

Honorable Board-

This is my first time ever commenting on, or even engaging on a Board of Game process. It has generally been my understanding that the Board of Game is operating in the best interest of Alaskans and Alaskan wildlife, and is making those decisions based on sound scientific support. I now see this is not the case. Retroactively, I have listened to the presentations of 2 ADFG biologists 2 years ago about the low Mulchatna caribou numbers. I'm not a scientist, and even I understood what they were saying. What I learned was that adults caribou are having a hard time surviving, and that predators are not the problem.

The board then, as has now been determined by a judge, unlawfully executed a predator control program, because "it's the only thing we can do". Not founded in science. Not allowing the public to be involved in the process. Fully illegal. Now you want to do it again? I think this is outrageous, and you should ALL be resigning after executing a fully illegal, unscientific, deceitful program that the public very clearly does not support.

There is nothing more refreshing to the public when a publicly appointed public servant can just admit when they're wrong. Be a part of the solution. Task the ADFG to go back to the drawing board and get good estimates for bear populations. Quantify meaningfully the actual carrying capacity of the region for caribou, not some outdated numbers not based on current conditions. Rethink harvest objectives. And frankly, do better for our wildlife.

Thank you,

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