
ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

**Special Meeting: Intensive Management for the
Mulchatna Caribou Herd**

Anchorage, Alaska | July 14-15, 2025

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Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Bethel ADF&G Conference Room & Via Web Conference



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Chair: Mike Glore

Roll Call

Name	Present	Teleconference	Absent
Sam Hancock	X		
David Humphrey	X		
Alissa Rogers			X
Lucinda Alexie	X		
Jon LaValle	X		
Michael Glore	X		
Jeremy Brink			X
Seth Madole	X		
Travis Burks		X	
Cole Nance	X		
Kara Domnick			X
Alternates?			

Number Needed for Quorum: 7

Members Present: 8

1) Welcome

2) Invocation- Moment of Silence

3) Approval of Agenda

4) Reports

a) Chair Report

b) ADF&G

i) Game: John Landsiedel, ADFG DWC

Presentation regarding Special Intensive Management for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. In summary, the program is in limbo right now and remains in an ongoing legal battle. He discussed the science and statistics of why this program should continue from the perspective of a biologist focusing on the long-term health of the Mulchatna caribou herd. He reviewed numbers of predators taken out of an approximately 20 mile x 40 mile caribou calving zone near the unit 17/18/19 boundaries. The special meeting in July will determine the fate of this program.

ii) Others - None

5) Public Comment – Keep to 3 mins - None

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6) Old Business - None

7) New Business

- a) Discussion regarding Intensive Management for Mulchatna Caribou.
 - i) Jon proposed motion to support, Sam seconded motion, and the AC unanimously voted to continue the support for the program.
 - ii) The Bethel AC has also discussed the low numbers of Brown Bears and Black Bear taken by Hunters / Public over the past 10-15yrs. With the low number of Bears being taken by Hunters, we are certain that the Bear Population will still be sustainable for future hunters / subsistence users in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19.
- b) Board of Game Special Meeting July 14th-15th
 - i) Proposal Discussion
 - ii) Representation/Testimony - Jon proposed motion, and Travis seconded, and the AC unanimously approved for Sam to be present either in person or remotely to testify on behalf of AC for the support of the Intensive Management for Mulchatna Caribou.

8) Adjourn



To whomever this concerns,

Greetings. I am writing to you today on behalf of the Central Bering Sea Fish & Game Advisory Committee. Recently the Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee conducted a spring meeting and added to the agenda to send in a letter of support to State Officials and Managers overseeing the Intensive Management of the Mulchatna Caribou herd. The Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee (or AC) is a small local group of individuals selected by their communities to represent them on State Fish and Game issues. The Central Bering Sea AC represents 13 villages in Western Alaska and their area spans from Platinum to Kipnuk along the coast. In the past we have officially supported the previous proposal for predator control that passed with either an amendment or comment of adding bears, more specifically brown bears, to the proposal before it went before the Board of Game.

Those of us who are part of these committees are aware of the outside entities that are putting pressure on our managers at State of Alaska to quit doing the Intensive Management for the Mulchatna Caribou herd. Many of us are also aware that Alaska Wildlife Alliance had sued the State of Alaska in order to stop the third year of Intensive Management.

We are sending in this letter to let State of Alaska Officials and Managers know we still support this program. The evidence of the last two years of predator control effort has shown promising results with increased caribou calf survival rates as well as a slight increase in total population of caribou.

There has also been a study done on the nutrients that caribou cows need. This study showed that while the summer food for the Mulchatna caribou may not be as expected it shows that while carrying and birthing their calves, the cows and calves are healthy. So, by all indications, they are not losing their calves due to health reasons. Since this is the case, with the population growing slightly after Intensive Management, this indicates part of the population decline is due to predators efficiency at targeting the calves.

Additionally, we hear from locals of higher chances of interacting with brown bears due to their increasing population within village areas. These increased interactions were starting to concern many residents in the local units 18 and 17. While this may not be an official count, it shows that locals are seeing a trend they have never seen before in their lifetime which hints at the bear population being higher than known.

So, we write this letter to encourage our State Officials and Managers to follow what this evidence indicates and ignore these outside influences. The Intensive Management proposal has already been thoroughly reviewed and supported by Advisory Committees in the surrounding area of the Mulchatna Caribou herd, as well as being passed by Board of Game.

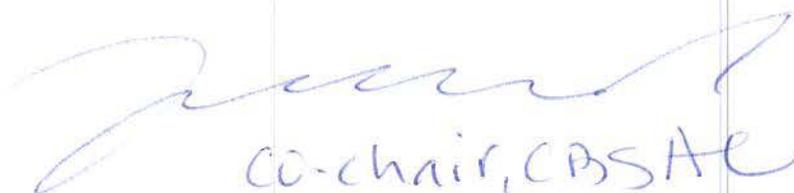


Many leaders spoken to in this area agree with the predator control program and the original proposal with amendments and leave what has been already passed before, to be as is.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Central Bering Sea Fish & Game Advisory Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Russell", followed by the text "CO-chair, CBSAC" written in a similar cursive style.

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