to reconsider policies that allow aerial hunting of brown bears and instead promote science-based wildlife management strategies that emphasize conservation, fairness, and respect for these magnificent animals.

**PC928****Name:** Miller, Jessica**Community of Residence:** Utah**Comment:**

I oppose the murder of bears. It's needless slaughter without any clear benefit. It's disgusting, morally unjust, and it has never been proven to help sustain the natural environment. Leave predators alone.

**PC929****Name:** Miller, Lisa**Community of Residence:** 9309 Pearl St**Comment:**

OPPOSITION to 5 AAC 9.111(c) proposed addition of brown and black bears to predator list to save the Mulchatna caribou herd. The bears and wolves should not be destroyed in such a careless and haphazard manner. Research should be conducted on the true reason for the herd's decline.

**PC930****Name:** Miller, Nicole **Affiliation:** Nicole Gabrielle Photography**Community of Residence:** Fond du lac Wisconsin**Comment:**

Bears may travel long distances to get to food sources, find mates and raise cubs. The bears of Brooks Falls may be impacted by this decision which will be heartbreaking to the community that enjoys viewing and photographing them. Regardless of that the bears are indigenous to the area and have barely (no pun intended) rebounded from being endangered. Please stop this plan. Put America first and protect our wildlife.

**PC931****Name:** Miller, Paula**Community of Residence:** Washington DC**Comment:**

Killing bear wildlife to defend another wildlife population is a dangerous game and is proven to be detrimental to natural ecosystems. It's also a sad portrait of what we are doing as people when we exterminate living things from helicopters who have no chance to defend themselves.

Please stop this dangerous and unethical practice immediately.

Name: Miller, Sterling
Community of Residence: Lolo



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7/5/2025 (resubmitted because the original submission had the wrong year).

To the Alaska Board of Game

This is a comment in opposition to ADFG Proposal #1 "Intensive Management Plans, MCH predation management Area. I am a retired ADFG DWC researcher on bears and predator-prey relationships who has worked and recreated in the control area on both bears and caribou.

Bear sustained yield considerations

There is no information presented on the sustained yield of predators (bears or wolves) in the documents provided except for references to the literature (some of which I wrote) about the percentage of the population that can be killed on a sustained basis. The cited percentage figures are meaningless in any case for the area of bear culling because no information on bear density is available for this area (the denominator used to calculate the percentage number). There are extrapolation density estimates from elsewhere (some based on work I've done) but this does not suffice to know what kill numbers are sustainable.

Perhaps equally important, there is no target for reductions in density that would be classified as "sustainable". Expressing, as the reports do, targets in terms of caribou demographics is irrelevant to the question of what is sustainable for bear (or wolf) populations. It would be possible to eliminate all of the bears and still not achieve targets expressed (inappropriately) in terms of caribou demographics.

Pertinent information to evaluate whether the bear kill meets the constitutional mandate to manage for "sustained yields" has apparently been written by ADFG but not provided to the public. The Tentative Agenda for the July 14 meeting lists a report on "Sustained Yield of Predators Under IM: Overview for the Board of Game, July 2025" but, unlike the other two reports in the Tentative Agenda, this report is not available so the public cannot evaluate and comment on it for the Board's consideration. This seems to be a violation of the requirement to make reports like this available. Correspondingly, I believe the Board cannot make a finding that the bear kill is "sustainable" since there is information available on this topic that the public has no ability to review.

The absence of data on the sex and age composition of bears killed in the control operation also makes it impossible to evaluate the claims that the culling operation is sustainable. ADFG asserts that immigration from surrounding areas will restore bear numbers but this can only be evaluated (partially at least) with information on this composition. It would be expected, for example, that immigrating bears would be predominantly young males and many fewer females (especially adult females). It is essential to have this information on

the kill sex and age composition (and location with respect to the adjacent NWRs) to get insights into the pattern of immigration and support for the assertions that it will suffice to restore bear population.

Additionally, in order to evaluate the source(s) of bears claimed as likely to repopulate the removal area on the calving grounds, the location of the bears killed in the culling operation needs to be provided and evaluated. Also, it is important for the BOG to be provided with information on the lost opportunity costs associated with other uses of the bears killed in the control actions. I saw a passing reference to an UAF study that pegged economic value of non-consumptive uses of bears in this general area at \$1.2 million over a bear's lifetime. I have not reviewed this study but was a co-author of another ADFG study (Miller et al. 1998) that similarly documented the high values of non-consumptive uses of Alaska's bear resources.

The Mulchatna bear culling operation is unlike anything like that has ever occurred anywhere in the World yet there is apparently no information is being collected about it except for numbers killed. This is missed scientific opportunity to gain insights on bear population reactions to such a massive culling operation. In illustration of this point, I conducted a 20 year study on the effects of heavy hunting pressure on the grizzly bear populations in Subunit 13E and also in GMU 9 that concluded, among other things, that the sex and age composition of the population changed toward more females and fewer old adult males. However, contrary to reports from Scandinavia, we did not find a decline in cub survivorship associated with the decline in adult males (Miller et al. 2003). The level of removal in the Mulchatna is far greater than I had in Unit 13 and the potential to learn more about whether hunting is compensatory or depensatory on cub survival or other demographic factors is far greater as a result. Yet apparently no one from ADFG is interested in evaluating this which is an important question of sustainability of the Mulchatna bear kill.

Caribou considerations

There is no basis for the claim in Proposal 1 that "Continuing predator control is essential for herd recovery...". I am unaware of any science supporting a claim that bear or wolf predation is a limiting factor to recovery of the MCH and, in fact, the data presented by ADFG caribou researchers to the BOG in 2022 concluded that none of their data streams supported a conclusion that bear predation was limiting herd growth.

More recently, the ADFG March 2025 report to the BOG claims that there has been an "improvement" in caribou calf:cow ratios in the fall and this is attributed to the kill of bears.



There is no question that bears kill caribou (and moose) calves in the spring so it would be unsurprising if reduced spring predation did not result in higher calf:cow ratios in the fall before the major period of mortality for calves IN THE WINTER has occurred. The pertinent metric for calf survivorship is number who survive to become yearlings (especially during moderate-severe winters). No data is presented on this. In addition, the ADFG comparisons of spring calf:cow ratios in eastern and western portions of the herd are puzzling and inconsistent as survivorship is not higher in the western portion where the most predators were killed.

ADFG's insistence that recent bear removals resulted in higher early calf survival and thus higher calf:cow ratios in the fall is inconsistent with that fact that early calf survival in the west during the years preceding bear removals was frequently comparable to early survival during after bear removals and also frequently higher than early calf survival in the east, yet did not lead to high fall calf ratios. This strongly implies that something other than predation on newborn calves was driving low fall calf recruitment in the west.

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ADFG/DWC, retired

**PC933****Name:** Millmore, Mimi**Community of Residence:** Ireland**Comment:**

This is disturbing, unethical and unnatural. It has been a dream to travel to Alaska but this is off putting. As it is for many other potential tourists who would bring more money to the area.

**PC934****Name:** Mills, Zac**Community of Residence:** Anchorage**Comment:**

I strongly oppose the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's proposal to establish a massive 40,000-square-mile black and brown bear control program in western Alaska. This plan feels like a reckless overreach, especially in light of recent court rulings that deemed the previous Mulchatna bear control program illegal and found that the State acted in bad faith by continuing to kill bears despite clear judicial orders.

There is no credible evidence that this program will achieve its intended impact on ungulate populations. Decades of wildlife science show that ungulates are far more influenced by weather patterns, grazing habitat quality, climate change, and regulated human hunting than by predator numbers alone. In fact, focusing on bear removal distracts from the root drivers of ungulate decline and risks unintended ecological consequences.

Moreover, this proposal would be a huge waste of taxpayer dollars. Funding an aerial gunning operation across 40,000 square miles—on top of ongoing wolf control—diverts limited state resources away from proven, science-based management strategies, habitat restoration, and community-led conservation initiatives that deliver real results.

As someone who brings dozens of visitors to Alaska each year to view bears in their natural habitat, I contribute significantly to the local economy through lodging, flights, guides, restaurants, transportation, and more. Ethical, sustainable wildlife tourism supports hundreds of Alaskan jobs and showcases our state's commitment to conservation. A blanket bear-control program undermines both our ecological values and the very economic engine that wildlife viewing provides.

I urge the Board of Game to reject this proposal outright and instead invest in transparent, science-based wildlife management that respects the rule of law, upholds ecological balance, and wisely allocates taxpayer funds to initiatives with proven benefits.

**PC935**

Name: Milne, Victoria

Community of Residence: South Yarmouth, MA

Comment:

As a young girl I learned to hunt from my father. Hunting was an honorable sport, the animals were given respect and not shot at dangerously should they be wounded and not killed. Our family ate what we got. Not many people hunted bear unless they lived where they could eat them.

Since then encroachment on their environment is a problem. Bear in general are losing habitat and in the lower 48 state of the U.S. they're wandering into backyards. There's less fresh water for them as well. The climate is hotter so they have to seek places to stay or eat they've adapted to. Polar bear are losing the ice they live on. Continental bear have less food because of rodenticide use even in rural areas.

To shoot bear from a helicopter is in no way sporting. The bear in question here are not a menace. They travel far to find food, and winters are warmer so their period of torpor is shorter. There is no reason this, or hunting them in general, should be allowed. Like National Parks, the bear bring money for folks willing to properly travel and view them safely. Explore.org has done an excellent job of educating and informing people from all over the world about the bear population that is the subject of this change. Such a change will, as with so many changes lately, cause people to think badly of the entitled people who would do such hunting. The amount of money one might spend this way for what, a trophy or bragging rights is not sporting. Better they should give it to bear conservation and watch them in the cameras to appreciate their magnificence. There is no reason to allow the hunting of these bears. And any reports about the bear suddenly becoming problems will not be believed. Just more anger will be directed at the government.

Thank you.

**PC936**

Name: Mincks, Janine

Community of Residence: Renton, Wa

Comment:

Dear committee

Aerial shooting of the bears at Brook Creek Falls should Not happen. There has already been 197 bears gunned down in this area, including mothers and cubs. Which is cruel and unnecessary. The first solution shouldn't just be to kill all the bears off. Other options should be included and introduced. We need to protect our wildlife and their habitats not destroying them. Please do the right thing.

Thank you for your time.

Janine Mincks



PC937

Name: Mira, Marie

Community of Residence: USA

Comment:

We need to preserve our planet and keep the species safe. There is no room for encroachment or compromise. I beg and pray you do



PC938

Name: Mirabella, Cindy

Community of Residence: Ocean, NJ

Comment:

I oppose this proposed change. I have not seen scientific proof that killing the bears will have a meaningful impact on protecting the caribou. Nature should not be managed in this way.



PC939

Name: Murphy, K.

Community of Residence: Juneau

Comment:

Having lived on Kodiak and worked on the Katmai peninsula, I think what you are doing to the bears at the Mulchatna herd is wrong. I oppose it and believe what you are doing is illegal. How about listening to the Alaskan public instead of the big game guides. It's not all about them. End predator control now. Otherwise Alaska becomes just like the lower 48.



PC940

Name: Mitchell, Richard

Community of Residence: UK

Comment:

I do not support the proposal - there is no reason to do it, these bears have not hurt anyone



PC941

Name: Mohan, Crystal

Community of Residence: 570 Clifton Crt

Comment:

Save the Bears we do not have the right to kill them! They deserve to live and be here on earth

**PC942****Name:** Molinari , Amynda**Community of Residence:** Del City**Comment:**

Please save the bears. They are critical to human and nature's survival and they are being punished for no reason. Please.

**PC943****Name:** Molton, Wanda**Community of Residence:** Highland**Comment:**

Alaska should not allow the killing of bears and wolves to boost the caribou population because it disrupts the natural balance of the ecosystem. Predators play a crucial role in maintaining healthy wildlife populations by culling the weak and sick, which strengthens the herd overall. Targeted killing of wolves and bears not only causes unnecessary suffering but also ignores other factors that impact caribou numbers, such as habitat loss and climate change. Sustainable wildlife management should focus on preserving the integrity of ecosystems—not manipulating them for short-term gains.

**PC944****Name:** Moncada, Alicia**Community of Residence:** Murrieta California**Comment:**

Leave all the wild life as is .

**PC945****Name:** Mondschein , Alana**Community of Residence:** Czech Republic**Comment:**

This is unacceptable. You can't just kill them , this land is also theirs . You tell they are overpopulated but what about us humans ? 8 billion ! We should live with nature together co existence , not to kill them ! Shame !!!

**PC946****Name:** Monsalve , Tiffany**Community of Residence:** Fairfield**Comment:**

Stop shooting bears



PC947

Name: Montague, Florence

Community of Residence: Idaho

Comment:

I've been to Alaska many times there's absolutely no reason to kill those bears, absolutely no reason whatsoever. The native Alaskans can eat bear just like they can Caribou so let them hunt for the bear.



PC948

Name: Montgomery , Ji

Community of Residence: Pennsylvania

Comment:

I oppose killing of these black bears they are so important to our ecosystem

Dear whom to concern,

I oppose killing of black bears as it doesn't help the environment or the communities please stop killing them



PC949

Name: Moody , Mike

Community of Residence: North Carolina

Comment:

Hi, I am writing from North Carolina to support our brown and black bears, and the wolf population.. Please outlaw the killing of the beautiful animals. There has to be a more common sense way instead of murdering these beautiful animals

Sincerely,

Mike Moody



PC950

Name: Moody, Meagan

Community of Residence: Illinois

Comment:

Save the bears. Let the wild be the wild.

**PC951**

Name: Moore, Carol

Community of Residence: Atlanta GA USA

Comment:

We must learn to support and coexist with all things living. Surely the bears don't have to be gunned down indiscriminately from above. Find a better way to coexist.

**PC952**

Name: Moore, Carmyn

Community of Residence: Washington County

Comment:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE the wrongful inhumane killing of these bears in Alaska for the "sake of caribou. " There is no proof or study that proves killing these bears will positively impact caribou herds. The ecosystem NEEDS bears to thrive and flourish. What is being done is WRONG and immoral.

**PC953**

Name: Moore, Heather

Community of Residence: Willow

Comment:

I am commenting in OPPOSITION to 1 PROPOSAL 1 5 AAC 92.111. Intensive Management Plans, Mulchatna Caribou Herd Predation Management Area changes for the following reasons:

This proposal violates the Alaska Constitution's principle of sustained yield because it values the sustainability of caribou herds but doesn't adequately study bear populations and their sustainability. On March 14th, Judge Andrew Guidi vacated this predator control program due to the lack of research that this proposal has on the bear population. "Having carefully reviewed the record and the arguments advanced by the State, it is apparent that the State did not have adequate, relevant population studies or any genuine data about bear sustainability in the area of the control program prior to adopting a proposal that would have an obvious impact on a constitutionally protected public resource.

The issue of the bear population and distribution is an obvious salient issue

touching on sustainability. Addressing the sustainability of a constitutionally protected resource like bears almost certainly requires the BOG to engage in more than a rudimentary discussion about a bear population or engage in conclusionary opinions when considering a proposal to initiate a program calling for the unrestricted killing of bears.”

Alaska cannot afford to lose the economic advantages provided by wildlife viewing enthusiasts. Approximately twenty years ago, the state was compelled to back away from a wolf control program in response to public dissent and impending boycotts of the Alaska tourism sector. The bear population within nearby Katmai National Park is closely observed by naturalists, rangers, park visitors and live camera viewers. It is widely recognized among this group that a considerable number of the resident bears did not return to Brooks Falls last year. Bear viewing brings a tremendous amount of attention and revenue to the state. In this year's “Fat Bear Week” contest, over 1,041,124 votes were cast with between 80,000 – 100,000 people voting on a daily basis. Bear enthusiasts worldwide have recently become aware of the recent proposals regarding the bears of Alaska and are actively seeking to educate themselves on these issues. According to the Alaska Travel Industry's Alaska's 2022-2033 Visitor Profile report (2) 66% of the total visitors to Alaska stated that wildlife viewing was one of their primary activities, 30% identified bear viewing as a primary activity while only 6% listed hunting as a primary activity. Of those visitors who hired guides, 30% were sightseeing guides, 29% were wildlife viewing guides, 17% were fishing guides, and only 6% of guides that were hired were hunting guides. With the commonplace use of social media, I believe that if this predator control program is reinstated, it could potentially trigger an economic catastrophe for small businesses that depend on tourism dollars which will already be suffering due to the current boycotts and other uncertainties.

In a different study published by the University of Alaska Fairbanks - The Economic Contributions of Bear Viewing in South Central Alaska (3) found that

wildlife viewing for Katmai National Park and Preserve contributed a yearly total of 84.6 million dollars to the Alaskan economy.

According to the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation (4), there were in total 640,000 non-consumptive wildlife-viewing participants in the State of Alaska including both residents and non-residents. It is reported that these wildlife-viewers spent a total of more than \$2 billion dollars in Alaska in 2011, with the average participant spending about \$3,200. Alaskan businesses cannot afford to lose this source of income.

The Mulchatna caribou herd has a history of significant population highs and lows. Many ADF&G research and management reports have attributed the recent population crash to adverse weather, nutritional losses due to habitat change, poaching, and disease. Much of the increase in herd numbers in the population count of Mulchatna caribou in 2024 was attributed by ADF&G researchers to better survey conditions. Most of the apparent increase occurred in the eastern segment of the Mulchatna herd, in a region where bears were not removed. Thus, there is no correlation between predator control and the increase in herd numbers. If herd population objectives were based on current knowledge of caribou ecology and the state's own research findings, there would be no need for predator control.

The money needed to implement this program would be better spend enforcing the current hunting closures in the area in order to curb the illegal poaching that continues to affect the herd. As a long time Alaskan, I am appalled at the amount of flagrant poaching of fish and game that I witness whenever I travel around the state. While I and my associates call in all of violations that we can, we realizes that the state does not have enough enforcement officers to control the amount of poaching that goes on here. The poachers realize this as well, which is why they make no attempt to hide their actions or stop when the illegality is pointed out. For evidence of this, I encourage you to walk down to any salmon stream that is currently closed to king fishing.

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**PC954**

Name: Moore, Linda C

Community of Residence: Vashon Island

Comment:

I strongly oppose the aerial shooting of bears, as it disrupts the natural ecosystem and the intricate web it weaves and works.

Please stop this murder of Alaska's beautiful bears!

**PC955**

Name: Moore, Sarah

Community of Residence: Colorado

Comment:

I am not against hunting, and I understand that hunting in Alaska contributes significantly to the state's economy. What I am against is the unethical practices to remove predators without significant scientific evidence.

This proposal isn't about removing an invasive species from a fragile ecosystem. This is a proposal about removing a native species from their natural habitat with little regard for the long-term impacts on the environment.

Additionally, this proposal does not specify a numerical limit on the number of bears that can be killed. While killing SOME bears may be beneficial to the Mulchatna Caribou Herd population in the short term, there have been no studies or evidence presented to show the long-term ecological or environmental impacts of removing a large number of bears in the area.

And lastly, while bears may account for some of the population decline within this herd, it is far from the main contributor. You can remove all of the bears you want, but it won't address the root cause of the population decline. Changes in vegetation due to climate change are affecting the availability of food for caribou and moose, favoring moose over caribou. Additionally, disease (Brucellosis), habitat changes linked to climate change that favor moose over caribou, and historical overpopulation and habitat damage when the herd was much larger have a much larger impact than bear predation. These underlying issues will not go away, regardless of how many bears you eliminate.

I urge you to take a firm stand against this proposal. The killing of these animals is not only unethical but also jeopardizes Alaska's reputation as a destination for wildlife conservation and ethical tourism.

**PC956****Name:** Morales, Pito**Community of Residence:** US**Comment:**

DO NOT HARM ANDY WILDLIFE. ITS THEIR TURF SO WE NEED TO RESPECT THAT.

**PC957****Name:** Morales, Savanna**Community of Residence:** Arizona**Comment:**

Caribou decline has been a natural response to over hunting in the past, disease, and rapidly changing habitat. This is common knowledge and the reason judges ruled against this in the past. Yes there should be conservation efforts for the caribou but not at the cost of other species. Killing off bears is unconstitutional and severely unethical and for these reasons I urge everyone to oppose these killings. Thank you for your time.

**PC958****Name:** Morataya, Ines**Community of Residence:** San Bernardino**Comment:**

I'm sorry but killing a wild animal should be illegal. We are supposed to live one with nature, not destroy it. We need to share this Earth in harmony and peace. We must protect the animals not destroy them.

**PC959****Name:** Morbini, Pamela**Community of Residence:** United Kingdom**Comment:**

Indiscriminate culling of bears in Alaska is not only an ethically questionable practice, but it also undermines the complex ecological balance that these apex predators maintain. Bears play a crucial role in regulating ecosystems by controlling prey populations, helping disperse seeds, and even influencing plant growth. Culling bears without considering the broader ecological context can lead to unintended consequences, such as overpopulation of certain prey species, disruption of plant communities, and degradation of other wildlife habitats.

From a biological standpoint, removing bears from an ecosystem often results in a shift in the food chain. Apex predators like bears help maintain the health and stability of ecosystems by preventing overgrazing by herbivores, which can, in turn, lead to habitat degradation. Additionally, culling bears without

understanding their individual roles or health can interfere with their genetic diversity, potentially weakening future generations.

Furthermore, there's a growing body of research showing that non-lethal methods of human-wildlife conflict resolution, such as habitat modification, better waste management, and more strategic wildlife management, are far more sustainable and effective. These methods respect the natural behavior of bears and ensure that ecosystems are allowed to function as intended.

Rather than resorting to culling, a more holistic approach to wildlife management that prioritizes conservation, long-term ecological health, and the prevention of human-wildlife conflicts is both scientifically sound and ethically responsible. By focusing on the preservation of the species and their habitats, we can ensure a more balanced coexistence between humans and wildlife.



PC960

Name: Morel, Hugo

Community of Residence: Lille

Comment:

don't kill bears



PC961

Name: Moreno, Tatyana

Community of Residence: Coamo

Comment:

To whom this may concern, as you may be aware every living animal in any given ecosystem has a given purpose in its environment, as well as its own right to live. When these beings are hunted down, without mercy, for simply crossing an invisible line that they didn't know was there, that is unimaginable cruelty. These bears should be protected and revered not shot and killed for no good reason. The people giving the orders and the people pulling the trigger need to be held accountable and taken out of power. They should not be in charge of the safety of any human or animal if they are capable of committing such atrocities against these living, breathing, breeding animals. Hold these people accountable and stop this insanity. These bears may not be your brothers, sisters, mothers or fathers, but they deserve enough respect to not be gunned down as if their life meant nothing.



PC962

Name: Morgan, Joe

Community of Residence: Kodiak

Comment:

Do not shoot the bears or remove them.

**PC963****Name:** Morgan, Karly**Community of Residence:** Ohio**Comment:**

Please end the murder of these majestic creatures immediately. The citizens of the world do not want these behavior any longer . Conservation without killing

**PC964****Name:** Morris, Carolyn**Community of Residence:** VA**Comment:**

I firmly oppose the proposed regulation changes to the Mulchatna bear control measures being put before the board of game. I began watching the Explore.org Katmai Brown Bear cameras in 2018 and have enjoyed watching bears grow up and live along the river. This led to a vacation in Alaska in August 2024, including a stay at the Katmai National Park at Brooks Falls. Seeing the bears up close gave me a look into the wonder of Alaska like no other part of the state. Watching the bears do what comes naturally to them in the river - catch fish - made me realize how important they are to the natural habitat and biosphere of the area. Allowing hunting of the brown bears in any form, but especially aerial hunting, would destroy the connection they have to the land and create a hatred of Alaska by the millions of people who watch the bears online.

While I do understand the natural life cycle of animals, cutting an animal's life short by man's intervention is unnecessary and cruel. Bear's in this area of the country hold no danger to man unless man interferes with the bear's habits. There is no good reason to hunt brown bears, but many good reasons to leave them along. Alaska is the most wonderous place in our country because of the ability to observe animals in their natural habitat and protect them from the rest of the world. Please do not allow this to change.

**PC965****Name:** Morris, Natalie**Community of Residence:** California**Comment:**

Although we currently live in California, my husband and I recently purchased a lovely spot in Homer, Alaska where we plan to retire. We love Alaska and its natural beauty, its wildlife, its wilderness. We are strongly opposed to the plan to slaughter bears and wolves in order to manage the caribou population. Although we understand that there are many challenges in managing Alaska's wildlife, fundamentally we want a landscape that includes caribou as well as bears and wolves. Predators are a part of the balance and provide natural - and free! - means to keep populations of caribou healthy. Without predators, disease in caribou populations increases, and makes the overall population less healthy. The plan to shoot bears goes way overboard and uses inhumane methods of bear population control. It won't make the caribou population improve in the long run because it will take away nature's balance. It will upset the ecosystem

and detract from all the things we love about the wilderness. Alaska needs its bears and wolves! We appreciate you taking the time to hear our comments and we urge you to find a better solution for improving the caribou populations.



PC966

Name: Morrisse, Jack

Community of Residence: Ireland

Comment:

Stop this indiscriminate slaughter of Black and Brown bears. Educate humans living in the environs adjacent to the parks to adapt human behaviour in proximity to wildlife.

Rather than a hard line boundary there should be an additional buffer zone.

Is the caribou herd being increased for commercial farming?

Increase the size of wildlife protected areas and bears and caribou will have space to thrive

These clearances seem more for benefit of human development than for wildlife conservation and validates toxic "sport" hunting culture

Stop



PC967

Name: Mortimer, Karli

Community of Residence: UK

Comment:

I am AGAINST the take down of brown and black bears. I stand with 'The Wildlife Collective' and their views.



PC968

Name: Morton, John

Community of Residence: Soldotna

Comment:

This IM effort should not have been authorized from biological or legal perspectives, and it certainly shouldn't be expanded. ADF&G biologists concluded in 2020 that the main reasons for the decline of the MCH were lack of food (lichens) and brucellosis, not high predation. In fact, as is well known in the scientific literature on density-dependent population regulation, predation is a means to remove starving and diseased animals. Also consider that the MCH successfully increased from 14,000 in 1974 to 200,000 two decades later without predator control; there is no intrinsic reason to believe it won't do that again.

Furthermore, even as the MCH harvest has decreased in recent decades, moose harvest in the same area has increased as moose have expanded westward and northward in response to a warming climate and increasing shrubs (Tape et al. 2016). ADF&G reports are confirmatory: “In the last three decades, moose populations throughout Unit 17 have increased substantially in number and range” (Barten 2018); “the Kuskokwim [moose] population [in Unit 18] is growing and is still in the process of colonizing the available riparian habitat” (Perry 2023). The fundamental problem is that ADF&G and the BOG refuse to recognize that habitats (and their carrying capacities) are changing in response to a warming climate. Simply put, what is good for moose is not necessarily good for caribou. Consequently, historical population levels (and therefore IM objectives) of many native game species are no longer achievable with or without IM. Implementing costly aerial predator control simply compounds the problem by turning what should be “sustained yield” into “subsidized yield”, a caricature of what was meant in the Alaska constitution under Article 8. I encourage the BOG and ADFG to think like biologists, not like card-carrying members of Safari Club International.



PC969

Name: Moss, Michael

Community of Residence: England

Comment:

I am deeply concerned about the ongoing killing of innocent bears in Alaska. These animals, including mothers with cubs and bears in protected areas, are being targeted through controversial hunting practices. This raises serious ethical and environmental concerns, as it not only disrupts ecosystems but also undermines conservation efforts. I believe stronger protections and humane policies must be enforced to preserve Alaska's wildlife and natural heritage.



PC970

Name: Motta, Samantha

Community of Residence: Dayton, Nevada

Comment:

I oppose the bear kill proposal. It is not science based and won't fix the real problem, which is mainly climate change and habitat loss.



PC971

Name: Moyer, Khrysten

Community of Residence: Chester County Pennsylvania

Comment:

Let the bears live!!!! Set up cameras for the world to view and we can pay to watch them be bears!!!
You'll make more money then having tourists come and RUIN everything that is natural and beautiful!!!
I'd be willing to pay a yearly subscription to watch these bears play in the water and feed!



PC972

Name: Mucha, Christopher

Community of Residence: Chalfont, PA

Comment:

I do not live in Alaska but spend tens of thousands of dollars photographing bears in Alaska each year. They are beautiful animals and butchering them for no scientific reason is murder. Apex predators help populations of other animals, not hurt them. Survival of the fittest.

Please reconsider the barbaric practice of murdering bears and cubs. It hurts the Alaska economy and natural selection.



PC973

Name: Mullally, Joan

Community of Residence: New York

Comment:

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Brooklyn, NY 11209

[REDACTED]

Comment in OPPOSITION to the State's 5 AAC 92.111. Intensive Management Plans I

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to 5 AAC 92.111. Intensive Management Plans I for the following reasons:

1. The court just ruled TWICE that these actions would be illegal. It's less than a month since that ruling. It is NOT going to be legal to try this again.
2. There is NO emergency-the caribou are dying for many other reasons than predation, including warmer temperatures and resultant changes in what is growing and able to feed them. Blaming black bears, in particular, and brown bears, is absurd. They do not actively hunt full grown caribou. And while it is sad to say, caribou can have one or more calves every year. A black bear might have a litter every 3 years, and a brown bear every four. That means there are at least 4 times more calves than there are new bears that might grow up to eat caribou. BUT, since the survival rate of bear cubs is only 33%, that makes the ratio of calves exponentially greater.
3. Human beings have continued hunting caribou for sport for years, even though they have seen the crashing population. At this point, it is no game, in any sense. Only indigenous people should be allowed to hunt caribou. Not big game hunters who breeze and out just looking for a rack of antlers to boast about.
4. In terms of the previous court case, the bear program was found to be unlawful because the public did not have an opportunity to comment, and the State didn't assess how the program would impact bears. They are doing the SAME again, with barely chance for public comment before the court date in July, far too short notice for most stakeholders in the issue to have a chance to weigh in. Especially with summer and 4th of July etc coming up.

It's like we have to sit on this issue every single minute because they will sneakily try to flout the law all over again. Bears were killed in spite of the last injunction, and the only reason more weren't gunned down was because the planes got grounded by a blizzard.

These people are badly intentioned bad actors who are more than happy to behave lawlessly. They need to start feeling the consequences of their lawlessness.

5. Nothing has changed since the ruling that the program is unlawful, EXCEPT the fact that the bears are out of their dens now. This is a disgusting excuse for murder of sows and their cubs.
6. Spring cubs who will die if their mother is killed. Even year old brown bear cubs would struggle without a mother; they are NOT old enough to be independent and would surely starve. There have been reports of cubs being shot too, whole families being slaughtered for no reason other than human 'entertainment'.

7. It seems like this move is more about clearing the way for future 'development' of the land rather than actually protecting the caribou. They are no doubt part of the 'drilling school' and 'mining school' of 'management'.

This approach—getting rid of wildlife to make development easier—is a well-known tactic. It's not about helping the caribou at all. Instead, it seems like an excuse to remove animals so there's less opposition when it's time to drill or mine. When people say, "What about the animals?" they can say, "Oh, there aren't any." No, because they have killed them all off. How much money is enough to these people? And at what cost?

I hope this newest attack on bears and wolves will be stopped in its tracks like all of their other illegal proposals. Protecting our wildlife is crucial, and these short-term gains aren't worth the long-term damage, which can never be repaired. You can't put a tree back once you've chopped it down. You can't bring back a balance of nature when you've destroyed 3 species, black and brown bears and wolves, that help keep it in balance.

And you certainly shouldn't tamper with nature without facts, figures and statistics about the impact killing bears from helicopters would have. Go out there with a bow and arrow, guys, and then let's see how keen you are to hunt bears and wolves. They say they will accumulate data after the fact, but are expecting open season until 2028? Unacceptable.

Thank you for considering all of my comments about my strong opposition to this senseless slaughter of innocent animals just doing what their species does--trying to survive. With moms trying to raise their families, just like us.

sincerely,

Joan Mullally

6-11-25

- [Proposed Regulatory Changes to 5 AAC 92.111 by ADF&G \(PDF.777.kB\)](#)
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Name: Mullally, Joan

Community of Residence: NY

Comment:

Name

Address

Email

Comment Opposing 5 AAC 92.111 – Intensive Management Plans I

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to strongly oppose the proposed changes in 5 AAC 92.111 for several reasons:

1. The courts already said this is illegal—twice. Just last month, a judge ruled that killing bears like this isn't allowed. Trying to bring it back so soon feels like ignoring the law.
2. This is not an emergency. Caribou are in trouble for many reasons, including climate change and loss of food—not because of bears. Black bears and brown bears don't hunt grown caribou. And while they may eat a few calves, that's part of nature. Bears have very few cubs, and most of them don't survive. The math doesn't support blaming bears.
3. People still hunt caribou for sport, even while the population crashes. That needs to stop. Only Native communities who depend on caribou for food should be allowed to hunt them. Trophy hunters just want antlers—not to feed their families.
4. The public is being left out—again. The courts said it was wrong to make these changes without letting the public give input. But now the same thing is happening—there's barely any time to comment before the court hearing. And it's summer, so people are away or busy. That's unfair.
5. This is a sneaky way to break the rules. Even after the court told them to stop, bears were killed anyway. The only thing that slowed them down was a blizzard. That's not responsible management—it's lawbreaking.
6. There's no change in the facts—just a new chance to kill. Bears have finally left their dens, and now people want to gun them down from planes. That's not wildlife management—it's slaughter. Mothers with cubs will be shot, and the babies won't survive without them.
7. This feels more about land development than caribou. Are they trying to clear animals out so no one objects when it's time to build, drill, or mine? That's a well-known tactic—wipe out the wildlife so no one can complain. It's wrong.

We need to protect our wildlife, not destroy it. Bears and wolves help keep nature in balance. Once they're gone, we can't bring them back. Killing animals from helicopters isn't just cruel—it's reckless and unnecessary. If the state wants real data, they should study first, not shoot first and study later.

Please stop this plan. It's unfair, unscientific, and harmful to Alaska's animals and environment. We owe it to future generations to make better choices than this.

Thank you for listening and taking my opposition seriously.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
July 2, 2025



PC975

Name: Mulligan , George

Community of Residence: Auckland New Zealand nz

Comment:

Just leave the bears alone they not hurting anyone by culling them you will eventually make them extinct , they get stressed OK put the sho on the other foot how about if all bears got together and started hunting humans you wouldn't like it you would pack up and move witch they will do then you loose tourist's internet loose money, it a pitty I'm not from your country mind you at the moment I wouldn't want to be, thanks for letting me voice my mind, don't know how write I am but the bears were here first .



PC976

Name: Munns, Amanda

Community of Residence: Spokane, Washington

Comment:

I am in clear opposition of this. Culling the population is sometimes vital but from a helicopter? Seems a bit excessive and "big game hunty" to me. This is unfair to the bears and killing moms and cubs is CRAZY. Let's use some common sense in politics and respect nature and our natural surroundings. If you want to reduce the population, let people hunt bears, not mow them down from a helicopter.



PC977

Name: Munson, Spencer **Affiliation:** Cervicide

Community of Residence: Michigan

Comment:

Shouldn't have to comment. This is ridiculous. The bears deserve to live their lives and freely as we do. What a joke you would be to slaughter all these bears



PC978

Name: Murdock, Maia

Community of Residence: Connecticut

Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposed killing of bears. There is no proof that by decreasing the bear population the caribou population will increase. It is unethical and we need to protect wildlife not decimate it. We only get one earth and we must protect what wilderness we have left



PC979

Name: Murphy, Elena

Community of Residence: Alaska

Comment:

I OPPOSE the Mulchatna bear control program. This has been legally DENIED for good reason: it makes no sense from several perspectives including but not limited to economical, ecological, or humane/ethical practice. Unfettered killing without regard for any ecological role, sentience, tribal significance, or livelihoods that depend on them is foolhardy and thinly veiled pandering to a selfish and myopically oriented minority. Stop this now. It's truly enough already.



PC980

Name: Myers, Evelyn

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

Evelyn Myers

Representing myself

PROPOSAL 1

5 AAC 92.111. Intensive Management Plans, Mulchatna Caribou Herd Predation

Management Area.

Bears deserve to roam free and we as humans are responsible for their stewardship. Aerial shooting is not only inhumane, but wasteful and unnecessary. Shooting mothers and their cubs is not responsible stewardship, it is unnecessarily cruel. The science doesn't provide any merit to the killing of these bears. I urge you to deny the approval and keep these bears free from harm.

The Alaska Supreme Court ruled this year that this is unconstitutional and you must uphold this ruling. There are many predators of caribou apart from bears and this proposed solution is not only unnecessary but unwarranted as there is no guarantee that this will help. We must let nature take its course as caribou populations rise and fall naturally.

I, Evelyn Myers, therefore, oppose this proposal in its entirety.

**PC981****Name:** Myers, Madison**Community of Residence:** Colorado**Comment:**

I am writing to urge you to reject the latest plan from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game which would authorize gunners to utilize helicopters, snowmobiles, and other equipment to eliminate up to 80% of wolves, brown bears, and black bears across a 20,000-acre area. This area borders the Denali and Lake Clark National Parks and Preserves (Unit 16).

Under this plan, state agents would be authorized to shoot hundreds of animals on sight—as many as 80% of all wolves and black bears and 60% of all brown bears—on the doorstep of two national parks.

This operation is inhumane and represents a troubling approach to wildlife management. In addition, it lacks a scientific foundation as study after study shows that predators are not the major factor determining the population of moose, caribou, and other game animals. Alaska should protect and not disrupt the healthy predator/prey balance in the wild.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this senseless plan and prioritize a more balanced, humane approach to wildlife management.

**PC982****Name:** Naeem, Saira**Community of Residence:** NY**Comment:**

PLEASE stop the shooting of these bears.

**PC983****Name:** Nagel, Terrie**Community of Residence:** Columbia, Missouri**Comment:**

I oppose modifying the caribou management program to take brown and black bears for a number of reasons. First, there is no research that indicates the bears are impacting the caribou. Second, the black and brown bears have the right to continue to live in Alaska in the national parks and other areas as they have always done, it is their territory too. Third, Alaska benefits immensely from bear tourism, meaning the dollars we give to support the conservancy, view the bears, visit Katmai and other areas, and book cruises and other trips designed to incorporate bear viewing. Please leave the bears alone, the caribou management program does not need to be changed to increase killing of these incredible bears who are an asset to Alaska!!!

**PC984****Name:** Namnum, Maya**Community of Residence:** Anchorage**Comment:**

Don't do this. We ready have so much going on- there is no need.

**PC985****Name:** Neerings, Jacob**Community of Residence:** Salt Lake City**Comment:**

Dear Alaska Department of Fish and Game,

I am writing to urge you to maintain full protections for Alaska's brown bears. These bears are not only a vital part of our ecosystems, but they also represent the wild character that makes Alaska unique.

These animals play a crucial role in keeping our environment balanced — from supporting salmon runs to maintaining healthy landscapes. They are also a major draw for tourism, photography, and outdoor recreation, which bring significant economic benefits to the state.

Any move to weaken protections or increase hunting pressure on these bears would be a serious mistake. Grizzly populations remain vulnerable to habitat loss, overharvest, and human-wildlife conflict. True conservation requires science-based management, not short-term exploitation.

Alaska is known for its wilderness and its wildlife — but those values only hold if we're willing to protect them. Please reject any proposals that would put brown bears or grizzlies at risk and stand firm in protecting these incredible animals for future generations.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to Alaska's wildlife.

**PC986****Name:** Neerings, Michele**Community of Residence:** 4720 Sycamore Dr Holladay UT 84117**Comment:**

I am in complete opposition of killing the bears. As a resident of Utah, bears are almost impossible to see. We travel to Wyoming, to the Grand Teton National park in hopes of seeing some. We are wanting to travel to Alaska just to see the bears. Alaska should embrace the wonderful gift of having bears and let them be a natural predator. Please keep the existing rules on protecting bears. They are an important part of the ecosystem and they should be protected and not killed, especially by helicopters.



PC987

Name: Nehvonen, Ana

Community of Residence: Sweden

Comment:

My name is Ana Nehvonen, and I'm writing to you all the way from Sweden in opposition of the Mulchatna bear control program.

I became familiar with the Alaskan brown bears through the Brooks Falls livecams in Katmai National Parks. Through the cams, I have spent hours watching the bears make a living in the beautiful Alaskan wilderness. The black and brown bear control program in Western Alaska raises deeply troubling ecological, ethical, and scientific concerns about the long-term health of the Alaskan ecosystem. Perhaps the most troubling of these is the use of aerial gunning, which lacks the most fundamental ethics of traditional hunting. Coming from a family of hunters, I know traditional hunting to hold deep ethical commitments to respecting wildlife and the ecosystem. Aerial gunning, as a method, often lacks precision, and increases risks of bears facing a long and painful death. It turns hunting into nothing more than extermination with no moral, scientific or cultural legitimacy. Proponents might argue that reducing bear populations is necessary to preserve moose and caribou populations. However, this argument disregards the complex ecological relationship between predator and prey. Each bear carries its own set of generational knowledge that was passed down to them from their mother, including where and what to hunt. That means that not every bear will hunt moose or caribou. How will hunters decide which bear is a genuine threat to moose and caribou populations, and which ones are just passing through? The bear control program has failed to acknowledge these nuances. This management model disregards the broader values of conservation and wildlife management in favor of a specific interest group that has yet to demonstrate any scientific basis that justifies the program. Instead of reducing the bear population, the wildlife management program needs to address habitat loss, disease, and climate change in order to preserve the moose and caribou populations long-term.

The Brooks Falls livecams have introduced the beautiful Alaskan wilderness to people all over the world. As I work toward seeing it for myself one day, I ask the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to consider the bears and the ecosystem they live in, and to maintain the fundamental ethics of hunting as a means for sustenance, in making their decision.



PC988

Name: Neilly, Madison

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

Save the fucking wildlife!

Protect our ecosystems.

Stop taking what DOES NOT BELONG TO YOU.

We have everything we could possibly need until we die. Allow the animals to be free, they are not our property.



PC989

Name: Nelson, Carlee

Community of Residence: North Carolina

Comment:

Dear Members of the Alaska Board of Game,

I am writing to strongly urge you to put an end to the inhumane and scientifically unjustified practice of aerial hunting in Alaska.

This method of killing wolves and bears from aircraft—under the premise of protecting caribou populations—lacks credible evidence. Multiple studies show climate change, habitat loss, and human overhunting are the primary drivers of caribou declines, not natural predators. Climate shifts are disrupting food availability and migration patterns, while industrial development and unregulated hunting continue to stress these herds.

Aerial hunting is not only cruel—often leaving animals injured and suffering—but also ecologically reckless. Wolves and bears play essential roles in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Removing them without clear data is not wildlife management; it's killing without cause.

I respectfully urge the Board to end aerial predator control, prioritize science-based decision-making, and protect Alaska's wildlife with integrity and compassion. The world is watching.



PC990

Name: Nelson, Cynara

Community of Residence: GA

Comment:

I do not support the culling of any bears.



PC991

Name: Nelson, Daniel

Community of Residence: Va

Comment:

Leave wildlife alone, limit human interaction expansion and growth. We are the problem and the aggressors. We must stop



PC992

Name: Nelson, Ethel

Community of Residence: AK

Comment:

I hope I can be assured that a comprehensive study has shown that bear killing is necessary in the Greater Mulchatna Area. If these are the same bears that migrate to the McNiel and Brooks, I say, "Leave them alone."



PC993

Name: Nelson, Katrin

Community of Residence: Arizona

Comment:

What you are doing is indefensible. I will take my tourist dollars to Canada.



PC994

Name: Nelson, Shannon

Community of Residence: Montana

Comment:

Please stop the vicious killing of these animals! We don't even treat criminals that commit murder the way you treat these animals!

This type of behavior is cruel and you are making me people hate all hunters and it's starting to make a lot of people mad! You are also showing a nasty violence to our children!



PC995

Name: Nelson, Sharon

Community of Residence: Homer

Comment:

Coming from a long line of hunters, I am vehemently OPPOSED to the "bear control program" for Mulchatna Bears. In two separate rulings, there is established a clear decision on the impropriety of opening up the Mulchatna Bears for any thinning action. To continue to push for this, in what seems to be mere sport, is not just inappropriate but cruel.

The Alaskan Brown Bear is a critical piece of the Alaskan ecosystem, with an impact on salmon and other fish lifecycles, on ground cover and undergrowth, as well as on providing a natural seeding/reseeding of native plant species through eating and expelling fruits, berries, grasses and other.

The Mulchatna Bear population is not overcrowding the land mass under consideration, and as is already established there is no lawful nor pending environmental/biological reason to proceed with culling this particular bear population.

I implore you to stand by the existing rulings and ask that you NOT consider this proposed reopening of the Mulchatna grounds for bear hunting.



PC996

Name: Ness, Adina

Community of Residence: Madison

Comment:

Completely against killing bears in an attempt to save caribou when there is zero evidence this would be a viable solution. This man made interference will have additional unknown consequences that humans will not be able to anticipate. The only interventions humans should take would be the removal of their own destruction of caribou herds - take the humans out of the areas and let nature control itself.



PC997

Name: Neuenschwander, Anna Katharina

Community of Residence: Steffisburg

Comment:

Dont kill the Bears!!!!!!!!!!



PC998

Name: Newman, Monica

Community of Residence: Earth!

Comment:

This is Barbaric and unnecessary. Thoughtless killing of innocent animals just living!

**PC999****Name:** Nguyen, Baothu**Community of Residence:** California**Comment:**

Please respect nature and protect wildlife. There is no scientific evidence that proves slaughtering bears helps to increase caribou population. We have a responsibility as the most intelligent species to figure out how to avoid unnecessary killing of all animals whenever possible. Please reconsider.

**PC1000****Name:** Nicol, Albie**Community of Residence:** Ohio**Comment:**

I strongly oppose the Board of Game's proposed regulation to modify the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to allow for the killing of brown and black bears by department staff to "benefit" the herd. The bears of Mulchatna are precious to many, even those who do not live in AK. The proposed modifications also do not seem to register how sacred all animals (but bears in particular) are to local indigenous communities and spirituality. The addition to allow aerial murder of these majestic animals is particularly cruel and reinforces the lack of respect the Board seemingly has for the sacred ground and beings who inhabit it. Expanding this project also could be detrimental to tourism in Katmai. If "Bear Cam Fans" learn that their favorite bears aren't returning because they were killed by the state, I'm sure no one will entertain going anymore. Overall this is heartless and cruel. Please oppose this proposal. Save our bears.

**PC1001****Name:** Nicponski, Steve**Community of Residence:** Utah**Comment:**

I am against killing bears from a helicopter. Relocating them is the best option. However, they should be left alone.

**PC1002**

Name: Niemeyer, Georgia

Community of Residence: Waverly NE

Comment:

Why is the government so intent on killing the wildlife?? Each species is an important part of God's plan and they all work together to survive. Why are we so intent on destroying the earth? Please rethink this plan!

**PC1003**

Name: Nieuwstraten, Femke

Community of Residence: Netherlands

Comment:

Dear Sir/Madam,

With pain in my heart I have read this news about the killing spree on bears in Alaska. This petition has made it to the Netherlands. Now it is also my problem. For years the world has been fighting to release bears kept in captivity, only for Alaska to shoot these precious animals. Not only are they killing bears, they are wiping out the changes of a good ecosystem. Nature has always belonged to the animals, living creatures. It is very selfish to think we humans have a say in this. It is even more selfish to just go and kill them from a helicopter. Leaving momma bears worried till death, leaving the cubs behind to fight for themselves. Winter season is over, bears are hungry and looking for food. For years and years this has been going on. Now why would you think you have the right to go into your helicopter and shoot them like you are at a fair. Because you are scared they will attack you? Or your children? Or are you scared they will eat your salmon? See. Selfish, you only think about the benefits you are having from killing them. You don't think about their habitat, their HOME.

We humans have to come to realization, that we are in their home. We are disrupting their peace, their change to live and thrive.

Yes they eat, so do we. Maybe there should be eyes on the fishermen and their boats, stealing salmon from the bears.

Maybe you need to look into another source of food, instead of fish. The bears are already struggling to find food, that is why they will come closer to the houses of humans. Instead of protecting, you destroy. Not even with a plan in mind, you just shoot and I bet you even get money for it. Shame on you, they are not your enemy, humans are. Humans have always been the source of problems. So stop being so selfish and think for once. Talk to wildlife keepers, educate yourself.

If you will continue this "fight", you are wiping out entire generations of bears.

You are making sure, there will be big trouble in the future. Stop the killing of innocent animals, innocent bears. Start respecting your wildlife, learn how to live with them. Thank you.

Best regards,

Femke

**PC1004****Name:** Nieves, Fabiola**Community of Residence:** Puerto Rico**Comment:**

Im a huge animal lover and seeing thr government come to their conclusion to gun down wildlife, who are essential to our ecosystem, for reasoning that i can't comprehend. If its for pest control or overpopulation, it is unethical and disrespectful to hurt and kill such beautiful creatures. This must be stopped, same goes for animal agriculture, fish farming, the dairy industry, eggs industry, trawling, even traditions like Grindadrap. We are killing our earth.

**PC1005****Name:** Niles, Ryan**Community of Residence:** Kenai**Comment:**

There is absolutely no evidence to support the notion that this will in any way benefit various herds or anyone or anything else, this is nothing more than tax payer funded mass murder of one of Alaska and America's greatest treasures and most important animals. Our ecosystems maintain incredibly fragile balances and these kind of unresearched unscientific massive actions hurt all of us as much as the wildlife and the ecosystems.

**PC1006****Name:** Ninja, Jimmy**Community of Residence:** Alaska**Comment:**

Definitely opposing slaughter of these innocent animals or more rational solutions

**PC1007****Name:** Noble Seller, Christine **Affiliation:** Interspecies Voices**Community of Residence:** Canada**Comment:**

Christine Noble Seller

Founder, Interspecies Voices

I'm writing in opposition:

This program was ruled illegal.

There's no scientific evidence that killing predators helps caribou herds.

Predator control doesn't work. Damage to wildlife is irreversible.

This isn't wildlife management. It's a taxpayer-funded massacre with no sound science, and it's happening in one of the wildest, most iconic regions of Alaska.

Be in right relationship with Nature, as humans we too are part of Nature. What we do to Nature, we do to ourselves.

Celebrating all voices,

Christine Noble Seller



PC1008

Name: Noel, Cassie Noel

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the aerial killing of bears. These practices are inhumane, unsporting, and disrupt the natural balance of Alaska's ecosystems. Bears are an iconic part of our state's wildlife heritage, deeply valued not only by Alaskans but by people around the world who come here to see and photograph them.

Aerial gunning is not consistent with fair chase principles and puts healthy bear populations at risk. I urge you to protect these animals and preserve ethical wildlife management practices by ending the use of aerial killing methods.

Thank you for considering my concerns.



PC1009

Name: Nolan, Karen

Community of Residence: Tourist to Southwest Alaska

Comment:

Oppose: I clearly oppose the planned Predator Control Program to aerial kill wolves and bears to hope that that will increase Caribou calf and teenagers to survive to adults, so that locals can hunt and kill them. Help me understand how that makes any sense? You are not Mother Nature, humans should not try to determine survival. Just maybe God has determined that the only way to stop Brucellosis from transferring to human through these Caribou, is sadly that the ones here must die off. So please reconsider and don't cull the wolves or bears!

Karen Nolan



Name: Noriega, Anela

Community of Residence: Salt Lake City utah

Comment:

Please do not kill the bears!! They desire to live and they're beautiful! My dream is to go film them someday. Please don't tear families apart! :(



Name: Norlin, Sofie

Community of Residence: Sweden

Comment:

We need our beautiful bears and all animals so stop killing our animals



Name: Nosalik, Kylee

Community of Residence: Illinois

Comment:

I oppose the establishment of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area as currently proposed. This approach risks prioritizing short-term predator control over the long-term health of the ecosystem. Scientific evidence increasingly shows that indiscriminate predator reduction often fails to produce sustainable benefits for prey populations like caribou and can disrupt ecological balance. Instead, we should focus on addressing broader factors impacting the herd, such as habitat degradation, climate change, and human activity, while pursuing conservation strategies rooted in science, not short-term fixes.



Name: Nosko, John

Community of Residence: Colorado

Comment:

I support the right of these bears to exist. Humans don't have the right to just meddle with nature anytime they please.

**PC1014**

Name: Novais, Hugo

Community of Residence: Portugal

Comment:

We should protect the wild life by having specific proven programs and not by simply murder in cold blood such majestic creatures as bears and wolfs.

**PC1015**

Name: O, Kelli

Community of Residence: Connecticut

Comment:

I oppose the killing of bears in their natural habitat. Humans for too long have tried to play god, to no avail. Stop living only by your ego and consider the lives and spirits you desire to END. Stop playing god. Let nature take its course. Maybe focus on rehabbing endangered species or figuring out how to enhance their environment, not strip them of their right to be alive. Shame on you.

**PC1016**

Name: Oakes, Mary

Community of Residence: Illinois

Comment:

I am in opposition of taking black and brown bears for the regulation of the Caribou herd. There is no evidence that the taking of these bears is benefiting the caribou. We should allow nature to take charge of itself, and let the bears and caribou both live freely. It is unjust to play God, and decide what animals should live or die.

**PC1017**

Name: Oates , Virginia

Community of Residence: USA CALIFORNIA

Comment:

I do NOT approve of this.

It is a horrific idea and the benefits do not outweigh the practice of shooting bears from a helicopter. Let nature be and stop using taxpayer money on practices that are not supported.



PC1018

Name: Oberle, Melissa

Community of Residence: Ohio

Comment:

Please stop killing off these bears.



PC1019

Name: Ocaña, Josep

Community of Residence: Spain

Comment:

I dont agree with bear hunting.Please stop !!!



PC1020

Name: Oertel , Amberly

Community of Residence: Victoria B.C canada

Comment:

Bears don't need to be slaughtered!! I do not support the killing of bears..unless to eat!!



PC1021

Name: Oh, Sharon

Community of Residence: Los Angeles, CA

Comment:

SAVE THE BEARS!!!!!! To kill bears, moms, cubs... from a helicopter nonetheless! PLEASE. Do not do this.... Humans HAVE to be better than this..... imagine, at the end of the day, you're tucking in your child into bed, could you explain this to your child? How would your children see you? PLEASE.



PC1022

Name: O'Hara, Samuel

Community of Residence: Florence

Comment:

There is no benefit from this program. Aerial hunting is illegal and hunting bears is just plain irresponsible. I can see no reason why anyone should be doing this anywhere.



PC1023

Name: Okrasinski, Kelly

Community of Residence: Rhode Island

Comment:

I oppose the bear kill proposal. It is not science-based and will not fix the problem.



PC1024

Name: Olson, Kristin

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

I am very strongly opposed to the murder of bears in Alaska. The state clearly benefits monetarily from tourism based on these bears. As such their is irrational and unjustifiable.



C1025

Name: Olson, Tess

Community of Residence: East Boston, MA

Comment:

There is no scientific evidence that killing bears saves caribou. And why is the life of one animal more important than another? STOP THE SHOOTING NOW!



PC1026

Name: Oneill, Kim

Community of Residence: USA

Comment:

Don't kill rhe bears



PC1027

Name: Orellana , Karla

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

Leave the bears and any wildlife alone. You are pushing it, if you are truly a believer of taking care of animals, then you know you will make nature turn on us. The bears have been here way before us, who [REDACTED] are you to kill them just to satisfy your thirst for blood. People who go into the wild know the risk. Do not act as if your doing something good to protect pathetic tourists, you're doing this because you are soulless people and don't even dare take pride of being from Alaska, you're an embarrassment.

**PC1028****Name:** Orizabal, Christina**Community of Residence:** California**Comment:**

Heavily Opposed! Bear's low reproduction rates will affect them for much longer than this proposal takes into account. Doing this just outside of national parks with little evidence that this is successful is wrong. Reducing the over harvesting by humans and protecting the habitat and discouraging habitat loss in the area is a much more respectful approach to the life in this area.

**PC1029****Name:** Ormond, Marina**Community of Residence:** Brazil**Comment:**

There is no evidence that reducing the number of predators increases the population of prey animals. This nonsense needs to stop. We say no to the killing of brown bears in Alaska.

**PC1030****Name:** OShea, Stephen**Community of Residence:** New York, New York**Comment:**

I am completely opposed to the scientifically unsound and ethically immoral slaughter of the brown and black bear population - particularly by aerial gunnery.

It's a disgrace and a stain on the reputation of Alaska

Do Better

Be Better

**PC1031****Name:** Oszimek, Natalia**Community of Residence:** England**Comment:**

STOP KILLING THE BEARS! It's unnecessary and cruel ; it is a senseless act of violence that doesn't even aid the public or environment in any shape or form!!!

**PC1032****Name:** Ouchterlony, Teresa**Community of Residence:** Oregon**Comment:**

Our animals must be left alone. It is atrocious that certain individuals even could think of such a terrible crime.

Please take time to study our ecosystem. Take your families travelling and learn about animals and our delicately balanced ecosystems in various parts of the World.

Please leave these bears alone. Please focus on charity , or starving homeless, or find a cause where you can make a difference.

This is definitely an issue I stand firm on - Hoping that all the decision makers will listen to the people. The corruption now a days is bad enough!

Leave our planet alone and maybe try a gun range

Very very sad to observe things like this even be discussed now a days!

Teresa Ouchterlony

**PC1033****Name:** Owens, Amielynn**Community of Residence:** USA**Comment:**

It's bad enough that humans are responsible for the accidental decline of animal populations, why are we now trying to mass kill predators to save prey??? Let nature take its course the way God intended. Stop killing.

**PC1034****Name:** Pack, Jennifer**Community of Residence:** South pasadena, ca**Comment:**

There is no reason to get rid of any wildlife in ANY manner whether it's from a helicopter or by foot. Bears are smart of our ecosystem and they are definitely a part of Alaska's beauty. To massacre such animals is an injustice to our earth and the hierarchy of mammals.

**PC1035****Name:** Padgett, Malina**Community of Residence:** Chugiak, AK**Comment:**

I am writing to express my urgent opposition to the Mulchatna bear control program. My relationship to the bears of Mulchatna is one of deep respect for their place in the Alaskan wilderness. The plan to gun them from helicopters is unacceptable and does not align with responsible wildlife stewardship. I implore the Board of Game to reject this program and protect these vital animals.

**PC1036****Name:** Palmer, Daniel**Community of Residence:** Perth**Comment:**

Despicable what they're doing in this must be stopped, innocent lives been taken and for what reason? Disgraceful and disgusting.

**PC1037****Name:** Panagos, Karen**Community of Residence:** Michigan**Comment:**

Please reconsider the awful decision to modify the Mulchatna caribou herd by indiscriminately shooting and killing brown bears from the air! There are better, more humane ways to cull wild animals, if actually necessary. Please do not reinstate this practice!!!

**PC1038****Name:** Panayi, Ericka**Community of Residence:** Alaska**Comment:**

I am writing to share my opposition of the new Mulchatna bear control program. Bears are already facing Mother Nature day to day, no days off, always fighting to survive, adding another fear of being killed by guns is wrong. I watch these bears enjoying their habitat follow these bears via live cams, they bring me and so many others around the world so much joy and the reminded of how big and beautiful Alaska is. That's why so many people want to visit Alaska, that's how so many people have grown to know and love Alaska, it's by the bears!! Shooting bears is wrong, this is their home and they do not deserve it.

**PC1039****Name:** Pansch, Andrea**Community of Residence:** Minnesota**Comment:**

As leaders, we have a responsibility to protect not only our communities but the natural heritage that defines them. Alaska's bears are a keystone species—vital to the health of our ecosystems, tourism economy, and cultural identity. Reckless hunting practices and habitat encroachment threaten not only these iconic animals but the balance of the environment itself. I stand in strong support of science-based conservation efforts and urge decision-makers to act with integrity, foresight, and respect for the wild. Protecting Alaska's bears is not just an environmental issue—it is a legacy issue.

**PC1040****Name:** Papa, Kevin**Community of Residence:** Anchorage**Comment:**

I strongly oppose opening up a larger size hunting area of predators. Culling several different predators has not prevented the caribou decline, and allowing bear hunting from helicopters is insane when it will have no beneficial impact to nature or our surrounding ecosystems.

**PC1041****Name:** Pareti, Judy**Community of Residence:** NYC**Comment:**

Please STOP killing bears immediately ! There are ways to prevent them from accessing the community. To end their lives is cruel and unusual punishment and especially when there are existing measures to control them.

**PC1042****Name:** Parish, Kara**Community of Residence:** PUYALLUP**Comment:**

This is wrong. It has been proven that this doesn't work. The bears are not any more responsible for the killing of the carabos than any other predator. They have a right to be there as much as any other animal. THIS IS INHUMANE!!!

**PC1043**

Name: Parker, Derin

Community of Residence: Georgia

Comment:

I urge you to vote against the modification of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to allow for the take of brown and black bears by department staff to benefit the herd.

There is no scientific evidence that killing predators helps caribou herds.

In some years, golden eagles killed more calves than bears or wolves.

When 250 wolves were killed in this region by 2017, the Mulchatna herd still collapsed.

Predator control doesn't work. But the damage to wildlife is irreversible.

**PC1044**

Name: Parks-Smith, Rps

Community of Residence: Orlando, FL

Comment:

There are no logical, supported reasons for killing these animals. Stop this heinous act before it begins!

**PC1045**

Name: Parmentier, Antoine

Community of Residence: Upper Black Eddy, PA

Comment:

Right now, ADFG is proposing to reinstate a taxpayer-funded aerial gunning program targeting bears—including mothers with cubs. In 2023 alone, 99 bears were killed from the air, and another 80 in 2024. There's no scientific evidence that this slaughter helps caribou populations recover. Quite the opposite, bears are an essential part of the self-regulation by the ecosystem.

Furthermore, the tourism revenue they generate is superior to that of the hunting.

**PC1046**

Name: Parrish, Cindy

Community of Residence: Florida

Comment:

Leave our wildlife, wolves, bears, and any other alone!!!!!!!!!!

**PC1047****Name:** Pashinina , Irina**Community of Residence:** Florida**Comment:**

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any proposed or ongoing bear hunts in Alaska. These majestic animals are an iconic symbol of Alaska's natural heritage and play an essential role in maintaining the health and balance of the ecosystem. Sanctioned hunting of bears—particularly practices that may include baiting, killing mothers with cubs, or hunting in protected areas—raises serious ethical, ecological, and conservation concerns.

Grizzly and black bears are slow-reproducing animals whose populations can be severely impacted by even small increases in hunting pressure. Many Alaskans and visitors from around the world come to experience the unique opportunity of seeing bears in the wild. Wildlife tourism contributes significantly to Alaska's economy, and the indiscriminate killing of bears risks undermining both ecological integrity and sustainable economic benefits.

Furthermore, public sentiment across the U.S. increasingly favors protection over persecution of predators. Allowing or expanding bear hunts, especially those using extreme or unethical methods, runs counter to evolving wildlife management principles that emphasize coexistence, scientific data, and long-term conservation over recreational trophy hunting.

I urge you to cancel or reconsider any policies or proposals that permit the killing of bears in Alaska. Instead, I encourage investment in non-lethal wildlife management strategies, robust scientific monitoring, and public education campaigns that promote the preservation of Alaska's irreplaceable wildlife.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that Alaska will choose the path of conservation and ethical stewardship of its wild lands and animals.

**PC1048****Name:** Pasternak, Emily**Community of Residence:** Mat-Su**Comment:**

This is absolutely disgusting and does not represent the people of Alaska or protect the spaces, wildlife and beauty that bring us here. I can't believe that there are people on this planet that would actually make something like this a reality. Shame on you. Leave the wild spaces wild.

**PC1049****Name:** Patel, Shreya**Community of Residence:** Milton, Ga**Comment:**

We need the bears for our ecosystem. Please do not kill them.

**PC1050**

Name: Patterson, Kimberly

Community of Residence: Los Angeles

Comment:

Please allow the bears to live. There is no scientific evidence that killing these bears will help the caribou population. It is not our right as human beings to take the lives of these bears when they are just living in their own environment not bothering anybody.

Please allow the bears to live.

**PC1051**

Name: Paulson, Martha

Community of Residence: UNIT 117

Comment:

Please stop the indiscriminate killing of bears. This is not management nor stewardship. Nature knows better than humans

**PC1052**

Name: Paxi, Wilia

Community of Residence: Outside USA

Comment:

Position: Opposed to the Proposed Regulation to Allow Bear Take

I'm writing to oppose the proposal to allow the killing of brown and black bears to try to boost the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. I understand the caribou numbers are struggling, but targeting bears is not the solution.

What's frustrating is that most of the time, the department stands by and lets nature run its course - as they should. But now, when it comes to predators like bears, suddenly that rule gets thrown out. It feels like a double standard. Bears are part of that same natural system. Removing them to try to fix the caribou issue ignores how complex and connected everything is.

Bears are an important part of the ecosystem, and they deserve better than being treated as a problem to get rid of. There's no guarantee this kind of predator control will actually help the caribou long-term — and it risks causing more harm than good by upsetting the natural balance. Plus, bears have value beyond this debate — for tourism, for the environment, and for the people who respect and appreciate them.

I think the focus should be on real, science-based solutions that look at the whole picture — things like habitat management, climate impacts, and human pressure on these areas — not just removing predators as a quick fix.

Thank you for considering my comment.

**PC1053****Name:** Payne , Paula**Community of Residence:** Cordova**Comment:**

I oppose shooting the bears. Please don't shoot the bears. We love going to McNeil River Bear Sanctuary. McNeil does an amazing job raising awareness to coexist with bears. Coexist. Coexist. Coexist. The bears you shoot may be some of the same bears that Coexist peacefully with people at McNeil.

**PC1054****Name:** Pearson, Ella**Community of Residence:** Canmore Alberta**Comment:**

This is Barbaric! Innocent animals

should not be killed even if it is to help other species. Nature will always take its course. We are in their home. Absolutely disgusting criminal act.

**PC1055****Name:** Peixoto, Jessica**Community of Residence:** Alaska Visitor**Comment:**

Do not kill the bears. This will not solve anything, as was seen when wolves were killed. Please use other measures, such as blocking new developments that destroy their habitats, reforesting areas, and growing more species that the caribou and other partner species rely on for food and shelter.

**PC1056****Name:** Pelfrey, Regina**Community of Residence:** Sacramento**Comment:**

Why kill them it makes no sense

**PC1057****Name:** Pelletier , Marie**Community of Residence:** Alaska**Comment:**

I oppose the hunting and killing of bears and wolves anywhere. We have seen time and time again the ecological ramifications that happen when we disrupt the balance of the ecosystems that these predators belong in. In other states, these predators were wiped out and the entire ecosystem suffered because of humans throwing off the natural balance that keeps prey populations in check. Not only does this affect the hunted animal populations, the prey populations, but also the plant life and water ways. Bears are not invasive species, they are part of Alaska's ecosystem and allowing them to be hunted is a terrible choice. This seems to be merely the typical response uneducated people have to predator species, people are afraid of them, think they're a nuisance and want them dead. Bears eat a variety of things and they are important to the natural world in Alaska. Education of their importance and how to handle encounters with Bears seems a better solution than hunting them. The same is true for wolves as well.

**PC1058****Name:** Pereira , Zinia**Community of Residence:** Indian**Comment:**

Why do v need to harm them..they r all part of this ecosystem and have full right to live...just because they cannot voice it doesn't mean v get to do what v feel like with them...

They dont harm us..they don't bother us..they r not harming d world..

We are..we r the ones that need to check ourselves..let them live...save the bears

**PC1059****Name:** Perella, Pamela**Community of Residence:** Whitefish, MT**Comment:**

Please do not kill these bears

**PC1060****Name:** Perez, Lexxie**Community of Residence:** Texas**Comment:**

Reasoning Against Bear Hunting from Helicopters or Bear Hunting in General in Alaska:

Bear hunting from helicopters is an unethical and unsportsmanlike practice that undermines the principles of fair chase. It gives hunters an extreme advantage, stripping animals of any chance to evade pursuit, and often results in unnecessary suffering due to rushed or imprecise shots. Beyond the method, bear hunting itself raises significant ecological concerns. Bears play a vital role in Alaska's ecosystems as apex predators and seed dispersers, helping to maintain balance in wildlife populations and forest regeneration. Overhunting—especially of grizzlies and black bears—can destabilize fragile ecosystems and diminish biodiversity. Moreover, Alaska's bears are a cornerstone of its wildlife tourism industry, drawing photographers, hikers, and nature lovers from around the world. Preserving these iconic animals benefits both the environment and the state's economy more sustainably than hunting does.

**PC1061****Name:** Perez, Nancy**Community of Residence:** Fremont CA**Comment:**

I'm against killing bears, especially when it's done for sport or population control, because it's simply unethical. These animals play a vital role in the ecosystem, and targeting them for convenience or recreation shows a lack of respect for wildlife. There are more humane and balanced ways to manage nature without resorting to killing.

**PC1062****Name:** Perez, Stephanie**Community of Residence:** Texas**Comment:**

Nature deserves to be left alone. Humans are the invasive species in their habitat

**PC1063****Name:** Perkins, Jon**Community of Residence:** Fairbanks**Comment:**

I am against the bear kill, it is non scientific related and will not solve the larger issue at hand. ●



PC1064

Name: Persons , Libby

Community of Residence: NH

Comment:

I oppose the bear kill project as it is not based in science. Caribou populations are declining due to habitat loss, not due to predators. Reducing the bear population will not solve the problem,



PC1065

Name: Pertin, Arthur

Community of Residence: Yes

Comment:

Protect the poor wildlife, the bear. Be sane.



PC1066

Name: Peters, Zayne

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

I oppose the act. I do not believe that destroying necessary carnivores from their native habitat would benefit any animal living there, including caribou. I do not believe there is enough evidence to support the statement that it benefits the herd for these animals to be killed.



PC1067

Name: Petrucci, Amanda

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

I am a wildlife biologist and I strongly oppose this proposal. This is not wildlife management for the good of the people or wild-lands. This is a massacre and an abomination.

**PC1068****Name:** Petry, Matthew**Community of Residence:** Londonderry, NH**Comment:**

The government has no place slaughtering these predators beyond what it already has on the basis of what is at best flimsy science. There seems to be just as much evidence that this will do only harm and no good as there is evidence to the contrary. Long before human involvement these populations were managing themselves just fine. We have no business interfering.

**PC1069****Name:** Phillips, Frances**Community of Residence:** Georgetown SC**Comment:**

I am in opposition of of killing the bears . This is not a rational thoughtful approach and gunning them down especially cubs and mothers is barbaric.

**PC1070****Name:** Phillips, Liane**Community of Residence:** P O BOX 653**Comment:**

I oppose this slaughter of bears 🐻

**PC1071****Name:** Phipps , Denise**Community of Residence:** New York State resident**Comment:**

As a persons who has visited the great state of Alaska I find this truly upsetting. I have photographed beautiful bears in your state and the thought of them being killed for no good reason is appalling. Why would you kill off one animal to try and increase another without any scientific evidence. Please rethink what you are doing here!

Name: Pilon, Michael

Community of Residence: British Columbia

Comment:

This is a war on wildlife disguised as "management."

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game isn't using science—they're using bullets. Shooting bears from helicopters, including mothers and cubs, isn't conservation; it's extermination. These killings happen shockingly close to national parks where the same bears are protected—meaning a bear could wander out of Brooks Falls' safety and into a kill zone the next day.

The state's justification is a lie. Independent scientists agree: caribou declines are driven by habitat loss and climate change, not bears. Even Alaska's own studies show predation isn't the main threat. So why slaughter a keystone species that holds entire ecosystems together? Because it's easier to scapegoat bears than address real problems like industrial development and overhunting.

And after a court ruled these killings illegal, Alaska ignored the law and killed 11 more bears. This isn't just unethical—it's a blatant disregard for democracy.

Name: Pilon, Racquelle

Community of Residence: British Columbia

Comment:

This is ecologically reckless and morally reprehensible. Slaughtering brown bears—including mothers and cubs—from helicopters is not wildlife management; it's indiscriminate killing. There's no credible science proving this helps caribou populations, and Alaska's own data shows habitat degradation and climate change are far bigger threats to caribou than predation.

These bears live just miles from protected national parks, where they're celebrated as keystone species and economic drivers (via tourism). Brooks Falls alone brings in millions in ecotourism revenue—why destroy the same bears people travel globally to admire?

Worse, a judge already ruled these killings illegal, yet Alaska ignored the ruling and killed 11 more bears. This isn't management—it's defiance of ethics and law. Taxpayers are funding cruelty that undermines ecosystems while failing to address real caribou declines.

The state needs to end this archaic, unscientific slaughter immediately



PC1074

Name: Pimentel, Claudia

Community of Residence: Ontario

Comment:

I oppose shooting and killing bears. Killing bears is an ineffective strategy in management of caribou herds and frankly quite inhumane.



PC1075

Name: Piper, Darlyn

Community of Residence: Residence

Comment:

What is so sad,,,,, doing this will not help... it's really out of our control 😡 they do what they want ..



PC1076

Name: Plummer, Gary

Community of Residence: Australia

Comment:

The bears have lived in harmony with the river and forest for hundreds of thousands of years!

Nature can balance its own environment. Something humans cannot do. Particularly destructive dictatorships such as the current American government!

How about they focus on humanity at home rather than declaring war on everything decent?

We are so happy to not live in America under their current disgusting regime

Gary

From Australia!

Cull the tourists instead!

**PC1077****Name:** Png, Ava**Community of Residence:** Wausau, Wisconsin**Comment:**

My name is Ava Png. I am a resident of Wisconsin and an Environmental Science student at UC Berkeley. I strongly oppose the culling of brown and black bears. There is not sufficient scientific evidence that bears are responsible for caribou herd declines. It is likely that hunting or other human activities are serious cause for population decline. Bears play important roles in their Alaskan ecosystem as nutrient cyclers, berry seed dispersers, and critical predators, supporting biodiverse communities and healthy habitats.

**PC1078****Name:** Pollard, Austin**Community of Residence:** Canada**Comment:**

This is absolutely disgusting. Leave the bears alone, they did nothing wrong. I don't care what anyone says, this is so wrong. I'm appalled, and enraged, among many others. I may not live in Alaska, or even America, but I am a Canadian in between them. We are all part of North America. We are on their land, not the other way around. This needs to stop. Bears can't speak for themselves, so here I am. Leave them alone. There will be outrage when this news continues to spread. Those responsible need to be punished.

**PC1079****Name:** Pollard, Gary**Community of Residence:** 6080 Maple Springs Rd.**Comment:**

This killing of bears is despicable! Killing the mothers and cubs is outrageous! Why the senseless killing of bears? If you are going to kill them at least make it so people can use the carcass for sustenance. They could use this for meat!

**PC1080****Name:** Pompey, Sharon**Community of Residence:** PA**Comment:**

I strongly oppose the killing of bears especially moms and their cubs. There is no evidence that this will help the Caribou herd.

**PC1081**

Name: Ponnana, Abhimanyu

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

They shouldn't be killed. They have to live.

**PC1082**

Name: Ponton, Alexandra

Community of Residence: Texas

Comment:

I oppose this. It's a waste of our tax dollars for something that has not shown to have any benefit. If anything this will disrupt the role that these predators have in the natural ecosystem. The environment is meant to have a balance between predator and prey and this violates that and for what? If we want to actually boost the population of animals like caribou we need to look into what is killing them, because it's not their natural predator. It's us. We, as humans, are the invasive species that is stealing their land and their food. That's why they're mostly dying from starvation, not predators. And this isn't even including the fact that by killing female bears with cubs you are significantly hurting their population.

**PC1083**

Name: Pope, Gabe

Community of Residence: Lake Arrowhead

Comment:

Stop hunting Bears, there's no evidence that proves it helps the Caribou.

**PC1084**

Name: Porcheddu, Beatrice

Community of Residence: Italy

Comment:

Please save bears from the risk to be killed

**PC1085****Name:** Potgieter, Emmy**Community of Residence:** United States of America**Comment:**

I'm outraged over the sickening killing of BEARS, you killed Moms, Cubs, Dads. This is just heartbreaking and despicable actions by the GAME BOARD. The Caribou can exist on their own without the ridiculous help you think you're giving them.

There is NO NEED TO MURDER 197 HEALTHY BEARS. LEAVE THE BEARS, SQUIRRELS AND RACCOONS ALONE!!! Everything you touch turns to crap.

**PC1086****Name:** Poulain, Cole**Community of Residence:** Nanaimo**Comment:**

Please for the love of god hire educated ecologists. I am a wetland conservation ecologist and I am telling you the vast majority of the time removing these bears both apex predators and keystone species will cause a shift in the full food web.

I can appreciate that you are trying to save the caribou but this is not the way to do it. You need conservation and breeding programs not hunting. Instead of killing one to try (and fail) to save another protect them all.

Might a suggest reach out to Dr Eric Sager at Trent University to discuss better solutions or at the very least get a board of actual ecologists and conservation experts to make an actual strategy. Not this sorry excuse of a plan.

**PC1087****Name:** Powell, Brittany**Community of Residence:** United States of America**Comment:**

Do not permit the take of brown or black bear for caribou management. The science is not sound that this will help the situation.

**PC1088****Name:** Prado, Jennifer**Community of Residence:** California**Comment:**

Please I beg of you to have compasión and empathy for these innocent animals, we are here on their land and must respect them as living beings and respect the land that we've been blessed with

No More Hunting BEARS !!!!

**PC1089****Name:** Prajaghupta, Nyett**Community of Residence:** Indonesia**Comment:**

If the bears left to be endangered, our next generations will be able to experience through Paddington movies only.

**PC1090****Name:** Pramodhan , Bernadine**Community of Residence:** Goa India**Comment:**

I totally oppose the indiscriminate killing of bears.

Please stop it. We humans are killing this world and it's the only one we have. For the sake of future generations, Stop the killings!!

**PC1091****Name:** Prasad, Ashwini**Community of Residence:** Usa**Comment:**

I highly oppose the management of the about herd. There is no scientific support that predator control helps the caribou herd. Additionally the decline in the caribou herd is due to disease as its root cause not predators. There is a serious concern for ethical and legal violations for bear population control. I urge you to reject the proposal and instead use scientific study, habitat restoration and disease control to manage the caribou herd

**PC1092****Name:** Preece, Caroline**Community of Residence:** New Jersey**Comment:**

I deeply oppose the shooting of bears and their cubs because they are part of the ecosphere and have a right to be here, just as we humans do. Please allow them to continue to be part of the wildlife in Alaska. One of the most beautiful places in the world to see this amazing wildlife. Thank you.

**PC1093****Name:** Prellwitz, Eliana**Community of Residence:** Mequon**Comment:**

every bear and every animal should be protected by law, not killed for game

**PC1094****Name:** Premnath, Tara**Community of Residence:** India**Comment:**

Save the bears

**PC1095****Name:** Price, Jeremy**Community of Residence:** AK**Comment:**

The state must allow for same day airborne hunting of black and brown bear for all areas that the mulchatna herd encompasses. Allowing state officials to waste tax payer resources on indiscriminately shooting bears from helicopter, without allowing resident hunters to participate in same day airborne, is against the state constitution. You must amend this and allow same day airborne hunting of bears to commence.



PC1096

Name: Priest, Debbie

Community of Residence: South Tx

Comment:

This is ridiculous. Killing off the bears is not the answer. It didn't work before and it will not work now. We have been through this before with another predator. It just doesn't work. Please reconsider and don't slaughter those bears



PC1097

Name: Prince Bertrand, Ryan

Community of Residence: Lower Vancouver Island

Comment:

Any predator or creature interference by our population today, is highly contradictory to the security of species.

These animals are under siege or our destructive path with nature's natural stable biome and behaviors. We do too much daily, not neutral to operations amongst time and nature.

Bears lean heavily on fats to sustain sparse winters. Berries are thinned every year, by logging atop of fish being culled by man's greed of animals as a dependence. These creatures need more of their natural mature traditional biome we all came from and all need. This requires us to do less, in format to inflict suggestive balancing, to give space or time for breeding in other less aggressor species, like elk or caribou...they also need more traditional roaming space and vegetation to clean environment to depend on. Not feel cornered into a small remainder of their habitat we share. This amplifies mating. When a buck and faun can look upon a vast forest and not see amongst the fields too much confinement they live in less scared or worried conditions, making room for mental and physical conditions to trust mating, is not a wistful or less succession of possibility.

All predators except man, are predominantly aware they should not collapse their victim or non-predatorial specimen. Spare them seasons, to grow, from thousands of years of evolutionary logic. However, they had thick rivers undisturbed by man's abuses, like gold mining, damming, fisheries...plus anything else we have pushed back into the natural biome.

They do not need a bunch of culling. They need a species evolved enough, mentally strong enough, to let live in habitat and reform so their footprint does not continue to run yearly the wrong direction, to habitations longevity.

Culling creatures is not an answer. Accommodating and recovering/rebuilding printing, off the remaining most traditional landscapes least disturbed and grow deeper further and wider...giving security to the mating majority of non aggressors. So the minority of predators, will half a denser world to get by on.



PC1098

Name: Pritt, Sara

Community of Residence: Eugene

Comment:

I oppose the proposed regulation to modify the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to allow for the killing of brown and black bears by department staff to benefit the herd.

As it stands, there is no credible scientific evidence in the record to support the conclusion that Mulchatna bears can be killed sustainably.

There is also overwhelming evidence that predator control programs do not work to recover struggling moose and caribou populations. Per the State's own research, the main reasons for the Mulchatna caribou herd decline are disease and a lack of food (due to climate change), not bear predation. Stop the senseless killing and cruelty.



PC1099

Name: Priyadarsini, Alisha

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

They have life. We have live. Will you guys be killing them just for living? What kind of stupidity and ungrateful thing this is? They came here first. Nature is there's. So we will go into their home and we will kill them? How will you feel when someone will break into your house and kill your family. NOT GOOD I guess.



PC1100

Name: Puder, Jim

Community of Residence: Boalsburg Pennsylvania

Comment:

Bears are a unique part of the food chain. This is their habitat? Are we going to kill them for simply doing what they do? Why do we always take the "human point of view?" You never get to hear the spotted owl's take on the logger... what would they say about their habitat if they were using a human voicing?

Let's give bears a chance by thinking about what they need to survive



Name: Pugj, Aaron

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

Open up same day airborne hunting of brown and black bear in these units for Alaskan hunters! This simple regulatory change will directly increase the kill rates of brown and black bear, which then directly increases the survivability of caribou and moose calves. All the while allowing the public do the hunting vs only govt hunters doing the exact same thing.

If management is key, which is what is used to justify the govt going in and killing predators from helicopters, then there's absolutely no reason why same day restrictions cannot be removed for brown and black bear in these units.

At a minimum, even if the state decides to proceed with their proposal of killing bears themselves, the board should also, in unison, remove same day airborne for brown and black bears in these units for Alaskan hunters, so Alaskans can hunt browns and blacks same day airborne!



Name: Pye, McKenzie

Community of Residence: Bakersfield

Comment:

Save the bears. Do not be they disgusting monster that's kills innocent bears



Name: Quilliam, Caroline

Community of Residence: Andover

Comment:

These bears are beautiful creatures and they are crucial to our eco system. We must stop killing them.



Submitted to the Alaska Board of Game

**Re: PROPOSAL 1 5 AAC 92.111. Intensive Management Plans, Mulchatna Caribou Herd
Predation Management Area**

Dear Members of the Board,

I submit this comment in strong opposition to Proposal 1, which seeks to reinstate and expand aerial killing of brown and black bears in the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Predation Management Area.

As a Koyukon Athabascan wildlife biologist carrying two ways of knowing—Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) from my ancestors and formal training in Wildlife Biology and Conservation—I know these knowledge systems are complementary, not contradictory. Both teach that stewardship is rooted in respect, reciprocity, and balance. Both reject the illusion that complex ecosystems can be managed through force and secrecy.

Predator Control Betrays Indigenous Values

Let me be clear: I fully support traditional hunting, fishing, and trapping. These practices do not erode conservation—they uphold it. I am living proof that one can advocate for both wildlife and food security. In fact, we must. I was raised with the teaching: *“If you take care of them, they will take care of you.”*

Our culture is built on reverence for nature. We are taught never to offend the spirit of an animal—especially powerful beings like bears and wolves. These are the laws of the land, of relationships, of being a good relative—relationships that are as binding as any statute and codified within our laws of the land.

Between 2023 and 2024, this Board authorized a predator control program in the Mulchatna region that permitted the aerial killing of any bears encountered—without baseline population data or limits. Under this program, state agents killed at least 175 brown bears, five black bears, and 19 wolves. In spring 2025, despite a court ruling that deemed the program unconstitutional, the state resumed aerial gunning and killed an additional 11 brown bears.

Two Alaska Superior Court judges ruled the program “unlawfully adopted and, therefore, void and without legal effect,” citing due-process violations and bad faith (Superior Court, March 2025). Still, the state presses forward with more helicopter-driven eradication—despite no peer-reviewed evidence that predator removal has increased caribou numbers, and despite ADF&G’s refusal to track outcomes or submit to independent review, while operating predator control outside of any research framework.

As an Indigenous scientist, I cannot separate this policy from the long history of settler colonialism that severed Indigenous people from our lands, waters, and animal relatives. These bears and wolves are not just data points. They are relatives and teachers, essential to ecosystem balance.

I think about the animals who didn’t die quickly—shot from helicopters and left to suffer. I think about the cubs clinging to their mothers, confused and terrified, killed or orphaned by a policy that sees them as expendable. This is not management. This is cruelty.

Proposal 1 ignores the real drivers of caribou decline—climate change, habitat degradation, disease, and nutritional stress—and instead scapegoats predators because they are “the only thing we can control.” But this is not control; it is avoidance.

This Board is dominated by politically appointed sport hunters and guides with commercial ties, and has prioritized short-term optics over long-term ecological integrity. A current member even leveraged personal ties to the Alaska Federation of Natives in 2023 to pass supportive resolutions—violating conflict-of-interest rules (AS 39.52) and eroding public trust. This is exploitation, not stewardship.

True Stewardship Through Co-Stewardship

Wildlife biologists bring expertise in population dynamics, habitat requirements, predator-prey relationships, and the interpretation of complex data. They are trained to evaluate scientific reports, understand ecological trade-offs, and assess the long-term consequences of management actions. Without this expertise, decisions are driven by anecdotes, political pressure, or short-term interests—not sound science.



True wildlife management must be rooted in both TEK and science. That means co-stewarding with Indigenous communities—not just checking a box. Our knowledge is not anecdotal. It is empirical, place-based, and tested over millennia.

I call for a clear distinction between TEK and Local Knowledge (LK) in all wildlife policy discussions. If Alaska incorporates TEK into wildlife management, it must follow its own policy on meaningful government-to-government consultation with federally recognized Tribes. This is a legal and ethical obligation recognizing the sovereign status of Tribal governments. Anything less perpetuates extractive practices that exploit Indigenous knowledge while excluding Indigenous voices.

Recommendations

I urge the Board to:

1. Pause the Mulchatna predator-control program.
2. Establish a TEK-science working group where Tribal councils, elders, and biologists co-design monitoring protocols
3. Submit ADF&G's raw data on predator removals to the National Academies for transparent, peer-reviewed assessment.
4. Require at least one Board member to possess formal scientific training in wildlife biology.
5. Stop misusing Indigenous knowledge and TEK to justify political or financial agendas.
6. Clearly distinguish TEK from Local Knowledge (LK) in all policy discussions, and honor meaningful government-to-government consultation with federally recognized Tribes.
7. Redirect funding from helicopter eradication to habitat restoration—protecting unburned lichen meadows, managing wildfire risk, and creating wildlife corridors.

Predator control is a costly distraction from the work that truly matters: restoring ecosystems, rebuilding trust, and honoring the stewardship of Indigenous peoples.

If we lead with humility, reciprocity, and science that respects Indigenous values, we can protect this land for generations to come. Healthy landscapes will reflect the well-being of our caribou relatives—and of ourselves.

Respectfully,

Michelle Quillin



Wildlife Biologist

Koyukon Athabascan of the Caribou Clan

Name: R , Randy

Community of Residence: Idaho

Comment:

As a scientist and consummate outdoors person, I stand in strong opposition to the proposed regulation that would authorize the Department of Fish and Game to lethally remove brown and black bears in the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area as part of intensive management efforts.

While I appreciate the goal of restoring caribou populations and preserving subsistence opportunities, this proposal reflects a troubling trend toward ecologically unsound and ethically questionable predator control strategies.

Scientific Consensus Is Lacking

Multiple peer-reviewed studies have found that large-scale predator removal—especially targeting slow-reproducing species like bears—often fails to produce sustained improvements in ungulate populations. Ecosystems are complex, and simplistic predator-prey models seldom capture the full picture.

Bears Are Keystone Species

Both black and brown bears play vital ecological roles—from nutrient cycling to regulating scavenger dynamics. Their removal risks unintended cascading effects, undermining ecosystem integrity in ways that may be irreversible.

Reactive Management Undermines Long-Term Conservation Goals

This regulation promotes short-term numerical targets over long-term sustainability. Intensive management should not equate to intensive disruption. Let us instead invest in habitat restoration, more nuanced herd monitoring, and non-lethal intervention strategies.

Respect for Indigenous Knowledge and Values

Many Alaska Native communities regard bears with deep reverence. Removing them en masse alienates local stewards of the land and erode the collaborative spirit needed for effective wildlife management.

I urge the Board to reject this regulation and call for a more balanced, evidence-based approach, a plan one that prioritizes ecosystem health, ethical stewardship, and genuine long-term solutions for caribou recovery.

Predator removal can destabilize ecosystems, especially when targeting apex species like bears.

Scientific evidence on effectiveness is mixed—some studies show limited long-term benefits to prey populations.

Bears are slow-reproducing and intelligent animals, and indiscriminate removal can have lasting impacts on population dynamics.

Subsistence and cultural values may be undermined if predator control is perceived as excessive or disrespectful to traditional ecological knowledge.

Again, I urge the Board to reject this regulation and call for a more sustainable, evidence-based management approach, a plan one that prioritizes ecosystem health, ethical stewardship, and genuine long-term solutions for caribou recovery.



PC1106

Name: R, Kavya

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

No animals should be killed or used or tortured for any purpose , the biggest and most dangerous animal on earth is human when he can live freely without being killed or punished why does voiceless innocent animals are suffering ?

Shame on humanity shame on government



PC1107

Name: Rabb, Susan

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

STRONGLY OPPOSED!

It has been shown that culling the bears, and the wolves, has not benefitted the herd. This random, inhumane killing is abhorrent.

Please, do the right thing and stop.

Thank you.



PC1108

Name: Racy, Ursula

Community of Residence: Rio de Janeiro

Comment:

Save the bears

**PC1109**

Name: Radcliffe, Randi

Community of Residence: The wildlife collective

Comment:

I oppose the proposed regulation to modify the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to allow for the take of brown and black bears by department staff to benefit the herd.

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There is also overwhelming evidence that predator control programs do not work to recover struggling moose and caribou populations. Per the State's own research, the main reasons for the Mulchatna caribou herd decline are disease and a lack of food (due to climate change), not bear predation.

I want Mulchatna caribou to succeed, but I don't believe the current, unlawful bear control program is the best way to help them.

If the Board of Game wishes to make significant changes to this area, then it is critical to ensure that the decisions are rooted both in credible science and what the people decide.

**PC1110**

Name: Rajah, Myron

Community of Residence: Scarborough

Comment:

Killing the bears is not the answer. You take away so much land from habitat loss and degradation from industrial development. Mining and logging should be curtailed to prevent disruption in migration routes for a start instead of solely blaming the bears. Impose limitations on hunting caribou. All of these are viable options. People traveling to see wildlife like bears are important revenue to Alaska. Killing the bears is not based on science.

**PC1111**

Name: Rajiv , Sanjay

Community of Residence: The world

Comment:

Dear Humans,

We are apex predators. With the power of thinking comes great responsibility, please do not go ahead with this plan. The richest country in the world can do what no others can. As a guiding light to this world, don't lose your soul, dear America. A nation of immigrants using such barbaric methods to remove animals from their natural habitats through killing is just senseless. Can't we co exist, we have the brains they don't? We can learn, they can't. As rulers of this world can't we be more responsible as humans? Please stop. This cannot be the answer. We can be the change that animals cannot. From one animal to another, please stop and think of something better. I'm sure we can. Please.

**PC1112****Name:** Raleigh, Elizabeth**Community of Residence:** Pennsville**Comment:**

I am writing to oppose the planned aerial assault and killing of bears. The proposal states it is for recovery of caribou herds. Why not trap and move bears to another location instead of killing them? Who makes us humans the decider of who gets to live and die? That is God's decision. I urge you to think of more humane ways of dealing with this issue.

**PC1113****Name:** Ramos, Cristina**Community of Residence:** Sacramento**Comment:**

Please STOP HUNTING THE BEARS. This is something that is cruel and unnecessary. Let the bears live their lives.

**PC1114****Name:** Ramos, Jessica**Community of Residence:** Noatak**Comment:**

Please stop the slaughter of innocent creatures born on the land. This is their home. You cannot play God from a helicopter

**PC1115****Name:** Rangel , Nevaeh**Community of Residence:** Bakersfield**Comment:**

Bears need love to

**PC1116****Name:** Ranger, Brodie**Community of Residence:** Ontario**Comment:**

Describe my reasoning? Because you believe you have some type of right to take an animals life for what ever be reason your sick mind makes up. The ones looking to end the bears life. Should be the ones who are killed. Humans love taking power they don't/never did, have the right to in the first place. Animal killing scum you are. So much killing going on all over the darn place and humans just want more and more of it. How ashamed I feel to even be human myself. Shame on you murders and your spawns. You are a human form of cancer itself and I feel the effects of said scum. Not that anything I say will be looked at in any type of way by you fools. Shame!! Humans suck!

**PC1117****Name:** Rapson, Elle**Community of Residence:** None of your business**Comment:**

SAVE THE BEARS

Murderers

**PC1118****Name:** Ravlyk, Yaryna**Community of Residence:** 33160**Comment:**

Terrible!! Stop the killing!

**PC1119****Name:** Rawat, Shikha**Community of Residence:** India**Comment:**

I am writing to express my profound concern for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd and to support measures that genuinely contribute to its recovery. I believe that all wildlife has a fundamental right to thrive within its ecosystem, and the current state of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd is deeply troubling.

The data clearly indicates a critical situation for this herd. Once a robust population numbering around 200,000 animals in 1997, the Mulchatna Caribou Herd has experienced a precipitous decline, reaching approximately 14,846 caribou in 2024. This represents a decline of over 90% from its peak, putting the

herd well below the state's objective of 30,000-80,000 animals. This drastic reduction has significant implications for the ecological balance of the region and the subsistence needs of many communities that historically relied on this resource.

While I understand that the proposed regulation focuses on the take of brown and black bears by department staff, and that bear predation, particularly on newborn calves, has been identified as a significant factor limiting the herd's recovery, I urge the Board to consider a holistic and adaptive approach. The ADFG's findings that brown bears are a primary cause of death for calves in their first two weeks are compelling, indicating the immediate pressure on calf survival.

However, historical context also suggests that factors like overgrazing during the herd's peak in the 1990s and the presence of diseases like Brucellosis have also played a role in the herd's overall vulnerability and decline. Effective management should therefore not solely rely on predator removal but also address potential long-term habitat improvements and disease monitoring.

My support for this proposal stems from the urgent need to give the Mulchatna Caribou Herd a chance to recover and ensure the survival of this vital species. While predator management is a controversial tool, if scientific data strongly indicates it as a critical short-term measure to increase calf survival rates, then it warrants serious consideration to prevent further decline of the caribou population.

I respectfully request that the Board of Game carefully weigh all factors, prioritize the long-term health and sustainability of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd, and continue to explore multi-faceted approaches that support the caribou's ability to survive and thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Shikha Rawat

Environment & Social Sensitive Citizen of the world (India)

Name: Rea, Mary

Community of Residence: Colorado

Comment:

Do not kill the bears! This is ridiculous! Do not shoot the brown bears from helicopters or any other way!!!



PC1120

Name: Rebecca, Amanda

Community of Residence: Coppell

Comment:

I oppose the bear killing proposal because it really won't fix the real problem



PC1121



PC1122

Name: Recordon , Omblin

Community of Residence: France

Comment:

Killing bear for a lobby is absolutely inhumane. There's no science supporting this killing and it should never be authorized.



PC1123

Name: Reego, Rach

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

We are encroaching on their territory! Not the other way around. Save these precious souls.



PC1124

Name: Reese, Andrea

Community of Residence: NC, USA

Comment:

I am opposing the use of aerial guns to kill these beautiful bears. This is their home and we just live in it so it's not fair to kill them. Please learn to co-exist.



PC1125

Name: Reeves, Kristi

Community of Residence: CO

Comment:

Bears were placed on this earth just as humans. We must redirect the fear and aggression exhibited towards these beautiful animals. To kill bears via aerial shooting is inhumane because it's slaughter~plain and simple. What do the American Indian and Alaskan people feel? Surely, there is wisdom to be had~better ways to deal with bears.

We all must learn to live together. Not destroy. Please do not allow the slaughter

Name: Regnier, Christian

Community of Residence: Winnipeg

Comment:

I strongly oppose the Intensive management plan, mostly regarding predator control efforts. Brown bears have an extremely low reproduction rate and removing 179 of them in a two year span near protected areas where wildlife is thriving is beyond me. While it cannot be denied that predators do certainly have an impact on calf survival, other factors such as climate change and habitat destruction are far greater threats to caribou populations. Areal gunning of wolves and bears is not a sustainable or feasible solution in my opinion when the real issues lie in the way humans treat the wild places caribou need. Studies also show that bears and wolves regulate their own numbers and manage their own populations as they have since the beginning of time.

Name: Reiley, Bryan

Community of Residence: Corvallis Oregon

Comment:

To the Alaska Board of Game:

Re: Opposition to Proposed Increase in Bear Control in GMU 17

As the former area wildlife biologist for GMU 17 for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and a Wildlife Ecologist of 20 plus years with a PhD, I write to express strong opposition to the proposed expansion of bear control efforts in the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Predation Management Area. The current and proposed predator control efforts lack scientific justification, procedural transparency, and alignment with Alaska's constitutional mandate to manage wildlife under the sustained yield principle.

1. The Science Doesn't Support It

Since 2011, predator control targeting wolves has been in place with no measurable benefit to the caribou population, which declined from ~24,000 to ~12,000. In 2023 and 2024, ADFG pivoted to bears, killing 94 and 81 brown bears respectively—despite having no baseline data on bear populations in within the predator control area instead they relied on outdated studies and anecdotal “pilot correspondence.” Additionally, no estimate were provided for black bears. These actions are not science-based management; they are guesses with lethal consequences.

2. Violating Alaska's Sustained Yield Mandate

Article VIII, Section 4 of the Alaska Constitution requires the management of all game species—including brown and black bears—on a sustained yield basis. Yet ADFG has never conducted bear population studies in GMU 17 and admits to relying on speculative estimates. Without data, sustained yield cannot be assessed, much less maintained.

3. No Defined Metrics of Success

The operational plan lacks defined criteria for success. Though “increased calf survival” is mentioned, ADFG failed to conduct concurrent monitoring in 2023 and only began limited efforts in 2024. Without calf and yearly collaring to track survival, there’s no way to reliably evaluate effectiveness—an issue long documented in Alaska’s predator control history (Miller et al. 2022; NRC 1997). So far the only measurable change in the population has been changes in calf:cow ratios which can be a misleading indicator of population growth. And interestingly, there has been no measurable increase in the MCH population despite 2 years of bear culling based on ADFG Mulchatna Photo Survey estimates done in 2023 and 2024.

4. Ignoring Habitat and Forage Dynamics

The long-term decline of the MCH aligns with known caribou boom-bust cycles, largely driven by habitat degradation and lichen depletion—factors worsened by climate change. ADFG has not assessed winter forage availability or quality despite suggestions by me and others (including federal partners) and additionally being a legal requirement under predator control regulations. When I proposed a going out to collect vegetation data on a randomized subsample of known wintering areas in 2021 I was told we didn’t have the money or the expertise yet somehow they’ve come up with millions for this bear culling effort.

5. Expert Opposition and Public Concern

In 2023, 34 retired biologists publicly opposed the bear control effort, citing the same concerns raised here: lack of data, lack of justification, and disregard for ecological complexity. Their expertise should not be ignored.

Recommendation:

The Alaska Board of Game should reject the proposed increase in bear control in GMU 17. Instead, the state should pause all current predator control operations in the region until:

Robust bear population assessments are conducted.

Clear, data-driven success metrics are implemented.

Forage availability and habitat limitations are evaluated.

Alaska’s wildlife deserves responsible, science-based management. What’s happening in GMU 17 is anything but.

Sincerely,

Bryan M. Reiley, PhD

Name: Reinhart, Gilda

Community of Residence: North Bellmore, NY 11710

Comment:

I oppose the culling of bear and wolf populations via aerial hunting. From what I have read, the more important considerations for caribou survival is preservation of their habitat and reversal of climate change. Do not kill more of God's majestic creatures because you think it might improve the size of



future caribou herds. There is no scientific evidence that shows that bears and wolves have decimated the caribou population. Alaska should remain a beacon of all that is great and wild in the U.S.A. and should remain so for future generations.

According to the Journal of Wildlife Management, "ADFG killed 94 grizzly bears in 2023 and another 97 in 2024 despite a lack of data indicating that grizzly bears had contributed to the decline of the caribou herd. Similarly, ADFG's efforts at wolf control failed to restore caribou numbers. Recognizing that the issues with caribou abundance might relate to nutrition and overgrazing during peak abundance of >200,000 caribou in 1997 (Boertje et al. 2017), ADFG noted that there was nothing that they could do to recover caribou habitat for the Mulchatna herd (Alaska Department of Fish and Game 2024), yet ADFG had the ability to kill bears, and bears can kill caribou calves (Leblond et al. 2016). Consequently, the target of the Alaska Board of Game was to eliminate all bears from a 7,800-km² area centered surrounding calving range for the Mulchatna caribou herd. Such extreme predator control is unacceptable to the public, especially when there is no evidence of its efficacy (Decker et al. 2006, Miller et al. 2022), and the lack of science flies in the face of the NAM". *

* Boyce, M. S., and A. E. Derocher. 2025. Bears in North America: Habitats, hunting, and politics. Journal of Wildlife Management e70057. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jwmg.70057> pp8-9



PC1129

Name: Renteria, Luz

Community of Residence: Los Angeles

Comment:

Killing wildlife does not equate wildlife conservation. Alaska should be ashamed for even allowing this to be up for debate. You're supposed to protect them all.

Find a different solution.



PC1130

Name: Resident , Concerned

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

Please stop this terrible act of killing our bears. We do not want this.

**PC1131****Name:** Reyes, Silvia**Community of Residence:** APT 416**Comment:**

Wildlife should always be something we protect. There is plenty of selfish acts towards animals on this planet it's heartbreaking. Why can't we be compassionate toward them. It's not all about humans it's about everyone please please don't hurt any bears or anymore wildlife. Animals are one of the most precious things and I still have a little hope that humanity will learn to respect wildlife.

**PC1132****Name:** Reynolds, Kayla**Community of Residence:** Boise, Idaho**Comment:**

Bears, especially in the great state of Alaska where most of my family resides, are essential for the entire ecosystem to thrive and remain beautifully wild. Eradicating these necessary creatures by means such as aerial shooting is incredibly inhumane and unethical and violates court ruling, setting a dangerous precedent for other disastrous attempts at wildlife "management".

**PC1133****Name:** Rhodes, Janet **Affiliation:** Alaska Wildlife Alliance**Community of Residence:** Temecula, CA**Comment:**

Please work with the AWA to shut down the cruel and unethical Mulchatna Predator Control Program.
Thanks.

**PC1134****Name:** Rice , Georgina**Community of Residence:** Hope BC canada**Comment:**

I am absolutely opposed to the killing of these bears. I cannot believe the killing of bears is actually being considered. Aerial shooting is cruel and inhumane. Bears are important to the eco system. Don't you people understand that. What is the real reason wants to reduce the number of bears.

Please leave them one.



PC1135

Name: Richards, Ashley

Community of Residence: Utah

Comment:

Please do not erase this iconic American species



PC1136

Name: Richards, Bob

Community of Residence: Chattanooga Tenn

Comment:

Please don't not do this! Bears are innocent creatures who deserve a chance at life like everyone else!
There has to be predators for balance. And they are God's wonderful creatures!



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June 20, 2025

To: Alaska Board of Game

Re: Special Meeting regarding Intensive Management for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd

Dear Chairman Fletcher and members of the board,

Below are our comments regarding Intensive Management plans for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd.

Please consider these comments at the July 14-15, 2025 special meeting in Anchorage,

Mark Richards – Executive Director Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK)

Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Program

Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK) supports Intensive Management efforts that are grounded in science and efficacy. If the state is going to remove predators to benefit prey populations important for feeding Alaskans, there needs to be clear indications that such efforts will result in increased prey populations over the longer term.

Prior to any Intensive Management (IM) efforts, the Department must first study and determine why a prey population is in decline. In the case of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd (MCH), the primary reason the herd is in decline is due to disease and nutrition issues. The habitat is changing and there is less prime forage available, and brucellosis is more common within the MCH. While IM efforts sometimes involve habitat improvements such as prescribed burns to benefit moose, there is nothing the state can really do to improve caribou habitat. Similarly, there is little the state can do to curb disease within the MCH.

We know that bears kill caribou calves on the MCH calving grounds every spring. And we know that the bear removal efforts in 2023 and 2024 resulted in higher caribou calf survival six months out. If more calves survive longer term, it means more recruitment and an increased population.

RHAK has no conservation concerns that the overall brown bear population within the range of the MCH will be harmed long term with continued removal of bears on the calving grounds.

The science tells us that nutrition and disease are the cause of the MCH decline, but it also tells us that removing predators during the calving period helps with overall recruitment. The overriding question with the MCH IM program is whether the herd can really increase substantially over the long term with such poor habitat and disease issues.

The bottom line is that we don't know. So, we are left with the choice to do nothing, or to try to do the only thing we can do to improve outcomes, which is to increase calf survival.

In this case, RHAK supports doing something, rather than nothing, to try to increase the MCH population, even though we can't be sure it will lead to an increase in the population that will benefit Alaskan hunters in the region. Only time will tell if there is efficacy with these IM efforts.



PC1138

Name: Rico , Marta

Community of Residence: Calle Paseo Solares #300 Casa 39

Comment:



STOP KILLING animals, LET THEM LIVE FREE! 🐞❤️🐞



PC1139

Name: Riddle, Michael

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

I'm an ER veterinarian and this is absolutely ridiculous! Shame on you!



PC1140

Name: Rigger, Karen

Community of Residence: Washington state

Comment:

Please save the bears



PC1141

Name: Riggio, Isabella

Community of Residence: New jersey

Comment:

I am incredibly disgusted with the killing of these wild bears. This needs to stop it's not our job to play population control as our own species is completely invasive on this planet. These poor bears deserve to roam the earth they were born on and face any natural consequences, not being shot by a gun up in the air. This is not something I pay taxes for. This makes me disgusted in my country. Stop killing innocent earthlings.



PC1142

Name: Riley, Kevin

Community of Residence: Kansas

Comment:

Stop hurting wildlife



PC1143

Name: Ritchie, Madison

Community of Residence: Elmvale, Ontario

Comment:

What you are doing to these crucial animal and the entire ecosystems they exist in is shameful. We will not tolerate your mass killings of the bears



PC1144

Name: Rivera, Vanessa

Community of Residence: Torrance, CA

Comment:

I oppose the proposed regulation to reinstate aerial gunning of brown and black bears in the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area.

There is no clear scientific evidence showing that killing bears will help the Mulchatna caribou herd recover. Research from the state itself points to disease and food shortages as the main reasons for the herd's decline, not bear predation.

Aerial gunning is not only ineffective, but it also raises serious humane concerns. Shooting bears from helicopters often results in unnecessary suffering, especially when animals are wounded but not immediately killed. This is not consistent with ethical, science-based wildlife management.

Nearly 180 bears have already been killed through this program in the last two years, including females with cubs. Without clear data proving this approach works, continuing it is irresponsible.

I urge the Board to reject this proposal and focus on solutions based on sound science that address the real causes of caribou population decline.



PC1145

Name: Rivers, Esperanza

Community of Residence: Ann Arbor

Comment:

Opposition to the proposed game hunting. 1. It is extremely harmful to our environment to hunt from a carbon emitting aircraft.

2. Compared to traditional hunting methods, using an aircraft to hunt dozens of not only adult bears, but cubs as well, is cruel, excessive, and an abuse of hunting.

**PC1146****Name:** Roach, Cana**Community of Residence:** Atlanta, GA**Comment:**

Hi team of Anchorage, I would like to strongly urge you to reconsider your current position of mass black and brown bear slaughter in efforts to build the caribou population. Similar efforts done in the past to maintain species population have had incredibly inconsistent results, often leaving the ecosystem with more human-induced damage than before. Thanks for reading my message, and I hope others will continue to reach out too.

**PC1147****Name:** Roark, Emily**Community of Residence:** Missouri**Comment:**

I'm writing to express my opposition to the proposed regulation allowing department staff to kill brown and black bears in the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area. While I understand the intention to support the caribou herd, I don't believe predator control is the right solution. Bears are an important part of the ecosystem, and removing them could cause more harm than good. The real issues affecting the herd—like habitat loss, climate shifts, and food availability—need to be addressed first. Let's focus on long-term, science-based solutions that support both caribou and healthy predator populations.

**PC1148****Name:** Roberts, Sally**Community of Residence:** Anchorage**Comment:**

I am writing to indicate my opposition to predator control in the name of protecting and growing the Mulchatna caribou herd. Research has shown that predator control is ineffective without addressing the root of the problem, i.e., the habitat quality is insufficient to support caribou at the level proposed by ADFG. 30,000-80,000 caribou in this area is likely an unattainable number and continuing to indiscriminately kill predators is a waste of resources, not to mention unethical. There is also no accounting for the impact these broad scale predator killing is having, or may have, on places like Katmai National Park and Lake Clark National Park and substantial proportion of their revenue that comes from bear viewing. On a broader but perhaps most important note, the Intensive Management Law needs to be revisited. ADFG used to be a respected agency producing good science but is now known as an agency not worthy of the respect of scientists or the general public and has become the laughingstock of the wildlife world.

**PC1149**

Name: Robinson, Amanda

Community of Residence: Pleasant Prairie WI

Comment:

I oppose this proposal. I understand the need to moderate populations. However, bears are known to have sizable territories that they call home. The proposal as it stands is very close to national parks, and if allowed, would greatly reduce the numbers within the parks. The bears don't know boundaries - they just know their home. Please consider moving the areas significantly away from the national parks, so as to not impact the wonderful ecosystems within Katmai, Lake Clark, and other NPs.

Thank you.

**PC1150**

Name: Robinson, Dana

Community of Residence: Oregon

Comment:

I am writing to oppose the renewal of the predator culling program.

This program is not based on clear and concise scientific evidence and is mainly due to the loss of grass the caribou eat due to climate change and disease.

No clear evidence that the bears and wolves are the predators.

**PC1151**

Name: Robinson, Jackie

Community of Residence: Ontario

Comment:

A disgusting slaughter that makes no sense as there's no scientific standings behind it. The killing free of innocent victims that have no voice. We are raising our voices against this.

**PC1152**

Name: Robinson, Lesly

Community of Residence: Marin county California

Comment:

Are they out of their minds!!!. Killing the bears isn't going to help the Caribou.

This has to be a Trump move. So very disappointed and full of sorrow. Living creatures, wild and free and your answer is to kill the bears. SO WRONG!!

**PC1153**

Name: Roche, Jim **Affiliation:** Magnum Guide Service, LLC

Community of Residence: Eldorado, TX

Comment:

This spring I was guiding a client on a brown bear hunt in Unit 17B between May 17-26. Our tent camp which was on top of a small hill and easy to see was buzzed twice within a couple hundred feet by a blue/silver R44 helicopter with four occupants, one wearing a fluorescent orange coat along with a red/white Super Cub with two antennas in its struts. The helicopter spent no less than 45 minutes flying all around our hunting area as low as 100 feet while the plane flew grids with intermittent circles within 1-6 miles of our camp for an hour. We would see these same two aircraft along with a lighter colored Cessna 185 in the area for the next 3 days. Our bush pilot assumed they were Fish & Game surveying the caribou or counting bears. Either way, our hunt was a disaster from the effects of the air traffic. We went from seeing 14 bears (mostly sows with cubs) in the first couple of days of our hunt to seeing none for the remainder. My comment is that any predator control should be conducted prior to May 10 or after May 31st when most guides have clients in the field. The interference can be very detrimental to our occupation and certainly influences our clients thoughts on "the Alaska experience!"

Thank you,

Jim R.

**PC1154**

Name: Rock, Krystal

Community of Residence: Edmonton

Comment:

We do not need to aimlessly kill bears at large. Killing bears, mama bears and their cubs. There is no scientific evidence that proves this mass murder and slaughter helps caribou population. We need bears. Stop this madness.

**PC1155**

Name: Rodman, Jacqueline

Community of Residence: North Hollywood

Comment:

There is no science behind this terrible and tragic practice.



PC1156

Name: Rodrigues , Vanessa

Community of Residence: São Paulo

Comment:

I oppose the proposed regulation to modify the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to allow for the take of brown and black bears by department staff to benefit the herd.

As it stands, there is no credible scientific evidence in the record to support the conclusion that Mulchatna bears can be killed sustainably.

There is also overwhelming evidence that predator control programs do not work to recover struggling moose and caribou populations. Per the State's own research, the main reasons for the Mulchatna caribou herd decline are disease and a lack of food (due to climate change), not bear predation.

I want Mulchatna caribou to succeed, but I don't believe the current, unlawful bear control program is the best way to help them.

If the Board of Game wishes to make significant changes to this area, then it is critical to ensure that the decisions are rooted both in credible science and what the people decide.

Animals are sentient Beings and have a right to live free from harm, free to live life on their own terms.
#respect



PC1157

Name: Rogers, Amanda

Community of Residence: Florida

Comment:

As someone who loves to visit Alaska, the wildlife is one of the main attraction factors as a tourist. I am strongly opposed to expanding the predator control zone. As someone who lives in a state with a tourism based economy, every time the government chooses to cheaply flush Lake Okeechobee they affect the local economy negatively (background info: flushing out Lake Okeechobee reduces the pollution from local sugar agriculture but causes red tide in the Gulf of Mexico and thus causes beaches to be shut down in coastal towns and cities). Choosing to kill bears will have negative downstream effects on the local economy, additionally there's no scientific evidence that supports predator control as a beneficial tool for caribou populations. Please don't kill the bears, my family and I are planning a trip in 2026 and we were planning on stopping in Brooks Falls. I'm monitoring this closely to determine if I'll still be planning on making stops in Brook Falls and Katmai.

**PC1158****Name:** Rogers, Chase**Community of Residence:** Truckee**Comment:**

I am in opposition of culling brown and/or black bears as indicated by this proposition. There is little to no evidence that bears are affecting the herd and I implore you to exhaust any and all efforts to determine cause before culling.

I live in a community with bears. It was their home first. Humans have absolutely no right to cull these magnificent and majestic animals.

Thank you,

Chase Rogers, Concerned USA citizen

**PC1159****Name:** Rogers, Claire**Community of Residence:** Cross Farm**Comment:**

I absolutely oppose the culling of the bears. The human species needs to evolve out of this idea that we have the right to kill anything that is a mild inconvenience to our own narrative. Let's be honest this is not for the benefit of the heard! The herd will manage themselves without our intervention and should be left to do so! This arrogant attitude that it's up to us to make these decisions and take it upon ourselves to terminate the life of other beings whenever it suits us is beyond ludicrous. It is why the planet is in such a mess!!!! NO!

**PC1160****Name:** Rogers, Heather**Community of Residence:** Wyoming**Comment:**

Please quit killing the beautiful , precious animals. Only an amoral, soulless person would do that. You must be part of the MAGA cult. Stop before you destroy all that is good in the world,

**PC1161****Name:** Rogodzinski, Leslie**Community of Residence:** Agassiz British Columbia**Comment:**

Where is the proof that Ariel killing bears improves caribou numbers?

**PC1162****Name:** Rohde, Rosemarie**Community of Residence:** United States**Comment:**

I'm writing against allowing the ADFG's request to kill more bears. It is clear that more research is required before making that decision. Let's be thorough and thoughtful in regards to making these decisions regarding these magnificent animals. As someone who lives in the lower 48 with the high population of humans, I clearly see the need for protection of our public lands and all of its inhabitants.

Thank you,

Rosemarie Rohde

**PC1163****Name:** Rojas , Nicole **Affiliation:** Wild For Change**Community of Residence:** Illinois**Comment:**

On behalf of Wild For Change, I oppose the culling of the Mulchatna Bears.

Wildlife makes up only 4% of all biomass on Earth, and as wildlife populations continue to decrease, the loss of key individuals like the grizzly bear triggers a cascade effect throughout the ecosystem. As a keystone species, bears support the ecosystems we depend on and help maintain nature's balance. The declines in prey animal populations are not caused by the grizzly bear but, in fact, by climate change and ecosystem destabilization. Culling bears in Mulchatna will further disrupt the ecosystem and will not benefit ungulate populations. Nor will it enhance our well-being. Keystone species are named for the essential role they play. This is not by accident. Their presence benefits us, and science can prove this. The question then becomes, how can we prioritize wildlife the same way we prioritize ourselves?

<https://ourworldindata.org/wild-mammals-birds-biomass>

**PC1164****Name:** Roller, Carolyn**Community of Residence:** Arkansas**Comment:**

Bears need our protection. I oppose shooting the bears, especially from the air. I strongly oppose this.

I watch the Brooks Falls bears at Katmai. Thousands and thousands of people watch the bears and get enormous pleasure from seeing their beauty.

I oppose shooting the bears in this inhumane way.

**PC1165****Name:** Romano , Michael**Community of Residence:** Colorado**Comment:**

I oppose the helicopter killing program and any wildlife thinning that is not necessary and doesn't have a history of supporting the other herd but only decimating the targeted animals historical and genetic. Humane hunting to support true findings only. Make it necessary when truly warranted and capabilities are known.

This is ad hoc decimating of the bears. Be more truthful and scientific and analytical with disclosure of real findings and needs. This is bogus representation of wildlife management. Stop killing the bears

**PC1166****Name:** Romantico, Chris**Community of Residence:** Nj**Comment:**

I oppose the proposed regulation to modify the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to allow for the take of brown and black bears by department staff to benefit the herd.

As it stands, there is no credible scientific evidence in the record to support the conclusion that Mulchatna bears can be killed sustainably.

There is also overwhelming evidence that predator control programs do not work to recover struggling moose and caribou populations. Per the State's own research, the main reasons for the Mulchatna caribou herd decline are disease and a lack of food (due to climate change), not bear predation.

**PC1167****Name:** Romero, Sofia**Community of Residence:** California**Comment:**

Save the bears

**PC1168****Name:** Romo , Vince**Community of Residence:** Arcata California**Comment:**

Opposition, killing predators to preserve hunting opportunities for trophy hunters has nothing to do with subsistence hunting. Ungulates are impacted by oil and gas development, fragmenting habitat is the most impactful stress

**PC1169****Name:** Rondorf, Heather**Community of Residence:** Park City**Comment:**

The proposed expansion of the Mulchatna bear control program—covering roughly 40,000 square miles—is an alarming step backward for Alaska's wildlife management. This sweeping plan not only threatens to disrupt fragile ecosystems, but also undermines the values of science-based conservation, ethical stewardship, and public trust.

Bears are keystone species. Their presence is not incidental—they shape the environment around them. By dispersing nutrients, influencing prey populations, and supporting forest regeneration, both black and brown bears are vital to maintaining ecological balance. To remove them en masse is not management—it's ecological vandalism.

Worse yet, this plan lacks the transparent, peer-reviewed evidence required to justify such a drastic and indiscriminate approach. Scientific scrutiny must guide wildlife decisions—not expedient politics or pressure from narrow interest groups. Alaskans and the broader public deserve policies that are grounded in data, ethics, and long-term sustainability.

Finally, the bears of the Mulchatna region are more than data points or management targets—they are icons of Alaska's natural heritage. They are cherished by Indigenous communities, photographers, scientists, tourists, and generations of Alaskans who recognize their intrinsic value. Slashing their numbers through aerial gunning and indiscriminate culling is not only inhumane—it's indefensible.

We call on the Board of Game to reject this reckless proposal and instead invest in strategies that uphold Alaska's rich ecological legacy, respect Indigenous voices, and preserve our wildlife for future generations.

I strongly oppose the new Mulchatna bear control program. Targeting brown bears under the guise of predator control is not only misguided but undermines the balance of a delicate ecosystem. The evidence linking brown bear populations to the decline in Mulchatna caribou is thin at best, yet the consequences of such lethal programs are lasting and often irreversible.

This approach ignores root causes like habitat degradation, climate change, and human encroachment—factors that deserve far more attention and action. Instead of resorting to killing iconic wildlife, we should be investing in science-based, ethical solutions that protect both predators and prey.

Alaska's natural beauty and biodiversity are worth preserving, not sacrificing for short-term management optics.



PC1170

Name: Ronowska, Kamila

Community of Residence: Poland

Comment:

How could they kill so many bears. They don't know where they are close to city or people.



PC1171

Name: Roosmark, Beatrice

Community of Residence: Usa

Comment:

Absolutely disgusting to slaughter the bears, many more humane ways to make changes. Disturbing



PC1172

Name: Rosas Gil, Carolina

Community of Residence: Colombia

Comment:

I oppose to the killing of bears because it's not necessary. The bears deserve to live.



PC1173

Name: Rose, Jaiden

Community of Residence: West Bend

Comment:

there is no reason to be killing this many living beings, as well as babies they have lives to live and we are not the ones who get to decide when they go on to the next life



PC1174

Name: Rose, Miles

Community of Residence: Boardman

Comment:

I believe the unnecessary killings of the bears are heartbreaking i believe they were here first so why kill the bears on there own land i hope someday these can be reduced the numbers shown are horrific

**PC1175****Name:** Rosen, Trina**Community of Residence:** Valley peak**Comment:**

Hi my name is Trina and I've witnessed the beauty of Alaska firsthand countless times. Wild and untamed the nature there is unlike any other state I've been to, however I was blissfully unaware of the bear slaughter that takes place there every year. The very thing me and my family spend thousands and thousands of dollars to see each and every year, treated so inhumanly. It's beyond disappointing and shameful. I've decided to cancel our upcoming trip and hope that this unnecessary slaughter comes to an end. Until then my family and I have decided it's against our values to give any of our money to the state of Alaska.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely

Trina Rosen

**PC1176****Name:** Rosenthal, Jan**Community of Residence:** Po Box 212**Comment:**

Please do not disturb wildlife!!Especially gunning down bears & wolves!!

Please!!

**PC1177****Name:** Ross, Kelly**Community of Residence:** Melbourne, Australia**Comment:**

I am writing about a serious problem that I care about. Today's wildlife is suffering. We need to start paying more attention to this matter, and doing everything we can to help. This is a problem that we caused and now we need to start making up for it by protecting our wildlife.

Today, our wildlife face habitat loss, habitat destruction, and habitat fragmentation. It takes wildlife years to recover from disasters that we cause. Human activities such as, agriculture, oil, and gas exploration, and commercial development damage ecosystems.

Many people are ignorant when it comes to our wildlife. They leave garbage that can be harmful to animals without even batting an eye. We drive living creatures out of their homes. We kill creatures, and destroy plants and forests. We need to stop and think who and what we are hurting.

I OPPOSE the murder of these bears!!!

**PC1178**

Name: Rossow, Sami

Community of Residence: Wauwatosa, WI

Comment:

This is cruel and inhumane, and I do not want my taxpayer money to be going to this massacre. Even killing them in the most cowardly way possible. What a joke.

**PC1179**

Name: Roth, Lily

Community of Residence: New Jersey

Comment:

I support.

**PC1180**

Name: Royle, Zoe

Community of Residence: England

Comment:

Stop the unethical killing of brown 🐻 bears.

**PC1181**

Name: Rubinstein , Jen

Community of Residence: 22425 SE 18TH STREET

Comment:

I oppose this indiscriminate killing of bears without a solid scientific study. I will repost all activity in the interest of decreasing tourism to a state that allows this. How awful to kill mothers and cubs. You have absolutely no evidence to support this program. Pathetic.

**PC1182**

Name: Rudd , Barbara

Community of Residence: Naples, Florida

Comment:

I totally oppose the killing of Animals. I believe Relocation is the right thing to do.

People are the ones encroaching into their space.

Also, what are we teaching our young children? Have you not noticed all the school shootings? When will the killing of Everything STOP.

PLEASE

Thank you for listening. Please do something good



PC1183

Name: Rudofsky, Samantha

Community of Residence: Nantucket, Massachusetts

Comment:

Please stop killing wildlife.

Not every problem should be met with a gun. Killing is not a solution — it's a shortcut. It reflects a refusal to evolve, to listen, to lead with empathy and look for safer alternatives

Stop the killing

Evolve as a species



PC1184

Name: Ruple, Elizabeth

Community of Residence: Columbus Ohio

Comment:

We humans are responsible for taking care of our planet and the creatures on it. These bears are important to our environment, and we need to provide protection. Please stop these killings. There is no justification for the killing of innocent creatures. We want our children and our children's children to ask us to see the bears, not ask if they really existed, like dinasoars. If we follow this ideology of killing selfishly of these magnificent creatures, we are only bringing about an unbalanced planet, and a far emptier one.



PC1185

Name: Ruppe, Adrienne

Community of Residence: Seattle, WA

Comment:

There's not enough evidence (scientific data) showing that killing bears in this area will help other animal populations. Please don't allow this to happen. Revise this bill and prevent the killing of the Alaskan bears. All life is energy (which is scientifically proven) and by killing these bears from helicopters or on land will not solve this problem. It's a cruel bandaid on the situation. We the people want to save our land and our animals and the government agencies and departments using death as a problem solver need to educate themselves. It won't ever solve anything. Never has and never will.



Name: Russel, Pamela

Community of Residence: USA

Comment:

I am strongly and unapologetically against this taxpayer-funded aerial gunning of Alaska's bears — especially mothers with cubs. It's not "management." It's a state-sanctioned massacre, and it's cruel, unnecessary, and politically disgusting.

There is zero scientific evidence that this slaughter benefits caribou populations. What it does do is normalize violence against wildlife for the sake of convenience and outdated agendas.

We're talking about intelligent, sentient beings that play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance. Killing them from the air is not only brutal — it's a shameful reflection of how disconnected some political decisions are from ethics and science.

Enough is enough. We need to protect, not destroy. The world is watching.



Name: Rustagi, Arti

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

It is sad that we as humans decide whatever we deem fit for everyone else and think that is what being superior means.

I write a letter to that effect and this is motniust for the bears but for all earth that suffers at the hands of humans

We came to this planet as the superior species.

But look at what we've become — to nature, to animals, to each other.

If Earth could speak, I imagine she'd say this:

"Dear Humans,

I see you.

All of you.

The young and the old, the rich and the struggling, the ones who take and the ones who try to give back.

I see what you build, what you break, what you ignore.

I see the forests you cut and the towers you raise.

I see the animals you wound and the oceans you poison.

I see the way you treat each other — and yourselves.
And yes, I am hurting.
I bleed quietly through the cracks in your air, your soil, your water.
You call it a crisis. I call it consequence.
You think your actions disappear into silence —
But I feel every drop of oil, every tree that falls, every mountain you carve into scars.
Still, I held you.
For centuries, I held you.
But now, I am changing.
Not to punish you.
To mirror you.
In the air you breathe, the food you eat, the storms you call “unexpected,”
I am there.
I am the cancer that cannot be explained.
The flood that arrived too soon.
The drought that won’t leave.
The fever you don’t yet understand.
You have named me Nature.
But I am not just trees and rivers.
I am your reflection.
What you do to me, you do to yourselves.
It is not too late.
But the window is shrinking.
Respect is no longer a choice.
It is your only way forward.
I will survive you.
But I wonder — will you survive yourselves?
— Earth"

#earth #humanity #planet #saveourplanet #beinghuman #lifeonearth #water #air

**PC1188****Name:** Ryan, Brianna**Community of Residence:** Courtenay**Comment:**

I am unequivocally opposed to the killing of bears for outdated wildlife management practices. Bears are intelligent, sentient beings that play a vital role in their ecosystems. To take their lives for convenience of humanity is not only unethical, it's ecologically reckless. The justification for bear hunts, "population control," is often rooted in fear, ignorance, and a disregard for the natural balance that predators help maintain.

We must stop accepting the killing of bears under the false guise of "wildlife management" — a euphemism for state-sanctioned killing and ecological manipulation.

It's time we stop glorifying the slaughter of wild animals and instead focus on protecting them. Bears deserve to live free from persecution, not be targets in someone's twisted idea of "management."

**PC1189****Name:** Ryan-Mayer Ryan, Kelley**Community of Residence:** Michigan**Comment:**

As a lifelong Michigander, I have watched our DNR in the state of Michigan make grave mistakes when it comes to controlling populations of wildlife. As evidence by the near complete disappearance of wolves in the state.

We as a society, as a culture, as human beings have the ability to think before we act. The reality is you killed the bears you set off the predator prey balance. I have no idea why this is actually happening other than I suspect is to develop land. Reality is you should be remembering that you are the steward of the land not the owners. It is your responsibility to keep the land, not manipulate it. And that includes the wildlife. We all know you have no good reason for this action, and the reaction to this will be devastating to the Alaskan ecosystem. This is not the right thing to do. And to chase them down and shoot them down from helicopters, how more inhumane can you be right along with shooting them in their den. We have to learn to live with the wildlife, not decimate them.

**PC1190****Name:** Rydgren, Sarah**Community of Residence:** Nh**Comment:**

I strongly oppose the actions of the Alaskan government shooting the great bears of Alaska simply for existing. Please use taxpayer money more appropriately instead of slaughtering animals and their offspring.

**PC1191****Name:** S, Av**Community of Residence:** .**Comment:**

Save the bears

Name: S., Aria**Community of Residence:** .**Comment:**

Killing of any kind of animal is inhumane. The bears have done no wrong. They are cubs for Christ's sake! Would you be doing this to human children if they start to overpopulate? This is brutal, inhumane and completely unnecessary. Relocate the bears if need be, but killing them?? From helicopter??? How on earth is that a solution? are you following Thanos?? Humans are the smartest and strongest right? So come up with a solution which does NOT involve harming the poor animals who can't speak for themselves.

STOP HARMING THE BEARS.

**PC1193****Name:** Sacks, Sara**Community of Residence:** Egg harbor township**Comment:**

Stop killing the bears. Cruel and inhumane.

**PC1194****Name:** Saint Clair, Jennifer**Community of Residence:** Edmonds wa**Comment:**

Please do not renew this proposal to murder brown bears. There can be other ways to distribute them throughout the wild. We need to come up with better solutions. This is cruel and wrong. Animals deserve to live in peace in nature. They are just trying to survive.



PC1195

Name: Saltsman, Libby

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

There is no reason to be mercilessly killing bears. These animals are vital to our ecosystem and deserve a chance to live safely and happily. Please do not use tax payer money to needlessly hurt these animals.



PC1196

Name: Salvatierra , Itzel

Community of Residence: Massachusetts

Comment:

I oppose to the killing of any bear



PC1197

Name: Sanchez, Anaira

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

Save the bears!



PC1198

Name: Sanchez, Char

Community of Residence: Los Angeles

Comment:

Please save the bears and all wildlife



PC1199

Name: Sanders, Kerry

Community of Residence: Lake of the Pines

Comment:

It is my belief that as human beings we have a duty to be Shepards to the wild animals we CO EXIST with. They have a right to life and a right to exist every bit as much as we do, we should be looking for opportunities to protect their species instead of opportunities to eliminate or cull their species. Shame on

Us for being so arrogant as to think we should get to decide if they live or die and how long their time spent here should be?

That being said...

I am admittedly opposed to the culling of any and all wildlife using this manner or any other manner in Alaska or anywhere else within the United States and Territories.



PC1200

Name: Sandford, Louis

Community of Residence: Uk

Comment:

This is absurd to be killing bears when there is no scientific proof it helps caribou. It is entirely unethical. Nature always has a way of resolving itself - the species population will absolutely sort itself out without human interaction. And even if by some miracle it didn't, killing these bears is abhorrent and inarguably unethical.
