

Dear Board of Game members,

I am writing to express opposition to RC009 — ADF&G's Petition for Emergency Regulations for Intensive Management of Mulchatna Caribou Herd. As a long time Alaskan, I support sustainable management of our state's wildlife resources and recognition that there are multiple user groups of these resources — subsistence and sport hunters and wildlife viewing/tourism. I am concerned that predators are not the main problem facing this herd and that it has continued to decline even with predator control measures in place. Additionally, it does not seem responsible to utilize such predator control measures without assessing how the program will impact bears in the area. Lastly, public participation is a hallmark in the development of fish and wildlife regulation in our state — I am disappointed by the lack of opportunity for public input on this emergency petition.

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