

I oppose the reinstatement of RC009. This is not an "emergency" - 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. The inclination to execute bears to save other wildlife has been scientifically shown these are false presumptions and do not improve the population growth of ungulates.

Additionally, the State has yet to provide information on the bear population and the impact this program has on them. I stand with the public to have our voices heard, as we do not want to see these bears executed.

Lastly, tourism is a large revenue generator for the State, and the reason tourists visit Alaska is to see wildlife. As we continue to edge toward threatened or endangered states for most wildlife populations, this decision harbors poor biological and ecological reasoning.