Findings for the Alaska Board of Game 2025-238-BOG Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game provided during the Special Board Meeting Regarding Intensive Management for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd

July 15, 2025

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

The Board recommended the Department take the following actions:

- 1. To continue to monitor the sustainability of the predator populations to identify if conditions require the Commissioner to review, modify, or suspend program activities.
- 2. To recognize calving grounds have and will shift over time, the Department will continue to monitor the herd to identify changes in calving periods and locations of calving grounds.
- 3. To conduct Department removal of brown and black bears on the calving grounds, and during the time frame immediately preceding and during the calving period and as conditions warrant.
- 4. That adding black and brown bears to the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Predation Management Plan in 5 AAC 92.111(c) is not intended to alter existing wolf removal authorizations.

Vote: <u>7-0</u> July 15, 2025 Anchorage, Alaska

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