

Opposition to RC009. I ask that the BOG decline the Emergency Petition submitted by ADFG re: the Mulchatna IM program. The BOG has already considered, and approved, this program, as the court recently found, illegally. The department's RC009 petition is an attempt to remedy the failures of ADFG/BOG found by the court, upon which the state may base its appeal to the state supreme court. The state's position on Mulchatna clearly contradicts public interest. There is nothing the BOG can do to remedy the court's findings, other than to decline RC009 and the Mulchatna IM program entirely.

I have asked ADFG officials to submit the Mulchatna IM program to:

1. independent scientific review by the National Academies of Sciences,
2. to allow independent biological observers to monitor the effort,
3. to take and publicly release photos of the effort, and
4. to report locations of the kills.

ADFG officials have refused each of these requests.

Obviously, the state lacks confidence in the scientific justification of this program, and wants to keep the program as secret as possible from the citizens of Alaska. **The only honorable choice you have is to decline RC009.**

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