



PC601

Name: Hillis, Cameron

Community of Residence: Yuma

Comment:

This needs to stop. UNTIL specific scientific data can directly correlate the population of bears are directly contributing to the decrease number of caribou.



PC602

Name: Hilton, Alexandria

Community of Residence: Burlington, WI

Comment:

I am OPPOSING proposal number 5 AAC 92.11 (c) regarding the Mulchatna Caribou Predation Management Area with the aerial hunting of brown and black bears, as well as wolves, to “aid” recovery of caribou. There is no scientific evidence to support that hunting these animals will help recover the caribou population in Alaska. Research by biologists from Alaska’s very own Department of Fish and Gain does however suggest that food shortage of lichen due to the climate crisis is heavily influencing this population decline. With new herding patterns from warmer and later winters, caribou are moving away from areas that were once as populace and now moving towards colder areas that contain more lichen. The fault is not of predators that have their own dwindling numbers and need for survival, but of human influences like global warming, mining, drilling, roads, pesticides, and other developments. The solution to the caribou population decline is NOT the slaughter of another wildlife population.



PC603

Name: Himelfarb, Alissa

Community of Residence: Florida

Comment:

Bears should not be hunted. Period.



PC604

Name: Hladky, Andrea

Community of Residence: Alberta

Comment:

I urge you to use science based academic reports when making decisions about wildlife management. Let trained experts decide how wildlife is management. It’s time for qualified individuals to decide how to manage wildlife. There is no science that backs killing bears in order to save Caribou populations. This is absolutely barbaric. It’s astonishing that this practice is happening in 2025. Absolutely astonishing. Devastating. Wake up and face the real reasons for the Caribou herd decline. Please stop blaming apex predators.



PC605

Name: Hof, Anneke

Community of Residence: Germany, Schleswig-Holstein

Comment:

Bears are incredibly smart and loving animals and should be respected and cherished.



PC606

Name: Hofferber, Emilie

Community of Residence: Bozeman, Montana

Comment:

People fly from all over the world to see these bears. The bears don't understand boundaries. This is a barbaric practice—there are more effective ways to bolster caribou populations. This is also wasteful in terms of killing the bears. The meat of the bears is left to... what, just rot? Not a good look.



PC607

Name: Holder, Mary Jo

Community of Residence: Missouri

Comment:

This killing of bears is unnecessary please Stop.



PC608

Name: Holderness, Debra

Community of Residence: Denver, Colorado

Comment:

A waste of precious wildlife and a waste of taxpayers money!



PC609

Name: Hollibaugh, Linda

Community of Residence: Nebraska

Comment:

What is wrong with you??

How can you justify this proposal as management??



PC610

Name: Holman, Kelly

Community of Residence: Medford

Comment:

Please do not allow the continued slaughter of bears. The war on wildlife needs to end. Now more than ever, we need to practice non lethal methods of co existence. Ecosystems are collapsing and the lands are suffering because of human interference. Please stop this unnecessary killing.



PC611

Name: Holman, Sheila

Community of Residence: Haines, Oregon

Comment:

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to ask you to please reconsider your possible plan to allow the killing of Black Bears and Brown Bears as a way to possibly increase the Caribou population. Humans have upset the balance in so many ways, by human caused climate change, hunting of Caribou and destroying so much of the Caribou's habitat by mining, oil extraction and road building.

Please do not blame the bears for something humans are responsible for.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheila Holman



PC612

Name: Holmes, Kelly

Community of Residence: Colorado Springs

Comment:

I am here to petition against the slaughtering of the bears in Alaska. It is unnatural and will cause extinction. There is no human need to kill helpless bears from a helicopter.



PC613

Name: Holmgren, Tracey

Community of Residence: Ontario Canada

Comment:

WHY do humans always feel the need to interfere?? Nature ALWAYS balances itself.

Stop the bear hunt it's not ethical nor needed.



PC614

Name: Holt, Nikki

Community of Residence: Knoxville, Tennessee

Comment:

I'm opposed to shooting bears and wolves from helicopters or any aircraft. It's inhumane and as someone who visits your state and spends a lot of money there, I would like for my opinion to be heard.



PC615

Name: Holtan , Tonya

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

As guardians of wildlife, our duty is to protect these animals—not to commit barbaric and cruel acts against them. Please stop shooting bears from the air.

Bears roam vast distances and raise their cubs, but their populations are now being devastated. There's no scientific evidence proving that killing bears benefits caribou.

People travel from all over the world to witness these magnificent creatures in the wild, yet they're being wiped out.

Moreover, bears generate far more revenue through tourism than the costly and wasteful practice of aerial shooting, which also squanders taxpayer dollars.



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PC617

Name: Honea, Marcia

Community of Residence: Anchorage AK

Comment:

I am opposed to Instant Bear Kill to use to manage caribou population.

From what I have read killing of bears has not increased caribou populations. There have been large and small caribou herds over time. Climate change may be affecting the lichen and willows that decreasing the caribou's food supply. People have taken many caribou until last year.

Please leave the bears alone!



PC618

Name: Hook, Cathy

Community of Residence: Oklahoma

Comment:

I am in opposition to the Mulchatna predator control program. I am a science teacher and I use the ecosystems in Alaska as part of my teaching. Alaska is one of the last places in our country that remains truly wild with many of the ecosystems still intact and thriving. I am able to mentally take my students far away to a place that many of them will never have the opportunity to visit. They are in awe of the beauty when I show them photos and videos. It becomes a place they want to protect when they learn about it.

I don't think anyone wants to see the decline of the caribou herd. To the contrary, any biologist or lover of nature wants a balance and for all living things to thrive. The disease that has been spreading through the herd and the decline of lichen has been devastating to them. Predator control is not the solution. A scientific study has not been conducted to know the costs and benefits. Historically, predator control has never reached the intended goals. Also, to be blunt, gunning the bears down from a helicopter is an inhumane way to kill these animals. Yes, there is science, but there has to be human decency in the way we treat the animals we share this planet with.

Yes, it is unfortunate what is happening with the decline of this caribou herd, but predator control is not the solution. Where is the science behind your decision? I am in firm opposition to the Mulchatna predator control program. We can do better for our children and the world we live in.



PC619

Name: Hooper, Barbara

Community of Residence: Dorset

Comment:

I am totally against the shooting of any bears. This is cruel and unnecessary.



PC620

Name: Hoort, Nancy

Community of Residence: Hull Massachusetts

Comment:

Please stop killing bears and their cubs! There is a natural balance in nature!

This is cruel and unnecessary!!!

Nancy Hoort



PC621

Name: Hoover, Bailee

Community of Residence: Texas

Comment:

There's 0 reason to kill bears when they are not harming anything. If this has anything to do with tourism, humans are in their space, and anything that occurs is the people's fault. Wildlife should be left alone. They have their habitat and a right to live and breathe just as much as humans do. We are equal beings. Let them complete their circle of life without any interference from us.



PC622

Name: Hope, Andrew

Community of Residence: London

Comment:

Re: Special Meeting (July 14–15 2025) – Proposed revision to 5 AAC 92.111(c) authorising bear control in the Mulchatna Caribou Predation Management Area

Opposition to adding bears to the Mulchatna predator control plan.

Dear Chair and Board Members,

I write as a private citizen and lifelong lover of wilderness and wildlife. I live in London, England and have long dreamed of experiencing Alaska's legendary brown-bear country. Accordingly, I have begun planning a three-week visit for 2026 that will centre on bear viewing in Katmai, Lake Clark and other publicly accessible areas. The money I will spend on lodging, guiding, transport and local services will go directly into Alaska's tourism economy, precisely because Alaska still boasts intact ecosystems where large carnivores thrive.

I respectfully urge the Board to vote NO on adding brown and black bears to the Mulchatna Caribou predator-control plan for three key reasons:

1. Lack of demonstrable biological benefit – The Department's own March 2025 status report shows the Mulchatna herd's troubles pre-date any documented increase in bear predation; habitat quality, disease

and historic over-harvest remain the principal limiting factors. Past predator culls have not produced sustained improvements in calf recruitment.

2. Negative economic signal – Wildlife viewing already out-earns trophy hunting statewide, and visitors like me choose Alaska precisely because bears are alive on the landscape. Sanctioning aerial bear-shooting across 39,000 square miles sends a message that could deter ethical travellers and tarnish Alaska's global brand.

3. Precedent and public trust – Fast-tracking an open-ended bear-removal programme, especially after a Superior Court found earlier efforts illegal, risks further litigation and deepens public scepticism about the Board's commitment to transparent, science-based management.

Requested action:

Reject the proposed changes to 5 AAC 92.111(c) that authorise bear control.

Direct ADF&G to focus on habitat restoration, rigorous disease monitoring and non-lethal research before considering any further predator reductions.

Thank you for considering my perspective as a future visitor who values Alaska's living bears more than any other attraction the state offers. I appreciate the Board's hard work and stand ready to support science-driven solutions that safeguard both caribou and the great bears that define Alaska's wild heart.

Respectfully submitted,



PC623

Name: Horn, Stacy

Community of Residence: Minot, ND

Comment:

Absolutely not! I'm not an Alaskan, nor am I anti-hunting as a general rule. However, the aerial massacre of one (endangered) species to 'sustain' another species is counterproductive. I do recognize the importance of maintaining a viable caribou population, but overgrazing and climate change resulting in decreased preferred ground cover are the probable causes; not predation. Aerial indiscriminate killing of predators is unnecessary, cruel, wasteful, - and lousy PR. Do not approve this.



PC624

Name: Horowitz, Sue **Affiliation:** Katmai National Park and Preserve.

Community of Residence: NYS

Comment:

re: 5 AAC 92.111(c) concerning the Mulchatna Caribou Predation Management Area is proposed to be changed to include predator control of brown and black bears in addition to wolves to aid in the recovery of the Mulchatna caribou herd.

Predator control does nothing except screw up habitats and kill Alaskan wildlife..... what does the Board think they're accomplishing by having aerial hunts and diminishing places where wildlife can just be that-wild life.



PC625

Name: Houghton, Colleen

Community of Residence: Washington State

Comment:

The killing of bears to “save” another species is wrong, especially from a helicopter! This is glorified sport for those that are privileged to have this “job”! My husband and I spent 2 weeks in Alaska specifically to see Bears at Katmai; not caribou! The tourism and dollars spent by MANY should outweigh this unfair practice of killing vulnerable elder and mother bears with cubs just to quell their numbers. Why not at least make it fair and open it to hunters on foot with normal rifles not bear and wolf assassins with inhumane advantages of a helicopter and sniper guns. And it’s also been deemed illegal with your practices so STOP NOW PLEASE!! There are better solutions! Thank you



PC626

Name: House Minder LLC, Pet Sitter **Affiliation:** Pet Sitter House Minder, LLC

Community of Residence: Mount Laurel, NJ

Comment:

I want you to see this. I'm in New Jersey. People all over America know about this. Not just Alaskans. And people all over America are affected by this harebrained proposal to wage air warfare on bears. There are eyes on what you're doing all the way across the nation. In fact, Looking at the Instagram post that lead me here, there were people as far away as Germany who are horrified at this idea. Staring down the barrel of WWII, you want more killing? More destruction? Am I understanding this correctly? Please rethink this. I mean to say, please rethink this and don't do it. It's ridiculous.



PC627

Name: Houser, Marilyn

Community of Residence: Alaska

Comment:

I OPPOSE PROPOSAL 1 ADDING BLACK AND BROWN BEAR CONTROL TO THE MULCHATNA CARIBOU HERD MANAGEMENT AREA.

I know approval of this proposal is a foregone conclusion but as an Alaskan it is important to go on the record. Alaska’s policies on wolves, bears and other predators have only gotten worse in the 47 years I have lived here.

I have read ADFG's March 2025 reports and studied the graphs that are provided as justification for Proposal 1. There are so many contradictions in their data with unrealistic population objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd. It is known the habitat of the Mulchatna herd has degraded since the historic highs in the 1990's, creating stress and corresponding disease in the herd. How is it even possible to attribute an increase in calf survival and recruitment to a reduction in the number of predators? What about the changing climate, such as repeated freezing rain events in winter that make food inaccessible for ungulates? Yet, 80,000 animals is still a goal for the herd. A 10% annual caribou harvest goal is unrealistic and shouldn't even be a consideration while intensive management/predator control is in place in perpetuity.

At a time when Alaska is running a fiscal deficit, it is hard to understand how ADFG has the funds for expanded predator control especially since it involves chartered helicopters and the participation of State of Alaska employees (their salaries, per diem, benefits, time away from other duties, etc.). The true cost of predator control is never shared with the public.



PC628

Name: Hudson, Jatika

Community of Residence: Mableton, GA

Comment:

Every creature deserves a chance and a right to live. Please reconsider your plan to murder bears and any other animal. There has to be other or more solutions you can consider. I pray this message finds you with an open heart and mind. God bless you and the animals that God has placed for us to coexist with. 🙏



PC629

Name: Hudspeth, Gerald

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

I OPPOSE the killing of wolves and bears to increase man's ability to hunt. The judges made the decision that killing the bears and wolves was illegal. Mankind has a horrible record of altering nature. Let nature do the job. Nature knows better than us.



PC630

Name: Huggins, Sandra

Community of Residence: Texas

Comment:

Please stop this. The bears of Mulchata does not deserve to be gunned.

The bears like us have all the right to live in this planet.

Humans have invaded their habitats which they still consider them their home.

Death to such a beautiful wild animal is unforgivable.



PC631

Name: Hughes, Theresa

Community of Residence: Scotland UK

Comment:

I oppose the culling of any wild bear species in Alaska. In the 21st century Man should be intelligent enough to know that Man has exterminated species across the planet. Knowing that we should stop decimating the planet of it's biodiversity. We must study and learn from other species. We must not be guilty of sending one more species to oblivion. Alaska should proudly show the world how it can live beside these animals and respect the animals as much as we want to be respected ourselves. Man should be a steward, not an exterminator.

The questionthe panel should ask if the protagonists is - would you take a helicopter over a school gate and shoot mothers and children coming out of school? This is what your schools are doing -shooting mothers while they are teaching and feeding their offspring.



PC632

Name: Hultman, Randall

Community of Residence: WA

Comment:

Please do not allow killing bears Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area.It is cruel and unethical to slaughter bears.Mother nature has regulated bear populations for thousands of years without mankind's intervention.Also how many cubs and sub adults will be left to die when they kill sows or seperate them with their helicopters.Do the correct action and cancel this barbaric idea.Thank you for giving this matter your attention.



PC633

Name: Hunter, Kenna

Community of Residence: North Idaho

Comment:

I oppose this “management” of bear populations. Allotting a certain amount of time where it is acceptable to shoot and murder male, female, and BABY bears, is disgusting behavior. As advocates for the outdoors, do better! This is absolutely not okay and people do not support this decision PERIOD.



PC634

Name: Huntington, Karla

Community of Residence: Eagle River

Comment:

I urge you to vote against the proposed bear culling justified by claiming it will help the Mulchatna caribou herd. I am opposed to the wanton killing of bears that this proposal includes. Karla F. Huntington



PC635

Name: Hussain, Saima

Community of Residence: Pakistan

Comment:

These bears are one of nature's way of working with life cycle of the wildlife. They have to be protected and kept safe! They are a part of the “ Predator and Prey Ecosystem “ , which we humans cannot disturb, for disturbing it can change nature's course and it will be dangerous for the future. Please SAVE THE BEARS!!



PC636

Name: Hutchins, Emily

Community of Residence: Plattsburgh, New York

Comment:

I OPPOSE the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management’s proposal to modify the regulation which will allow for the take of brown and black bears by department staff to benefit the herd. Save the bears.



PC637

Name: Hyde, John

Community of Residence: Juneau

Comment:

I'm writing in opposition to this proposal. Predator control is an outdated and misguided means of wildlife management which only takes into consideration the impacts it may have on targeted species and not the effects it will have on the integrity of all other forms of life_ animal or vegetative, within that ecosystem. Predator control benefits only those who wish to hunt caribou in this area, and only for a limited time. Many predator control programs fail to achieve their objectives. The issue isn't wild predators, the issue is human predators. People control is the answer to responsible wildlife management. Wildlife populations are not static, they are constantly in flux, often for reasons we can't or don't spend the effort to determine. The Mulchatna area is like a "donut hole", it is not an island ecosystem unto itself. What happens there also affects the wildlife that live in the surrounding areas. Not just the targeted area. A caribou or bear in the Mulchatna area could be in a National Park or Refuge the next day.



PC638

Name: Iannuzzi, Patricia

Community of Residence: Ciudad Autónoma de Bs. As.

Comment:

I strongly oppose Proposal 75, which would authorize aerial and ground-based lethal removals of black and brown bears in Unit 16 under the Intensive Management Plan. My opposition is based on the following:

- 1) Ecological Importance: Bears serve as keystone species—impacting forest regeneration, scavenging carrion, and maintaining ecological equilibrium. Targeting them risks significant ecosystem disruptions.
- 2) Ethical and Cultural Concerns: The proposed methods (including aerial shooting) undermine wildlife welfare and disregard cultural values of fairness, respect, and shared stewardship of wildlife resources.
- 3) Insufficient Scientific Justification: There is no robust data showing sustained removal rates are possible without population decline or unintended harm.
- 4) Public Transparency and Trust: Implementing such aggressive control without comprehensive impact studies or diverse stakeholder engagement erodes public trust and hinders community cohesion.

I urge the Board to reject Proposal 75. Instead, prioritize non-lethal predator-prey management, invest in ecosystem-based monitoring, and involve affected communities in transparent decision-making.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia Iannuzzi



PC639

Name: Ignatieva, Maria

Community of Residence: Santa Cruz

Comment:

This decision directly contradicts a judicial ruling deeming such actions unconstitutional and raises serious concerns regarding animal cruelty, ecological ethics, and the lack of meaningful benefit to human communities. The systematic killing of bears in tens and hundreds under the premise of predator control is both inhumane and scientifically questionable. Bear culling inflicts severe cruelty on a sentient species, and the justification lacks strong empirical backing, particularly when habitat loss, climate effects, and human encroachment are likely more significant factors in the decline of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. Moreover, bear meat is not widely consumed nor beneficial to human health, making the practice even more ethically troubling. This is not a matter of subsistence or community nutrition, but one of convenience and misguided management. I also call attention to a deeper moral inconsistency: Why are some wild animals, such as certain bears—treated with higher value and symbolic respect, while others are deemed expendable? This selective compassion undermines the integrity of wildlife policy and perpetuates arbitrary distinctions in how we value animal lives. We must evolve beyond outdated predator control methods and pursue sustainable, science-based conservation that respects all creatures. I urge the immediate suspension of the bear culling program and a full reassessment of wildlife management strategies in line with humane and constitutional principles.



PC640

Name: Indra, Erin

Community of Residence: Washington

Comment:

I respect the brown bears essential to one of the last remaining thriving ecosystems on Earth far more than I respect the people (Let's be real, the hand on the gun will be male and white) hoping to gun them down from a helicopter. They're stronger, smarter, more adaptable, and, as is apparent from this proposal, better able to judge the consequences of their actions.

The helicopter is the best part. At least have the courage to look a bear in the eye before you kill it. May the memory haunt you forever. OPPOSE.



PC641

Name: Irah, Nad

Community of Residence: Floor 09 Unit 444 09 444

Comment:

leave the bears alone, are they not a part of the ecosystem ?



PC642

Name: Iyengar, Alekhya

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

I oppose the gunning down of bears in Alaska. It's inhumane and unnecessary. We're already killing the planet one tree at a time. Now the animals too! This needs to stop.



PC643

Name: J Lambert, Pam

Community of Residence: United States

Comment:

It would be incredibly inhumane to shoot bears from a chopper! Learn to live with our wildlife. The more you learn the less fear you will have.



PC644

Name: J, Anna

Community of Residence: British Columbia

Comment:

Help stop the mass killings of these innocent animals.



PC645

Name: J, Jasmine

Community of Residence: Kailua

Comment:

This is inhumane, bears are important to the environment and sacred ecosystem and it's just downright cruel to do that



I am in opposition to the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area due to its effects on predator species like bears but also wolves. I have made sure to educate myself on the topic with research and articles by Alaskan Wildlife Alliance, that explored the effects and cause of this management area. They provided sources to several studies that prove and discuss the effects of killing of predator populations to increase prey populations as ineffective in the long term.

What the studies show is not that predators are to blame for the decline in Caribou populations but disease and loss of habitat from deforestation. More steps should be taken towards land conservation efforts as well as tagging and providing medical care. This would prove to be more effective than the current pointless slaughtering of bears and wolves who cross over into a 'kill zones. There is also the matter of using ariel shootings as means of taking out these predators which cost extra money and is not good for the environment which again is a more probable cause of Caribou herd decline. There is also the history of overhunting species like bears and wolves that ruins environments more by throwing nature out of balance these predator animals offer more than prey control they are key to the environment in many other ways, and if there was an overpopulation of bears relocation to bear sparse areas where they are needed for quantity control seems more reasonable than mass killings.

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**PC647****Name:** Jackson, Kimberly**Community of Residence:** Canada**Comment:**

I oppose this program. It is ineffective and not based on scientific evidence. As a tourist, with money to spend in your country, I want to see the beautiful wildlife, especially these bears. Culling predators is a terrible bandaid solution that does not work and it turns off potential visitors, who input money into the Alaskan economy.

**PC648****Name:** Jackson, Stephen**Community of Residence:** So. California**Comment:**

I pray whatever has overcome some to choose destruction over life, be confounded and resisted and kept at bay.

**PC649****Name:** Jacobs, S**Community of Residence:** N/A**Comment:**

Why would you think this is the correct way, to control the populations of bears. I strongly urge you to re think the whole situation. Bear and wolves play a big part in the ecosystem. Stop selling off land and building on there homes, there would not be a problem.

**PC650****Name:** Jacques, Dustin**Community of Residence:** Jackson county OREGON**Comment:**

I fully oppose all acts of murder against bears & any or all wildlife in Alaska and beyond, it is grotesque and completely short-sighted to eliminate brown bears because they are successfully thriving in today's world. It should not be punished for gathering in groups or near tourists. Their animals they don't live by our rules and shouldn't have to. If industry and logging are causing them to migrate to areas that normally don't.. or are attracted by food etc. Of humans... Then it's us humans who should be addressed. You set a bad example for all wild land areas in the country. I'm ready to be going on in Alaska it's almost

surprising.. the rest of us here in the states look at Alaska like one of the last open wilderness States. Where trees can grow an animal's can thrive.. it's so typical of mankind to deem another species as invasive. Or dangerous or harmful and then we deplete them to nothing.. you may think you're doing some great service now but in 15 years they'll probably end up on the endangered species list. Wolves, polar bears, deer. Elk . Etc . Aren't here for us to decide if they get to love or die. That's just the control driven power hungry ailment that the world is plagued by..

And to be honest shooting them from helicopters is the most cowardly thing I've ever heard of in my life. If you view them as a problem and you're not going to listen to us and then go look them in the eye and face them like men.. shooting over my helicopter is laughable... If you can't reach him on foot then they clearly aren't a problem...

God See's all



PC651

Name: Jain, Tisha

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

I strong condemn what is happening th the wildlife. Especially with the bears right now. Humans don't have the right to interfere with the wild, but yet we've destroyed their homes, and now you want to take their lives too??

This is a shame for all humans to behave in such a way. We are animals with empathy and emotions, with intelligence, but yet we actually like fools.

Strong and punishable action has to be taken against who ever is responsible for this. And strict laws need to be put in place to protect the other species.



PC652

Name: Jangra, Neelima

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

Save the bears . They do have right to live . We stand for them at any cost



7/6/2025

To the Alaska Board of Game

This is a comment by Nick Jans in opposition to ADFG Proposal #1 "Intensive Management Plans, MCH predation management Area.

My name is Nick Jans. My first job in Alaska in 1979 was working for a sport hunting guide in the Brooks Range. I lived in Inupiaq villages in northwest arctic Alaska for 20 years. I've held an Alaska resident sport hunting license for 45 years and long ago lost count of the animals I've killed in sport and subsistence hunts to feed myself and my neighbors. A DNA analysis would reveal caribou, bear, sheep, and moose meat fused into my being. I am strongly opposed to the ongoing Mulchatna bear control program--appalled would be more accurate. Rather than tell you why, I'd prefer to show you. The following vivid memory is from a day decades ago, with Inupiaq elder and master hunter Clarence Putyuk Wood, on a tributary of the upper Kobuk.

The bear lay in a tundra swale, eyes glazing. Clarence Wood knelt at her side, wielding his knife with surgical precision as I steadied a front leg, the paw's leathery palm coarse in my hands. As he worked, lips pursed, my old Inupiaq friend of yesteryear seemed utterly absorbed, on the verge of a meditative state, sometimes pausing with palms spread to the sky. Killing a grizzly is never a small thing; and skinning it properly, a difficult task. The hide, great curving claws attached, would be a trophy to most hunters--perhaps of a lifetime. But I knew such stuff meant little to Clarence. "Beautiful meat," he murmured, as he cradled a hindquarter, pillowed with three inches of sweet, berry-fed fat--in thin country, even more valuable than the meat itself. "Ahhh, beautiful." I knew, too, that he wasn't talking to me, but to the bear, who was surely aware of our presence, listening and watching carefully. And it was up to me, a younger hunter, to do the same--and to remember every detail, so I could pass it along. We should speak only as necessary and only about the matter at hand. This was serious business, a masterclass in ancient protocols.

Clarence wasn't always like that. Impatient and impulsive by nature, flawed as we all are, he was summoning his best and true self--for me and himself, as well as the bear. This moment, and others I had witnessed over decades, defined not only his own being, but all it meant to be Inupiaq.

Hours later, the meat lay carefully arranged in my skiff, bagged and wrapped in a clean tarp. The gut pile and worn late summer hide lay on the tundra to return to the land, along with the head, the trachea slit to allow aklak's soul to leave this body and become another bear--a gesture known as nigiluk. A small piece of cartilage from beneath the tongue, 'the worm,' had been cut out and impaled on a sharpened willow. If we'd taken that head as I secretly wanted (keeping the great-jawed skull my own way of honoring) the bear's spirit would follow us home. Years before, I'd endured a lengthy saukataq (scolding) by a Noatak neighbor, church elder, and reputed ex-shaman (angakkuq) after I placed a bear skull on my cabin roof to bleach in the sun. I can still hear old Ned Howarth's high-pitched quavering voice: "How come you do that? How come?" This time I knew better.



Though Clarence and I had planned to stay out two days more, we turned homeward, the weather too warm to keep this treasure properly. To risk spoiling it, unthinkable. Within an hour of our return to Ambler, 40-some miles upriver, calls would go out over the radio, inviting neighbors to come and share; and those invitations would be met with heartfelt utterances of taiku (thank you)—to the successful hunter; to a higher power; and to the bear that had willingly given itself.

I'm glad Clarence, my friend and traveling partner of many years, is not here to witness ADFG's actions over the past couple of years in the Mulchatna country. This unprecedented aerial massacre of roughly 200 brown/grizzly bears is contrary to traditional values: a collective act of not just disrespect, but willful waste and callous disregard for the wildlife that ADFG is charged with managing for the benefit of all Alaskans. This benefit includes spiritual and aesthetic connections shared by tens of thousands of people statewide. Most Alaska Natives traditionally hold bears in highest regard as powerful spiritual beings; the Hoonah Tlingit I later lived among called him Grandfather. If you choose to roll your eyes, you're dismissing deep-seated cultural beliefs that go back thousands of years and still resonate today among many, many Alaskans of all races.

In more transactional terms, brown bears are every bit as valuable a resource as the caribou of the dwindling Mulchatna herd. At least one sport hunting guide has protested on record that his livelihood is being directly impacted by a dramatic fall in bear abundance; I'm sure the take of resident sport and local subsistence hunters is also affected. Then we get to bear viewing—an industry that brings in tens of millions of dollars to flying services, tour operators, hotels and lodges, and supporting businesses down to coffee shops radiating beyond the region. I know professional photographers and writers who have made substantial parts of their living from bears in this region. Given the wide boundaries of the proposed expanded kill zone, neutrally conditioned bears (some of them known by name) that frequent iconic viewing areas such as Brooks Falls and McNeil River will almost certainly be shot, thereby heavily impacting that industry; and odds are, many have already been lost. In practical, dollars-and-cents terms, killing these highly valuable animals—many of whom live a quarter century or more and are not easily replaced due to inherently high cub mortality—makes no sense. Especially since the proposal allows for unlimited killing of bears and wolves, without any studies of sustainability within the control area.

Not only were those bears killed; by ADFG's own admission, many tons of meat were left to rot in the field due to lack of interest among local communities. That's what they claim; how hard did they try to distribute it? In northwest arctic Alaska, most of that meat, if properly cared for, would be snapped up. Also, I sincerely doubt ADFG's claims of systematic hide salvage for auction. What army of industrious elves field-skinned and transported, then later fleshed, turned ears and split toes and lips, cleaned, stretched, and dried 200 hides? I know firsthand a half dozen times over the seemingly endless hours of necessary work involved in properly caring for a raw brown bear hide. I welcome evidence beyond ADFG's proffered hide count—receipts of those sales would be a good start—to disprove my suspicion of near total waste.

Director of Wildlife Conservation Ryan Scott, and others at ADFG may claim that their actions are necessary in order to save the Mulchatna herd—and are in fact the only proactive course they



have available to support this outcome. However, a growing chorus of esteemed research biologists with combined centuries of Alaska experience, including a number of retired, highly respected ADFG biologists, dispute the efficacy of both ADFG's actions and their interpretation of available science they offer to justify it. Simply put: according to these experts, killing bears won't help the herd's recovery—and ADFG is skewing and filtering the data to suggest it will. Rampant brucellosis and forage depletion are the key factors in the herd's failure to thrive, and killing bears, no matter how many, won't fix disease and a lack of food. My own observation: in half a lifetime and tens of thousands of miles of traveling northwest arctic Alaska in all seasons, I've rarely seen bears pursue caribou; and then, opportunistically rather than systematically, and never once witnessed, either directly or through evidence in the field, successful brown bear predation of adult caribou, let alone calves; while I have seen bears steal wolf kills and scavenge human-killed caribou numerous times. I doubt bear predation on caribou, adult or calf, is vastly different in the Mulchatna country; and I challenge ADFG to produce data to the contrary. Also: if anything, predators would target weak, sick, and dead animals, thereby aiding the herd's health under these circumstances. Thus, reducing predator numbers makes—once again—no sense.

An Alaska Superior Court judge has already ruled on the blatant illegality of killing more Mulchatna bears in this effort—a huge, unprecedented black eye for ADFG; and Mr. Scott, whose good faith has already been called into question by the judge, stands on the brink of being found in contempt, along with Commissioner Vincent-Lang, just days from now. This current attempted end run around a court-ordered halt to the current control program, and to authorize its dynamic expansion, will only further tarnish the reputations of both ADFG and this Board of Game—not just within Alaska, but worldwide; and not just now, but permanently. Is this how you want to be remembered?

ADFG is apparently going through all this expense, trouble, and culturally offensive, unethical, ineffective, and illegal behavior borne on the wings of wishful thinking and motivations one can only guess at. Do not further authorize this misguided predator control program. It makes absolutely no sense—for anyone.

Sincerely,

Nick Jans



PC654

Name: Jara, Jasher

Community of Residence: Arizona

Comment:

Complete opposition to the extermination and slaughter of any bears. This is how you increase caribou populations. Man needs to stop interfering with the world and its life organisms and stop trying to play "God". It's not your role. Stop it.



PC655

Name: Jasper, Maureen

Community of Residence: NJ

Comment:

The bears are living in their natural habitat in which we humans have invaded. We should respect their land and their lives.



PC656

Name: Jefferson, Gabrielle

Community of Residence: West Virginia

Comment:

Stop killing the bears. This is inhumane and everyone who took part, physically or in support of it, should be ashamed of themselves.



PC657

Name: Jefferson, Gary

Community of Residence: West road Longhorsley

Comment:

I am coming to Alaska to see bears and whales in 2 weeks time for the UK

These animals bring in tourists and revenue to Alaska don't spoil this beauty of your country



PC658

Name: Jefferson, Gary

Community of Residence: West road Longhorsley

Comment:

Disgusting behaviour

Stop this madness

The boost your economy with many tourists from all over the world



PC659

Name: Jeffries, Emma

Community of Residence: Los Osos, CA

Comment:

To whom this message lands, I have been to Katmai and experienced the beauty. I also watched a ranger verbally get an adult bear away from the tower after some tourist left the gate open. If people don't like the bears, they shouldn't live where there are bears. I recommend a city or a suburb. Please I beg you to do anything in your power to stop this slaughter. Alaska is tied with Germany of the most beautiful places I have ever lived. Please help to keep it that way. I am a biologist/ecologist in schooling. I am working hard to get a degree to help specifically bears. Some of the most curious and goofy and wild creatures to ever exist. PLEASE HELP.



PC660

Name: Jhane, Prisca

Community of Residence: Philippines

Comment:

Greetings Sir/Madame!

I hope you find this message well. I recently came upon an instagram post concerning the safety and life of wildlife particularly bears who are being gunned down. I am writing this on behalf of wildlife animals who feels deeply but can't ask for help once they need it the most.

Please put an end to this and SUPPORT wildlife!

Best regards,

Pris



PC661

Name: Jimenez, Vianney

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

LEAVE THE KATMAI BEARS ALONE! LEAVE THE SURROUNDING AREA OF KATMAI ALONE!

IF YOU TOUCH ONE HAIR OF THE KATMAI BEARS YOU WILL BE VERY SORRY.



PC662

Name: Jimenez, Vianney

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

STOP TRYING TO MAKE BEARS GO EXTINCT!!!

DEMONIC.



PC663

Name: Jimenez, Vianney

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

IF YOU HURT ANY OF THE BELOVED AND WELL KNOWN KATMAI BEARS THERE WILL BE A HUGE PROBLEM.

STAY AWAY FROM KATMAI



PC664

Name: Jivan, Zai

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

It is unfair to kill bears that have done nothing to anyone. I feel outraged that innocent lives are being taken away because human beings are selfish and cruel. Save the bears. Find humanity within yourselves.



PC665

Name: Jochum, Nina **Affiliation:** Wildlife Collective

Community of Residence: Swellendam - South Africa

Comment:

This is barbaric - educate yourself! These are documentaries that should school you on your pathetic behavior towards nature and the biodiversity that is under threat by culling the bears. You people should be ashamed!

Oceans - 2025 (David Attenborough)

The Territory - 2025

The GRAB - 2022



PC666

Name: Johnson , Michael

Community of Residence: Utah

Comment:

I oppose the killing of all animals and do not support this.



PC667

Name: Johnson , Robin

Community of Residence: North Carolina (my family lives in Fairbanks)

Comment:

I strongly Oppose to predator culling because the ADFG fails to address the true causes of the caribou decline. Killing bears and wolves will Not help the caribou with disease, lack of food, and the impact of summer wildfires. Predator culling neither addresses the root causes nor is it sustainable management; therefore, sustainable, research-based approaches is the only smart solution.



PC668

Name: Johnson, Amanda

Community of Residence: Virginia

Comment:

Control measures that target bears are inhumane, ecologically unsound and unsupported by research.



PC669

Name: Johnson, Elizabeth johnson

Community of Residence: Washington state

Comment:

Please do not include the needless slaughter of bears in this proposed action. I visited these bears a few years ago at Katmai and want to see the bears stay safe, whole and very protected: they are like family to me. They are majestic creatures far more worthy of love and appreciation than needless killing. Thank you for listening.



PC670

Name: Johnson, Stephanie

Community of Residence: Florida's

Comment:

We are to stop trying to wipe out our wildlife! We need to coexist with the beautiful animals of this planet. This was there home first. Humanity is getting greedy and it must stop. Please stop hurting this precious beings



PC671

Name: Johnston, Art

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

Absolutely appalling and it must be stopped. There is no scientific proof that there are too many bears and wolves. This is absolutely disgusting!



PC672

Name: Johnston, Deborah

Community of Residence: Central Florida

Comment:

I am asking for the deepest part of my being to please stop the senseless killing of the brown bears. It has been shown that this kind of kill-off is not effective.



PC673

Name: Johnston, Hannah

Community of Residence: Cooper Landing, AK

Comment:

The taking of bears is irresponsible and not fair to these beautiful creatures. Nature will balance itself out if allowed to do so. Killing predators is not an effective form of wildlife management. I am against management strategy of simply slaughtering bears. Find a better way!



PC674

Name: Johnston, Tyler

Community of Residence: Civil disobedience

Comment:

Stop killing the locals 🐻



PC675

Name: Jones, Charlotte

Community of Residence: Hailey, Idaho

Comment:

I am opposed to the killing of the Bears in Alaska. Or any bears on the planet. The Bears are a part of a fragile eco system for our planet, By killing the Bears, that aides in killing our planet. I also believe it to be highly immoral.



PC676

Name: Jones, Jayne

Community of Residence: Uk

Comment:

I do not agree with all these bears being shot.

We need to look after nature and enjoy it



PC677

Name: Jones, Jennifer

Community of Residence: Ohio

Comment:

Do not manage bears with aerial shooting. Bears should not be executed. Protect and respect God's creation.



PC678

Name: Jones, MC

Community of Residence: Bradenton FL

Comment:

Save the bears. Do not kill.



PC679

Name: Jones, Olivia

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

I think that the bears are an integral part of the Alaska nature. It is truly devastating to see the bears being unnecessarily shot and killed for the sake of stupid caribou which tbh this isn't helping anyways, proven by scientific polls!



PC680

Name: Jorris, Taylor

Community of Residence: USA

Comment:

Please stop shooting black bears, they are needed for our ecosystem and it is cruel what you are doing to them. I am outraged!



PC681

Name: Joseph, Seven

Community of Residence: Delray Beach , Fl

Comment:

Please leave the ecosystems alone. My children deserve to be able to live in a world where all life is protected and important.



PC682

Name: Joshi, Dhanvi

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

Save the bears



PC683

Name: Joshi, Dhara

Community of Residence: Colorado

Comment:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADFG) bear-killing program, which permits the aerial gunning of bears from helicopters and planes, is a brutal and ecologically reckless practice that must be stopped. This method of wildlife control is not only inhumane—inflicting terror and suffering on intelligent, sentient animals—but it also disrupts the delicate balance of Alaska's ecosystems. Targeting bears, apex predators vital to maintaining healthy populations of prey species and forest biodiversity, undermines decades of conservation work and disrespects the intrinsic value of these iconic creatures. Such killing, often done under the guise of increasing moose or caribou numbers for hunters, ignores scientific evidence and prioritizes short-term human interests over the long-term health of the environment. It is a shameful betrayal of Alaska's wild legacy and an unacceptable abuse of state power. And remember when a mama bear is targeted the cubs or yearlings succumb to nature because they can't defend themselves from bears.



PC684

Name: Joyce, Patricia

Community of Residence: Winston Salem

Comment:

Do not kill those bears. It's a heinous action! You can't fix one thing by destroying another! Man is seriously flawed in his thinking!



PC685

Name: Judge, Emma

Community of Residence: New Zealand

Comment:

Please leave the bears in peace. Shooting them is a pointless and barbaric waste.



PC686

Name: Jutten, Peter

Community of Residence: Netherlands

Comment:

Stop killing bears:(Thus is slaughter



PC687

Name: K Davis, Tanya

Community of Residence: Albany Oregon

Comment:

I oppose the killing of these bears in Alaska. It is cruel and inhumane. Please put an end to this injustice



PC688

Name: K, A

Community of Residence: Usa

Comment:

I oppose the proposed predator control targeting bears. The caribou herd's decline could stem from multiple factors—habitat loss, climate change, and disease—not just predation. Killing brown and black bears, through aerial gunning, is inhumane, ecologically harmful, and raises serious ethical concerns. Bears like other predators are essential to a balanced ecosystem, and their removal creates more problems than it solves.

Additionally, as a parent, I want my children to experience wildlife in their natural habitats—not just in books or captivity. We already have to travel far to show them/teach them to respect bears in the wild. Aerial gunning of bears and cubs is cruel and sends the wrong message to future generations.

I request the Board pursue humane, science-based solutions focused on habitat restoration, support non-lethal measures and invest in long term monitoring, promote ethical public engagement on these discussions for long-term ecological health -ones that protect biodiversity for our children and generations to come.

We must do better—for the caribou, for the bears, and for the ecosystems we all depend on. I respectfully ask you to reject the proposed expansion of bear culling and seek more humane, holistic alternatives.



PC689

Name: K, Malavika

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

I appose the killing of beard in Alaska. Every species have the right to live in this planet. Human beings being the intelligent being are stripping the rights from these pour souls. I beg the authorities to stop this atrocities. And bring a positive solution so that both the bears and humans live in harmony.

Thankyou.



PC690

Name: Kabisch, Tanya

Community of Residence: Australia

Comment:

It is essential that we protect bears . They are essential to our environment as wolves are



PC691

Name: Kahn, Brian

Community of Residence: Utah

Comment:

99 bears in 2023. 80 more in 2024. Many of them mothers with cubs. All shot from the air with taxpayer dollars. And for what? There's no scientific basis that this increases caribou numbers — in fact, peer-reviewed research has long debunked this myth. This isn't management. It's cruelty disguised as conservation. It needs to stop. Now.



PC692

Name: Kaminski, Denise

Community of Residence: Perrysburg, Ohio

Comment:

Please stop the senseless killing of the Alaskan brown bears. They are a national treasure. I traveled through Alaska in a motorhome for just over 3 weeks and flew in to Katmai National Park just to see the bears. This was in 2024 and we were told then that the bear numbers were down. Please stop before it's too late.



PC693

Name: Kantner, Seth

Community of Residence: Alaska

Comment:

To Whom it Concerns:

I'm writing to express my opposition to management of the caribou of the Mulchatna herd including the taking of bears from aircraft, by the state. Bears contribute to our Alaskan ecosystem, and economy--as do caribou--and this proposed method doesn't help either species, or us. I've photographed bears around Alaska for 40 years, eaten bear meat all my life and used their hides. The same goes for caribou. This methodology is not helping anything and is polluting our Alaskan legacy of caring about and for our land. Please consider other ways of strengthening the future of the Mulchatna Herd. Thank you.



PC694

Name: Kapoor, Khushi

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

Bears are essential to Alaska. Why are you killing them? Stop this!!



PC695

Name: Karki, Stella

Community of Residence: Czech Republic

Comment:

Bears are a vital part of Alaska's ecosystems, from maintaining healthy salmon populations to spreading seeds that regenerate our forests. Yet despite their importance, bear hunting continues across vast areas of Alaska, threatening these intelligent, sentient animals and the delicate balance of the wilderness they help sustain.

Every year, bears are hunted not out of necessity but for trophies, pelts, or misguided notions of population control. Cubs are left orphaned, and mature bears, who play crucial roles in teaching younger bears survival skills, are killed, destabilizing bear populations and increasing human-wildlife conflict.

Scientific studies have shown that bear populations do not require human management through hunting to remain stable. In fact, disrupting their natural structures can lead to more aggressive bear behavior and reduce their fear of humans, ironically increasing encounters that put both people and bears at risk.

Alaska's bears are also a major draw for eco-tourism, supporting local businesses and jobs while preserving the lives of these animals. Tourists travel from around the world for a chance to watch a bear fish for salmon or forage with her cubs in the wild. A living bear can generate far more value for communities than a hunted bear ever could.

We must stop bear hunting in Alaska, not only to protect these animals but to honor our duty as stewards of the land. Alaska's wild places are among the last sanctuaries for bears in North America, and we cannot continue to exploit them for short-term gains while risking long-term ecological damage.

Let us stand together to urge policymakers to end bear hunting in Alaska, to transition toward wildlife policies rooted in science and respect, and to ensure future generations can witness the wonder of a wild bear in its rightful home.



PC696

Name: Karp, Liza

Community of Residence: New York City

Comment:

Dear Members of the Board of Game,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Mulchatna bear control program that would permit aerial gunning of bears from helicopters.

Alaska's bears are a treasured and iconic part of the ecosystem, as well as a constitutional public resource that deserves responsible and ethical stewardship. The proposal to kill bears from the air is not only inhumane, but also lacks transparency and scientific consensus. Predator control efforts like this have historically proven to be ineffective, especially when implemented without robust, peer-reviewed ecological data.

I have a deep appreciation for Alaska's wildlife. Whether through travel, research, or simply admiration from afar, I and many others - see the bears of the Mulchatna region as more than a statistic. They are integral to the landscape, the culture, and the natural balance of the region. Targeting them with such aggressive tactics undermines both science-based wildlife management and public trust in the Board's decision-making process.

I urge you to reject this proposal and pursue wildlife policies that respect both ecological integrity and the public's relationship with Alaska's extraordinary natural heritage.

Sincerely,

Liza Karp



PC697

Name: Karpinski, Christina

Community of Residence: Wasilla

Comment:

I oppose managing bear populations or caribou populations by aerial gunning. This is a lazy, fast way to do more damage than good. No animal should be shot from a moving aircraft, as there's higher chances of injury & prolonged suffering this way. If you want to boost ungulate numbers, open more bear hunting and let people on the ground hunt them ethically. Bears cover lots of land within their lifetime, and bear tourism is a huge draw to the state. Protect our wildlife and please vote no on this proposal. There is a better way.



PC698

Name: Karpunina , Julia

Community of Residence: Virginia

Comment:

Save the bears! Stop the cruelty! Our world needs more wildlife and kindness.



PC699

Name: Kashalkar, Prachi

Community of Residence: Qatar

Comment:

I strongly oppose killing wildlife under the pretense of trying to 'maintain' balance for nature. It's not our responsibility as humans to interfere in population control of other species, we aren't gunning down humans because our countries are over populated, are we ? It's unacceptable to treat other species as lesser. Other measures such as relocation can be studied and implemented. I encourage the state to divert resources to research and implement more humane measures such as relocation rather than just choosing to gun down these bears. Their lives matter as much as ours.



PC700

Name: Kasserman, Katherine

Community of Residence: Los Angeles CA

Comment:

I oppose the taking of bears by state violence for any reason.



PC701

Name: Kastel, Diane

Community of Residence: IL

Comment:

Our family is telling the "Board of Game" that we love, and, enjoy, watching, and, learning, about the bears, of Mulchatna, and, we you believe they MUST NOT be gunned from helicopters, which is a gruesome, brutal, and, terrorizing, disrespect for Nature which we are all part of! We oppose your, unconscionable, proposal to slaughter them!

Our family, vehemently, OPPOSES the "Alaska Department of Fish and Game"'s request that the "Board of Game" deliberate on, regulation, changes that would create a, ~40,000, square, mile, black, and, brown, bear, control, program (which includes, aerial, gunning) in, western, Alaska! This is, undoubtedly, in response to "AWA"'s, recent, court, victories, which found that the State's, 2022, Mulchatna, bear, control, program was illegal, and, void! The Court, also, ruled that the State acted 'in, bad, faith' when

they proceeded to kill 11 bears, this May, despite, two, judges ruling that they were doing, so, illegally, and, that the testimony of the State's "Director of Wildlife Conservation was "mostly, not, credible".

The State has scheduled a "Special Meeting", on July 14th, in Anchorage, for the "Board of Game" to vote on the, proposed, regulation, changes. The, proposed, changes would allow "ADFG" to kill, as many bears, as they deem fit, within a, 40,000, square, mile, area, already, undergoing, wolf, control!

We are fighting for, Mulchatna bears! The "Board of Game" is, at heart, a, public, process. Alaska's bears are a, constitutionally, protected, resource and our voices matter!



PC702

Name: Kastel, Diane

Community of Residence: AK

Comment:

Our family is submitting, written public comments, strongly, OPPOSING the, new, Mulchatna, bear, control, program! We are telling the Board of Game" that your methods of gunning down these iconic, bears, from, helicopters, and, airplanes is, unconscionably, cruel, and, against, all, conservation, ideals! We enjoy searching for the bears, of Mulchatna, learning about them, and, telling you that they MUST be safe from persecution, and violence!



PC703

Name: Katz, Philip

Community of Residence: Danvers

Comment:

Let nature cull the bears . Absolutely no need to interfere with human intervention except on limited basis where there is imminent danger from the bears.



PC704

Name: Kaufmann, Renate

Community of Residence: #3

Comment:

Bears have a reason to live and not be slaughtered. Humans like that need to be arrested



PC705

Name: Kaur, Aishini

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

Stop killing bears they too have right on this earth. Stop this cruelty in the name of all the excuses .



PC706

Name: Kaur, Harneet

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

Wildlife matters. Each and every living being has the right to live. Human interference has resulted in catastrophic outcomes. It won't stop until we stand together. Mother Earth is of everyone, not just humans.



PC707

Name: Kaur, Palak

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

rofessional, but morally firm in tone.

To the Alaska Board of Game,

I write to formally oppose the proposed regulation to modify the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area by authorizing the killing of brown and black bears by department staff. I stand here not just as a concerned citizen, but as a voice for those who cannot sit at this table — the bears you're proposing to kill.

This measure is not conservation — it is ecological vandalism. Predators such as brown and black bears are vital to the health of any ecosystem. They are not obstacles to caribou recovery; they are part of the solution. To target them for removal under the guise of “managing” the herd is to reduce wildlife into pieces on a board, moved not by wisdom, but by shortsighted fear and outdated thinking. Let's be honest. It's not science. It's control — violent, shortsighted, and deeply unnatural control.

What precedent does this set — that when nature doesn't conform to our metrics, we kill until it does? This is not stewardship. It is control by force.

I urge you to listen not only to data, but to the deep ethical weight of your decision. You are being asked to approve not just a regulation, but a betrayal of the wild.



PC708

Name: Kay, Michael

Community of Residence: Valdez

Comment:

I just think that after all of the Bison were slaughtered in a similar matter and are no longer existing in the region. Maybe we should think before we do mass killings to wildlife.



PC709

Name: Kaye, Natasha

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

LEAVE THOSE BEARS ALONE! There is little to no evidence that killing these apex predators AT WILL will have any positive impact for the herd. This is vile and I will ensure that my vote goes against whoever put these bozo laws in place.



PC710

Name: Kazarian , George

Community of Residence: Massachusetts

Comment:

I strongly oppose the killing of these black and brown bears by the board of game.



PC711

Name: Keates, Sarah

Community of Residence: Massachusetts, USA

Comment:

Shooting mother bears and their cubs from the air in order to stop the decline of a Caribou herd is illegal, inhumane, and has no scientific basis. Maybe the board should be thinking outside the box on this problem, and consult conservation experts to come up with other strategies. which do not include the destruction of other species!



PC712

Name: Keaton, Ashley

Community of Residence: Linwood

Comment:

Why are so many bears being shot down? Is their population being closely monitored and managed so that we don't endanger them? Please don't unnecessarily kill wildlife. They were here first.



PC713

Name: Keegan, Jennifer

Community of Residence: American Citizen and resident of Utah

Comment:

Biodiversity and ecological will right itself by Nature if we stop creating all of the imbalance.

Please, it's time to let the bears and antelope live and hunt and die and rebound and evolve on their own terms. on the terms of the natural world.

man needs to step away.

don't kill our bears.



PC714

Name: Kehoe, Kevin

Community of Residence: Milton VT

Comment:

Please do not advance any bill or any law that permits the killing of wildlife. Specifically this refers to bears from aerial helicopters.



PC715

Name: Keim, Frank

Community of Residence: Fairbanks, 99709

Comment:

I am an 83 year old, 64 year resident of Alaska. Please no more hunting and trapping of bears in the Mulchatna area, unless proven absolutely necessary by a thorough scientific analysis. I canoed the Wood-Tikchik State Park for two weeks just 4 years ago, and did not see one bear, even during the salmon run period. So there doesn't seem to be a rational scientific reason for your justification. Not to mention that a court instructed you TWICE not

to open any more "killing periods" to try to save the Mulchatna caribou herd from an "overabundance" of Grizzly bears in the region. The State's (and your) breaking the law does not abide my sense of scientific morality!



PC716

Name: Keller, Madison

Community of Residence: Albany, GA

Comment:

I respectfully oppose the proposed regulation allowing department staff to take brown and black bears in the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area. Scientific evidence does not support predator control as an effective or sustainable means of increasing caribou populations, especially in complex ecosystems influenced by multiple factors such as habitat quality, climate, and disease. Targeting apex predators risks disrupting ecological balance and may have unintended long-term consequences. Effective herd management should prioritize habitat restoration, accurate population monitoring, and non-lethal strategies rooted in sound science and conservation ethics.



PC717

Name: Kelly, Carol

Community of Residence: Chico, CA

Comment:

I oppose this vehemently. Leave the bears alone! They are not hurting anything, and they belong there.



PC718

Name: Kelly, Rachel

Community of Residence: Florida

Comment:

Killing bears and not providing them a safe environment is inhumane and wrong. Please stop this cruelty and save the bears.



PC719

Name: Kennealy, Sarah

Community of Residence: Rr 1

Comment:

I am absolutely against the 'herd control' of these bears. They were here before we were and we have no right to kill them. Why is it human nature to kill anything that is in our way?! Please leave these bears to live their lives. By killing them the eco system will be messed around with once again causing ripple effects in the future



PC720

Name: Kennedy, Caitlyn

Community of Residence: Fairbanks

Comment:

Please do not kill the bears! You are ruining the ecosystem!



PC721

Name: Kenny, Ashley

Community of Residence: Greenville, South Carolina

Comment:

Bears play a crucial role in Alaska's ecosystems, helping to maintain balance and biodiversity. Allowing the shooting of bears, especially in vulnerable habitats, disrupts this natural balance and threatens both the species and the environment they support. Protecting bears ensures the health of Alaska's wilderness for future generations—ecologically, culturally, and economically through sustainable wildlife tourism. Furthermore, preventing them from entering specific areas is allowing humans to take over their habitat, leading to further decline.



PC722

Name: Kentoffio, Jena

Community of Residence: NY

Comment:

There is zero scientific evidence that the killing of these bears benefits the caribou population. Stop killing the bears and using taxpayer money to do so, it's inhumane and unethical.



PC723

Name: Keogh, Laura

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

This is heartless and unnecessary. It's astounding the level of cruelty humans will stoop to in this world.



PC724

Name: Kepner, Alyssa

Community of Residence: Ohio

Comment:

Why kill the bears when they are not doing any harm and are a massive tourist attraction? Do you think all those people would be there with cameras day after day if the bears weren't there?



PC725

Name: Kerr, Theresa

Community of Residence: Rio Vista, CA 94571

Comment:

This action makes no sense to me. Again, why? Surely we have other areas in America that money could be used for...I.e. schools



PC726

Name: Kerrison, Lucy

Community of Residence: Ling Lane Scarcroft Leeds Yorkshire

Comment:

Why in this day & age do you feel the need to act so inhumanely towards these beautiful creatures that we have the pleasure to have in our world please stop



PC727

Name: Kesterson, Laurie Beth

Community of Residence: Alabama

Comment:

As a farmer in Alabama, I acknowledge the importance of a balanced ecological system but to be able to shot bears from helicopters is weak. To be allowed to shoot mothers and cubs is inhumane.



PC728

Name: Khan, Susan

Community of Residence: *Gilbert, Arizona

Comment:

Please do NOT shoot your beautiful bears from a helicopter! This wanton killing is horrific and damages tourism to Alaska. A lot of us come up there to go bear watching. The thought that as we oooh and aahhhh on a bear watching tour, others are being slaughtered from a helicopter.

You will bring more money in to the state by being known as a sanctuary for wildlife!



PC729

Name: Khan, Szarianne

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

If there is no system in place to collect data to assess the impact of this program and it's implications on the bear and caribou populations, then how will you know if this method (i.e. randomly murdering bears) is actually effective? Research needs to play a key role in any project of this magnitude. Until appropriate measures are put in place to ensure that you're not doing more harm than good to the environment you claim to protect, this culling should stop.



PC730

Name: Khatib, Maria

Community of Residence: Mirdif

Comment:

I strongly and sincerely oppose this regulation which allows the killing of bears. It is highly unethical and is a disruption to nature's cycle.



PC731

Name: Killingsworth, Winnie

Community of Residence: Washington State

Comment:

As someone who had the privilege of spending summers in Alaska as a child, I was able to witness all kinds of wildlife including bears.

With no research supporting the human enforced decline of the bear population for caribou populations to thrive, I see no beneficial reason to reinstate the aerial gunning program targeting bears (including cubs!).

Bears are important to the ecosystem. They are also important to the economy of Alaska as people travel from all over the globe to see the landscapes and wildlife of Alaska including the bears!



PC732

Name: Kimmerle, Rebecca

Community of Residence: Yavapai County, AZ

Comment:

Do not do this! That's not hunting! That's slaughtering! Cowardly to use helicopter,, dogs, etc.. Leave the predators alone! They do serve a purpose! Years from now you will regret it when the deer,elk, moose, etc.. get out of control!

The animals have the right to live n raise their young in peace! Shooting from the air is worse then from the ground! It's cowardly! You want to be a big hunter then face the animals! No shooting from hundreds of yards away, hiding behind a hunters blind!



PC733

Name: Kimminau, Judy

Community of Residence: Colorado

Comment:

I'm writing today to OPPOSE your ongoing efforts to gun down brown bears in the Mulchatna area. I travel to Alaska frequently and have done so for 25 years. I stay in local hotels, use local guides and frequent local grocery stores and restaurants. I come specifically for the wildlife and beauty of Alaska. I will not spend my tourism dollars if you continue to mismanage the wildlife under your control. I don't know who or what is causing you to continue your efforts here but it's not for the Caribou. Your science and approach has been deemed illegal by your Courts. Please listen to the public who value this precious resource and stop your bear control efforts.



PC734

Name: Kimminau, Judy

Community of Residence: CO

Comment:

I'm writing today regarding the Mulchatna Predator Control Program. It has been found to be unlawful by your own Superior Court. Despite this, the ADF&G continues to keep trying to get it to pass. The latest move to change regulations on a parcel of land where they can continue aerial hunting. I have visited Alaska over 12 times. Each time I come I spend money at local hotels, with local guides, the Alaskan Railway, a lot of local pilots and I shop at food and gift stores that are locally owned. I come for the Alaskan Brown Bear. To illegally kill this bear with incorrect data and call it wildlife management is horrible. If you care about my tourism dollars, you will not allow the ADF&G to do this. Further, you should support the rulings of your own Courts. Thank you



PC735

Name: King, Cheryl

Community of Residence: NJ

Comment:

The state's plan is based on faulty science. Other factors, including habitat changes, are responsible for the drop in caribou numbers. The state's program could harm bear populations, including the internationally famous population that roams Katmai National Park and Preserve, as well as wolf populations.

My opposition is based on:

1. Lack of scientific evidence
2. Waste of taxpayer money
3. Moral and ethical concerns

Seriously, how do you justify killing some of nature's most magnificent creatures?! Man is the real danger to humanity.



PC736

Name: King, Jordan

Community of Residence: Osgoode

Comment:

█ people, DAAAAA BEARS!!!!



PC737

Name: Kinion, DJ

Community of Residence: Oregon

Comment:

Save the Bears!



PC738

Name: Kinnear, Jeremy

Community of Residence: Prefer not to share

Comment:

Unless there is compelling peer-reviewed evidence suggesting that these bears are destroying the caribou population, and that there are no better alternatives, I don't think they should be culled from this area.

There are not many places in the world that the public can easily witness wild brown bears feeding on salmon like this and it is a sight to behold.

And besides, looks like they're eating salmon to me.



PC739

Name: Kloppe, Alina

Community of Residence: Germany

Comment:

Stop killing bears!!



PC740

Name: Knef, Kiley

Community of Residence: Plattsburgh

Comment:

The killing of these bears is atrocious and unnecessary. It's a waste of taxpayer money but above that it is so cruel and inhumane. Leave the bears alone that is THEIR LAND.



PC741

Name: Koch, Stacy

Community of Residence: El paso, tx

Comment:

I am opposed to killing animals for their inconvenience. What are they doing to deserve being killed? Are there any other options to killing. There is a balance in. Store and when one animal is killed off then another consequence can happen. We all serve a purpose on this cycle. If the cycle is broken fix the cycle done eradicate an entire group of animals.



PC742

Name: Koch, Vanessa

Community of Residence: Nassau county

Comment:

I 1000% oppose the mindless slaughter of bears. With the technology available today, simply killing bears without scientific evidence that doing so helps another species recover is not only reckless but apparently the lesson that nature shows time & again has not been learned. Every creature deserves the

opportunity to survive and thrive. Find a better way to increase the caribou population & find funding. Our government gives away billions of tax dollars on things that are absurd, surely they will fund an integral part to the natural wellbeing & habitat of Alaska.



PC743

Name: Kohli, Gurleen

Community of Residence: Alberta, Canada

Comment:

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the predator control program to include the killing of bears in Alaska.

It feels deeply unnatural to interfere in this way. These animals are simply living in their natural habitat — where they belong. Bears deserve to be safe in their own home, not targeted or removed for human convenience. Decisions like this undermine the very purpose of protected wild spaces. We should be working to preserve ecological balance, not destroy it.

Please reject this proposal and prioritize humane, science-based approaches to wildlife management.



PC744

Name: Koktavy, Tavius

Community of Residence: Nature

Comment:

I oppose the taking of black and brown bears. Science shows that caribou population is declining from habitat loss, climate change, and overharvest. Reduction of the bear population should not be considered a solution to animal scarcity. Please reconsider your proposal in favor of a pro-bear solution. I suggest addressing changes in human behavior first and foremost. Thank you.



PC745

Name: Kominek, Lisa

Community of Residence: Concern for the Unnatural & Inhumane Killing of Animals

Comment:

My name is Lisa Kominek. I am writing in opposition to ALL the proposals of the continued Mulchatna Bear Control Program to increase the Caribou population.

Should the population of Caribou increase in their numbers, even close to the numbers they are looking for, how will they ever be able to stop the killing of bears and wolves since ALL other factors, ex: global warming, disease, and depleted food sources continue to be major contributing factors in the cause of decreased caribou numbers? All factors that will not change in the near future. Continued killing of these

beautiful bears and wolves is inhumane and unnatural to their environment and doing so will not stop the bears and wolves from finding the Caribou as a food source.

By taking one source out of the equation it will not be enough of a change to increase the population to the numbers that they are expecting, and the proof of that is the unchanged numbers of caribou to date from the previous years of the killing of bears and wolves. All the killing is going to do is cause bear and wolf populations to decline to the point of, once again, being placed on the endangered species list.

In addition, Alaska's bear and wolf populations, are a major contributing factor to your tourism which brings in quite a bit of revenue to Alaska's parks and to the state. As tourists, we have come to know many of these beautiful bears and have come to appreciate them for their beauty and intelligence. We want to continue to see these bears and wolves, and many of them we know and love by name and/or numbers.

There are other known ways to increase Caribou numbers without killing other animals in the process. I urge you to look into these other sources and if it comes down to unavailable funds, I know that concerned people would donate to this other source in order to avoid these needless killings.

Thank you for your time.



PC746

Name: Konerman, Tanya

Community of Residence: Indiana

Comment:

In the Lower 48, we have very little chance to see black bears or grizzlies ever again. Once they're gone, they're gone. Alaska is home to these intelligent creatures with personalities and families and lives which are important to the ecosystem. Hunting them from a helicopter is not only detrimental to their lives, it is detrimental to their future. It is also cowardly and inhumane. Please be better...do better.



PC747

Name: Kontautaite , Ingrida

Community of Residence: Arizona

Comment:

Opposing cruelty against innocent animals.



PC748

Name: Koshy, Annette

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

Hello,

Please stop interfering in the lives of animals. If there is an imbalance, it is due to humans. We have enough blood on our hands. Leave them be and nature will sort itself out. Please. We will all answer for our actions.



PC749

Name: Kp, Jaime

Community of Residence: Lansing, IL

Comment:

This an inhumane and cruel proposal. No animal deserves to be hunted like this!! There is no scientific reason or justification for allow for the mass killing of bears. Habitat loss is the number one contributor of species decline. How about you start looking at the herd's habitat before you start the massacre of another species. LEAVE THE BEARS ALONE!



PC750

Name: Kp, Jamie

Community of Residence: Hobart, IN

Comment:

Please do NOT expand the grizzly killing zone. There is ZERO scientific based evidence that proves slaughtering bears will preserve, or increase, caribou numbers. Grizzlies are a keystone species and MUST be protected. Also, killing anything from a helicopter is unconscionable and cruel!! It is a heinous and cowardly act from anyone. Leave the bears alone! Killing creatures to maintain human tradition of hunting caribou is barbaric. We share this planet with billions of other creatures, whether you like it or not. We are all part of a house of cards, and humans have removed far too many cards already. We are on the verge of systemic collapse. STOP killing!



PC751

Name: Krabill, Anna

Community of Residence: Tacoma

Comment:

This procedure is costly, destructive, and very short sighted. Culling a slow reproducing species, and a key predator, is not an ethical or appropriate way to manage wildlife and will have far reaching

unintended consequences. I urge you to stop this method of management. Instead we can encourage caribou hunters to limit their kills to only the absolutely necessary levels in response to these caribou declines. We can also consider other causes for population change in the herds, and look for more patient and sound ideas that might assist the population. Hunting is a two sided interaction between humans and animals. If caribou populations are currently low and being over hunted, that population loss is the responsibility of the humans who hunt them. Not the bears, a far slower working and natural caribou predator. It is our responsibility as hunters, to respect and value the animals we hunt, their ebbs and flows, and their natural predators and environments so they can recover and continue to live and flourish to the best of their abilities. This way we might be able to keep interacting with them and share in hunting them across time. This bear culling does not protect caribou from over hunting, it won't solve the problem of their general decline, and it would be wrong to continue in this way. Please reflect on this thoughtfully and stop the culling, there are more responsible solutions to this issue.

Respectfully, Anna Krabill



PC752

Name: Kral, Benjamin

Community of Residence: Bavaria

Comment:

I'm totally against shooting black and brown bears. It's not needed. Or can you tell me and convince me with one good reason why this should happen?



PC753

Name: Krause, Jan

Community of Residence: Augusta

Comment:

Lacking any scientific or whatsoever evidence of the proposed methods of bear management to reduce caribou predation, when actually, the real endangerment for wildlife - caribou and bear, as well as all others - is the ridiculous over-exploitation of the lands resources, especially oil and gas as well as mineral exploration and extraction. It's been a horrendous decision led by monetary interests by the few that will reap a short term profit from such explorations, leaving barren wastelands and limiting the already small areas the caribou can roam free further, until the last of the big herds will perish. NO!



PC754

Name: Kreiman, Cindy

Community of Residence: Virginia

Comment:

To All Concerned, Good Morning,

I wish to express my opposition to the aerial killings of our bears and wolves. Wildlife and their habitats are being overlooked and unheard, when in essence they are paramount to the well being for all life. These amazing animals are trying to live, survive and care for their young, in a world being overrun by "humans". They need to be protected and respected, not exploited and destroyed. They are important in maintaining a balance for our ecosystems, keeping wild herds healthy, help control CWD and other diseases and keep our economies thriving.

Also killing these animals and their young is morally and ethically wrong. They have enough set backs with habitat loss, climate change, vehicular deaths, poaching, trophy hunting and mismanagement. It is fear, anger, hate, greed and ignorance, it is misconceptions, myths and lies, it is special interest groups, money and power that are taking control.

We are a reflection of what we do and how we treat animals and this Earth.

Please hear their cries, see their tears, feel their pain and Open your hearts for all our sakes...

Thank you for your time



PC755

Name: Kushner, Maggie

Community of Residence: Palmyra pa

Comment:

I oppose the unethical slaughtering of brown and black bears as a way to "increase" the Mulchatna Caribou population. The killing of one animal to create more of another species for human hunting is unjustifiable and should not even be considered an option. As it stands there is no scientific evidence to back that predator control programs (like this one) have any sort of proof to recovering the caribou or moose populations. Not to mention the effects on the ecosystem this could have taking natural predators out of the equation could have more of a negative impact on the environment long term. This is overall a very devastating "project" the Alaska Department of Fish and Wildlife is doing I am heavily disappointed that they are doing this and hope it is stopped.



PC756

Name: Kynock, Keara

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

This is so wrong on so many levels.



PC757

Name: La Cava, Karen

Community of Residence: Los Angeles, Ca

Comment:

Save the bears! Killing bears IS NOT conservation, it is murder. It is cruelty to animals.



PC758

Name: La Rossa, Sofia

Community of Residence: Santa Barbara, CA

Comment:

Though I may not be an Alaskan resident, I still wanted to speak up about this egregious wildlife issue. Shooting bears from helicopters is a huge waste of taxpayer money, has not been proven to help the caribou population, and threatens the lives of bears who should be allowed to roam free. My heart hurts to know that this is being done to such a majestic animal. Please consider stopping this! It's not right for the animals, it's not right to tax paying Americans to fund this.



PC759

Name: Ladd, Kimberly

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

What a despicable and disgusting thing to do. The land they are roaming is their home. Stop killing animals for your own pathetic reasons. Learn to live alongside them or move away. Humans are the problem here!!!!!!



PC760

Name: Laird, Crystal

Community of Residence: Portland Oregon

Comment:

There is no reason for this. You need bears to help keep caribou and deer populations down. If they are attacking live stock then there needs to be better protections placed by the farmers and fish and wildlife. Stop the killing.



PC761

Name: Laivera, Eli

Community of Residence: Germany

Comment:

We do not consent!!



PC762

Name: Lammers, Kendra

Community of Residence: Downingtown, PA

Comment:

I oppose the killing of bears and wolves to increase the caribou herd. These beautiful animals deserve to live as well as the caribou. These beautiful bears of Katmai are protected and roam the affected areas.



PC763

Name: Lane, Mariana

Community of Residence: Louisville

Comment:

We must respect Mother Earth. EVERYTHING on this planet has a purpose and is essential for each of their respective ecosystems. To refuse one being's life is to refuse the whole ecosystem that it contributes to, which in turn, affects ours. Leave the bears where they are. What would be left if we kill off every animal, insect, amphibian, mammal? What would survive? Definitely not us, because we all rely on the various ecosystems that keeps the planet balanced.



PC764

Name: Lapke, Lulu

Community of Residence: Kirkland

Comment:

I am from Kirkland, Washington and I've had the privilege to travel to places in Alaska, Yellowstone, and the Grand Tetons. From there I've been able to witness the wildlife including bears and see how much they do for the environment. I am desperately asking you to not allow shooting of bears that will take away from their ecosystem and create a disgraceful legacy from human beings. No mother or cubs should be killed and without reasoning of population control there is no need to take out these creatures, at the end of the day we are invading their environment and we should respect that. Thank you, Lulu Lapke.



PC765

Name: Larsen, Kristy

Community of Residence: Alaska

Comment:

I do NOT support Nikki g bears or any other animals. These creature are part of an entire ecosystem where each species relies on the other for their survival. Man needs to let nature work its magic with zero interference!



PC766

Name: LaRue-Russell, Misty

Community of Residence: Oregon

Comment:

There is absolutely no reason to kill anything, they will manage themselves. Just stop interfering with nature.



PC767

Name: Latham, Jenny

Community of Residence: Howell

Comment:

Greetings,

I am opposed to the proposal to kill bears to “maintain” the caribou population. The most current population survey for caribou is over two decades old. Using old data to justify the killing of bears is not only lazy, but cruel. You run the risk of killing bears for no actual good reason and all based on what people not nature considers balanced.

There is no justification for this proposal.

I am traveling to Alaska to view nature as it is not as people curate it.

Sincerely,

Jen



PC768

Name: Laurel, Brianna

Community of Residence: San Pedro

Comment:

MY SUPPORT IS FOR THE WILDLIFE



PC769

Name: Lauvitel, Cameron

Community of Residence: International

Comment:

I strongly oppose such extreme control measures of a keystone species in one of the few flourishing wild ecosystems. The bear populations in Alaska are threatened by human expansion and the effects of climate change. They are very sensitive in particular to the warming of the ice cap and significant fluctuations of the salmon population year-on-year. Introducing additional pressures to the bear population would be cruel and unwarranted. Bears are compassionate and sensitive animals and culling could be considered tantamount to mass murder. There is no reasonable argument to be made that a bear being inconvenient warrants its death. In the unfortunate reality that financial arguments often hold better sway than moral ones, bears contribute significantly to tourism and the image of Alaska abroad, which would be - and perhaps already has been - severely damaged by this proposal.



PC770

Name: Lauvitel, Nina

Community of Residence: United Kingdom (American citizen living abroad)

Comment:

I strongly oppose the proposed regulation.

Research shows that brown bears in Alaska have home ranges of 50 to 195 square miles. Other studies have shown bears moving into the proposed control area from the safe havens of the National Preserve. The proposed regulation would therefore be very likely to affect the brown bears of Katmai National Park. These bears in particular are very dear to me, as they are to a great number across the world. Learning about them every year brings great joy to myself and my loved ones, and has supported conservation work and outreach worldwide for many years. Were these precious animals to be harmed as a result of this ill-advised regulation, I, and many others across the world, would be very deeply hurt. Furthermore, the bears, being of Katmai National Park, are part of a safe haven that we as Americans have a duty to protect, not destroy.

I am alarmed that this regulation would essentially permit the ADFG to kill as many bears "as they see fit" across a huge area of 40,000 square miles. I have very real concerns about the wider impacts of this on Alaska's ecosystem: bears have a well-established role in the food chain, and work to ensure that the proliferation of certain other flora and fauna does not get out of control. Given that the State's illegal and

void 2022 Mulchatna bear control program, and the illegal and bad-faith killing of 11 bears this May, I do not trust that this a matter that is being treated with due consideration.

I hope that my opposition to the regulation is clear and very much hope my words are taken seriously.



PC771

Name: Lavagnino, Ana

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

As an Alaska resident, I OPPOSE the plan to kill more bears and wolves. Please recognize the value of the bears and wolves in the ecosystem. Humans have a horrible record of destroying the environment. Respect the judges' rulings!



PC772

Name: Lavagnino-Hudspeth, Beatriz

Community of Residence: Anchorage

Comment:

I OPPOSE the killing of bears and wolves. Humans are a hyper-invasive species that has yet to learn how to respect how our ecosystem works. Respect the judges' ruling. STOP the killing NOW!



PC773

Name: Lawless, Olivia

Community of Residence: San Diego

Comment:

Brooks Falls is home to one of the most concentrated groups of Brown Bears on earth. It is their home, and they have every right to live and exist within it. Killing bears anywhere is devastating, but killing them at Brooks would be cruel. Every year 100+ bears travel to the area to take advantage of one of the last great migrations on earth, the salmon that are the foundation of the entire ecosystem. Please reconsider



PC774

Name: Laxmi, Vijaya

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

Why on earth is it so necessary to kill innocent beings. Stop shooting bear. We do not hold a reason big enough to justify their murder. They are just small babies who have it more difficult than us. Save the bears on public demand. We all pray

“ may life treat you , how you treat those who cannot speak for themselves”



PC775

Name: Laz, Despina

Community of Residence: Greece

Comment:

Stop killing innocent bears.!



PC776

Name: Lazos , Maria

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

I oppose the proposed regulation to modify the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to allow for the take of brown and black bears by department staff to benefit the herd.

As it stands, there is no credible scientific evidence in the record to support the conclusion that Mulchatna bears can be killed sustainably.

There is also overwhelming evidence that predator control programs do not work to recover struggling moose and caribou populations. Per the State's own research, the main reasons for the Mulchatna caribou herd decline are disease and a lack of food (due to climate change), not bear predation.



PC777

Name: Leach, Gage

Community of Residence: Denver

Comment:

Why would you kill off predators? There's hard evidence that predators are needed to balance the eco system and that hard evidence is wolf's being introduced into Yellowstone and Colorado where upon there introduction wildlife started to return and rebalance. Killing off predators doesn't do any one good besides pushes this earth closer to extinction. If you guys are truly doing it for environmental protection then I shouldn't have to man splain this to you.



PC778

Name: Leadbetter, Lea

Community of Residence: Ontario camada

Comment:

This is not right..animals have right too..we are killing the world..so tragic



PC779

Name: Leblanc, Celine

Community of Residence: Wasaga Beach

Comment:

Opposed. This is barbaric and I'm shocked that this has happened before. There is no reason for any of this.



PC780

Name: Leblanc, Morgan

Community of Residence: Massachusetts

Comment:

These innocent bears should not be getting killed for simply trying to stay alive. Let nature take its course. One species shouldn't be taken out if it's preying off another.



PC781

Name: Lebo, Anne

Community of Residence: Camp Hill, PA

Comment:

Anne Lebo



Camp Hill, Pa 17011

I am not in support of The Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADFG) bear-killing program, which permits the aerial gunning of bears from helicopters and planes, is a brutal and ecologically reckless practice that must be stopped. This method of wildlife control is not only inhumane—inflicting terror and suffering on intelligent, sentient animals—but it also disrupts the delicate balance of Alaska's ecosystems. Targeting bears, apex predators vital to maintaining healthy populations of prey species and forest biodiversity, undermines decades of conservation work and disrespects the intrinsic value of these iconic creatures. Such killing, often done under the guise of increasing moose or caribou numbers for hunters,

ignores scientific evidence and prioritizes short-term human interests over the long-term health of the environment. It is a shameful betrayal of Alaska's wild legacy and an unacceptable abuse of state power. And the use of public funding for this cruelty is morally questionable, & wrong! Wildlife is to be held in trust for all citizen's, agencies have a duty to protect biodiversity. Government should set an example of stewardship, not cruelty. Please try to do better.



PC782

Name: LeClair, Heather

Community of Residence: Connecticut

Comment:

What's happening right now in Alaska is not wildlife management — it is a massacre. The aerial gunning of over 80 bears, including cubs, is not just cruel — it's scientifically unsound, ethically indefensible, and morally outrageous.

This is not about conservation. It's about state-sponsored extermination under the false justification of "protecting caribou herds," despite decades of ecological research showing that predator removal does not sustainably increase ungulate populations. The primary threats to Alaska's caribou are habitat loss, disease, nutritional stress, and climate change — not bears and wolves doing what nature designed them to do.

The idea that balance can be restored by wiping out apex predators from the sky is not only outdated — it's a brutal and cowardly abuse of power. Killing mothers and their cubs by helicopter is not management — it's a war on wildlife that has no place in a modern, science-based society.

Let me be clear: I will not support any agency, institution, or political leadership that allows this to continue. I will not spend tourism dollars in a state that turns its skies into slaughterfields. Alaska's natural heritage is not a trophy to be managed for one favored species. It is a living ecosystem — and you cannot chainsaw one part of it and expect the rest to remain standing.

This matters because what we allow to happen to wild animals reflects who we are. It matters because silence in the face of cruelty is complicity. And it matters because the future of conservation cannot be driven by fear, politics, or profit — but by ethics, evidence, and ecological respect.

This must stop. Now



PC783

Name: Lee, Kirsten

Community of Residence: Chicago

Comment:

I absolutely oppose this proposed regulation!! This is a waste of money and a horrible thing to do to wildlife. No animal should be gunned down from a helicopter. Many people come to Alaska each year to view these beautiful creatures and it will also affect your economy. Please leave the bears alone!



PC784

Name: Lee, Rebecca

Community of Residence: Austin

Comment:

Bears near our national parks are part of what makes this land remarkable. Managing wildlife should reflect wisdom, not waste. Removing these animals disrupts the balance of nature, wastes taxpayer resources, and risks losing a part of our national heritage. Good stewardship means protecting the integrity of our ecosystems for future generations. We don't need to eliminate wildlife to live responsibly—we need thoughtful, proven solutions that respect both people and the land.



PC785

Name: Lee, Sydney

Community of Residence: Pennsylvania

Comment:

This act of murdering brown bears is quite frankly disgusting!! While bears pose a threat to humans, they are also living things that are trying to protect themselves and their homes. Don't we do that! Don't we carry firearms to do the same things, and sometimes worse. We need to start looking at animals and living things with their own minds. When one species goes extinct, they all will. We are a very small part of a very large circle, the circle of Life.



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I OPPOSE this proposed regulation to modify the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to allow for the take of brown and black bears by department staff to benefit the herd.

Wildlife viewers from around the world are following the Greater Mulchatana Predator Control Area predator removal program, and are educating themselves about these matters. The bear population within Katmai National Park is closely observed by naturalists, rangers, park visitors and live camera viewers. It is widely recognized among this group that a considerable number of the regular bear population did not return to Brooks Falls in 2024. Bear viewing brings a tremendous amount of attention and revenue to the state. In the 2024 “Fat Bear Week” contest, over 1,041,124 votes were cast with between 80,000 – 100,000 people voting on a daily basis. Bear enthusiasts worldwide have recently become aware of the various proposals regarding the bears of Alaska and are actively seeking to educate themselves on these issues. The tourism industry in Alaska suffered greatly during the Covid pandemic with many businesses being forced to shut down for good. While tourism is on the rebound, the state cannot afford to lose the economic benefit of the wildlife viewing public. According to the Alaska Travel Industry's *Alaska's 2022-2033 Visitor Profile* report, 66% of the total visitors stated that wildlife viewing was one of their primary activities, 30% identified bear viewing as a primary activity while only 6% listed hunting as a primary activity. Of those visitors who hire guides, 30% were sightseeing guides, 29% were wildlife viewing guides, 17% were fishing guides, and only 6% of guides that were hired were hunting guides. (Source:

<https://www.alaskatia.org/sites/default/files/2023-12/ATIA%20Alaska%20Visitor%20Profile%202022-2023.pdf>)

A little over 20 years ago, the state was forced to back away from a wolf control program due to public outcry and threatened boycotts of the Alaska Tourism industry. With the commonplace use of social media, I believe that allowing airborne hunting in a region that is already conducting a controversial predator control program has the potential to trigger an economic catastrophe for the small businesses that depend on tourism dollars. According to the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, there were 640,000 total non-consumptive wildlife-viewing participants in the State of Alaska that included both residents and non-residents. It was reported that these wildlife-viewers spent a total of more than \$2 Billion in 2011, with the average participant spending about \$3,200. (Source:

<https://inletkeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Bear-Viewing-Economics-Study.pdf>)

Hunting bears from aircraft is both inequitable and unethical. It disrupts wildlife and may result in population declines that adversely affect the entire ecosystem. Bears reproduce infrequently, approximately every 4 to 6 years, and one-third of cubs fail to survive their first year, thus predator control could rapidly diminish the bear population, with effects on the ecosystem far beyond caribou population enhancement. At present, there are no baseline studies available regarding the population of bears in this region of the state. This proposal relies on anecdotal observations from individuals who stand to gain financially from its approval, rather than on robust scientific data.

**PC787****Name:** Lembke, Adriana**Community of Residence:** Vienna**Comment:**

Don't kill Bears, there are smarter ways for protection of your goals. And if you need to do it, then do also this smarter and stop shooting mothers with cubs, what the heck.

**PC788****Name:** Lenardon, Sonia**Community of Residence:** Italy/British Columbia**Comment:**

Predator control does not work. This has been proven over and over again by scientists doing field research, including by teams working with ranchers on human-wildlife conflict. Setting aside the utterly unethical aspect of this proposition (if one can even do that), predator control is ineffective and harmful to the ecosystem both in terms of wildlife balance and geological development and maintenance. Think, for example, how wolves' predatory action positively impacts river systems through trophic cascade (i.e. the reduction of herbivore populations fosters vegetation regrowth around riverbanks, stabilizing them and reducing erosion). An ecosystem's health is dependent upon its predators. Predator control is proven to be highly disruptive and even cause an increase of human-wildlife conflict in the long run.

In short, please keep the ecosystem healthy and leave the bears alone. Even the caribou will thank you.

**PC789****Name:** Lentner, Lee Ann**Community of Residence:** Michigan**Comment:**

To Whom It May Concern/The Board of Fish and Game

I am writing in regards to the predator control practices in Alaska. Your own Supreme Court ruled that the state of Alaska's bear program was unlawful. It was responsible for gunning down nearly 200 brown bears.

First - It was claimed that these bears needed to be gunned down in an attempt to grow a caribou herd yet there is no proof by killing these bears the caribou will increase. Has anyone completed any studies to see if the land where they are trying to increase the herd can sustain the size of the herd officials think it should. Land and habitat fluctuates and what could sustain a larger herd many years ago will not necessarily sustain the same size herd today. It is also my understanding that IM Statute, hunter demand is one of several criteria that determines the harvest, not science, at the expense of the predators. So the

bears and the wolves suffer at the expense of wanting to increase the caribou heard with NO proof that the predators are even affecting the size of the heard.

Second - tourism, do you have any idea how much money Alaska brings in from people traveling from all over the world to come to Alaska to view and photograph the Bears of Brooks Falls in Katmai National Park and the ones in Lake Clark National Park and Denali National Park? And hopeful they will catch a glimpse of the elusive wolf. I have traveled to Alaska to all of these places and have the privilege of photographing the bears, I have never seen a wolf. This September I will be making my 6th trip to Alaska, My 5th to Brooks Falls hoping to see the bears that return every year to this location. Last year we were missing many of our regulars - how many of these were killed from your aerial helicopter assault on these animals? Continue the assault against these animals and your tourism will stop, no bears=no tourists. We come for them.

I plead with you to reconsider your assault on the bears and the wolves. Predators are needed to equalize the eco system. There are not studies proving the bears are affecting the size of the caribou heard and without studies proving they are affecting the heard the aerial slaughter of these animals must cease and desist. A study needs to be completed to see if the land can even sustain the size of caribou heard you are trying to grow. Please consider doing that before you continue your assault on our beloved bears and the wolves.

Please Stop the Assault,

Lee Ann Lentner



Cedar Springs, MI. 49319



PC790

Name: Leone, Catherine

Community of Residence: CA

Comment:

I am against this governmental slaughter with no proven effects. I urge you to look into other ways to your goal instead of useless human protocols



PC791

Name: Levesque, Amelia

Community of Residence: Rural Upstate NY

Comment:

Opposition of murdering all wild animals. This is nature, humans should not be playing God by deciding whose lives to take.



PC792

Name: Levy, Diane

Community of Residence: Anchorage Alaska

Comment:

Stop killing innocent bears !!!

Leave the wildlife alone !!!



PC793

Name: Levy, Ron **Affiliation:** Alaska Photo Adventures

Community of Residence: Soldotna

Comment:

Please provide ANY scientific or biological evidence that supports this knee-jerk, impulsive attempt to unnecessarily remove brown bears from a natural, well-balanced population.

The proposed ecosystem supports not only a well balanced variety of predators and prey, but millions of dollars (\$34 million +) in tourism.

As a 40+ year Alaskan resident who visits the proposed area every year numerous times, bringing tourists and residents there every year to see bears, the current populations and balances are NOT in danger!

Your proposal is ill-conceived and emotional, not based on any "need" whatsoever, except perhaps a perceived need to cave-in to aggressive, emotional hunting pressures that have no basis in real biology.



PC794

Name: Lewandowski, Brittany **Affiliation:** Majestic meadows alpacas & boutique

Community of Residence: Medina Ohio

Comment:

I oppose the proposed regulation to modify the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to allow for the take of brown and black bears by department staff to benefit the herd.

As it stands, there is no credible scientific evidence in the record to support the conclusion that Mulchatna bears can be killed sustainably.

There is also overwhelming evidence that predator control programs do not work to recover struggling moose and caribou populations. Per the State's own research, the main reasons for the Mulchatna caribou herd decline are disease and a lack of food (due to climate change), not bear predation.

want Mulchatna caribou to succeed, but I don't believe the current, unlawful bear control program is the best way to help them.

If the Board of Game wishes to make significant changes to this area, then it is critical to ensure that the decisions are rooted both in credible science and what the people decide.



PC795

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Community of Residence: Medina, OH

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PC796

Name: Lewis, Alisa

Community of Residence: USA

Comment:

Opposed

The state has researched the decline of herds and have found it is not due to bears. (It is due to disease and climate-caused reduction in food) There is credible research otherwise pointing to bears causing declines in herds. Therefore this proposal is unnecessary, wasteful, and a waste of time ineffective in managing Caribou herds. Please vote this down and consider other options that will have the desired effect on these herds.



PC797

Name: Lewis, Kimberly

Community of Residence: Texas

Comment:

Please do not gun down wildlife from a helicopter. Please do not gun down wildlife, period. In a vast area of land that has plenty of space to be SHARED, leave the wildlife alone! Your proposal does not outline a reason valid enough to kill bears. Let them live in peace. Leave the land they live on be. People do not need to destroy our lands and innocent animals for greed. Stop trying to destroy what little we have left. Not everything needs to be dictated by human desires.



PC798

Name: Lexa, Rebecca **Affiliation:** The Green Wolf

Community of Residence: Oregon

Comment:

Greetings,

I am writing to lodge my disagreement with the proposal to cull bears in order to protect caribou. Why is it that whenever a prey animal is dropping in numbers that the solution is to stop the predation by bears, wolves, and other wild predators, instead of limiting human predation? We have many other options for food; the wild predators, on the other hand, have relied on the caribou for food for a very long time. Make exceptions for indigenous hunters, but otherwise close off legal hunting instead of removing natural predatory species from the ecosystem.

Thank you.



PC799

Name: Lieb, Jim

Community of Residence: Palmer

Comment:

I am a retired wildlife biologist with Doctorate and MS degrees in Wildlife Biology. I worked for ADF&G as a Wildlife Biologist for 25+ years, during which one of my primary responsibilities was research and management of the Nelchina and Mentasta caribou herds. As such I also studied every major report on every caribou herd in Alaska. It is crystal clear to me that predator control of bears and wolves is critical for the successful management and population control of just about every caribou herd in the state.

Allowing a caribou herd to grow to an optimum population level for its range habitat condition is a tricky process that involves parameters that are difficult/impossible to control such as winter snow levels, weather, fire, range use by people and other animals. Having the funding and appropriate staff to carefully monitor seasonal movements, range use, habitat condition, lichen succession, caribou body condition, calving success, and mortality, can result in bringing a caribou herd to an optimum level in a reasonable number of years and maintaining it there for a small number of years... as long as you can maintain appropriate predator control on a regular basis.

You never know exactly how many predators to take, and typically funding level determines how many helicopter days are available for shooting and how as a result many predators get taken. It is the resulting calving success rate that determines how successful that year's predator effort was.

And there is little if any evidence to suggest that Alaska's predator control programs over the past 60 plus years have endangered or removed any bear or wolf population in the state.

Also note that the term "Intensive Management" is a relatively new legal term that was adopted by the Alaska legislature to address the claim that predator control was not an allowable form of management.



PC800

Name: Liew, Pei ying

Community of Residence: Singapore

Comment:

Please stop the culling. They have the right to live and you have the duty to protect them.

STOP THE KILLING.



PC801

Name: Lill, Jo

Community of Residence: Australia

Comment:

I am totally opposed to this proposal. As an Australian tourist who spent 6 weeks travelling through Alaska especially to observe your beautiful bears this proposal to continue culling is abhorrent. We were planning another trip to Alaska but we have decided we will go to Canada and see the Polar bears instead. I have shared this proposal in Australia with the recommendation that people should change their travel plans. I am voting with my wallet.



PC802

Name: Lindley, Jenna

Community of Residence: Utah

Comment:

I strongly oppose.



PC803

Name: Lingle, Michelle

Community of Residence: Na

Comment:

I highly oppose this practice. This is cruel and should not be allowed to happen.



Name: Lish, Christopher

Community of Residence: San Rafael, CA

Comment:

Sunday, July 6, 2025

Subject: Follow the science: Don't allow the ADFG to kill bears in western Alaska. -- Board of Game Special Meeting Regarding Intensive Management for Mulchatna Caribou

To Alaska Board of Game:

I strongly oppose the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's proposal to allow more bear massacres in the 40,000-acre Mulchatna area of western Alaska and I urge the board to reject this proposal.

"Every man who appreciates the majesty and beauty of the wilderness and of wild life, should strike hands with the farsighted men who wish to preserve our material resources, in the effort to keep our forests and our game beasts, game-birds, and game-fish—indeed, all the living creatures of prairie and woodland and seashore—from wanton destruction. Above all, we should realize that the effort toward this end is essentially a democratic movement."

-- Theodore Roosevelt

Alaska's predator control program has already been an unmitigated management failure. The Mulchatna caribou herd shows no signs of recovery, even after the state has spent more than a decade killing wolves and three years gunning down nearly 200 brown bears.

That's not surprising. Research shows disease and food scarcity—not predation—are the top causes of mortality for the vanishing herd. In 2020, scientists found that brucellosis, a bacterial disease, had infected more than a third of the caribou they tested. And climate change is shifting the herd's habitat, resulting in less lichen for caribou to eat.

"A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

-- Aldo Leopold

This ecological disaster is only made worse by scapegoating wolves, bears, and other predators who help control disease naturally by feeding on weak, sick animals. By killing wolves over a long period of time, the state has possibly only contributed to the high levels of brucellosis found in the Mulchatna caribou herd.

The Board of Game should also recognize the overwhelming public outcry against killing predators in Alaska. Thousands of Alaskans treasure being able to view wild wolves and bears—an experience that pulls in millions of tourists, too. And killing wolves and bears wastes money from the Alaska General Fund: nearly \$500,000 to date.

"It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment."

-- Ansel Adams

I also question the Department of Fish and Game's apparent disregard for state law. Despite receiving two court rulings that the state had illegally adopted the predator-control program and had acted "in bad faith,"

the department proceeded to kill 11 bears this May. Two judges ruled that the department was doing so illegally and that the testimony of the State's Director of Wildlife Conservation was "mostly not credible". This is a serious blow to the department's credibility, and the board should consider that when making a decision about this proposal.

Killing more bears won't make things better for caribou. But it will harm these cherished animals, ruin recreation opportunities for wildlife lovers, and waste state money. The board doesn't have a mandate to approve another hasty, unreasoned predator-control measure from the Department of Fish and Game. Please listen to science and reject this senseless plan to kill more bears in the state.

"The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children."

-- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. Please do NOT add my name to your mailing list. I will learn about future developments on this issue from other sources.

Sincerely,

Christopher Lish

San Rafael, CA



PC805

Name: Lisk, Tiffany

Community of Residence: Michigan

Comment:

Alaska is one of the few places left to see such natural beauty and in it natural wildlife. We are coming in 1 week to see it for ourselves. Learning of this news that is suggested to kill bears and wolves is absolutely horrible and will destroy what beauty Alaska has. Don't do it. Don't kill the wildlife.



PC806

Name: Lisowski, Stacey

Community of Residence: United States

Comment:

I oppose the senseless killing of bears. There is no data to suggest it is a deterrent and it is a waste of taxpayer money



PC807

Name: Little, Michael

Community of Residence: Massachusetts

Comment:

End this atrocity against bears. This killing is senseless and does no good for the world.



PC808

Name: Livingston, Dawn

Community of Residence: Bay Area

Comment:

I am the head of marketing for a travel/tourism company. If this isn't changed I will pull all ads for Alaska and we will no longer feature travel to this state. Killing bears is completely unnecessary and will only do more harm. This is like allowing people to shoot each other because there are billions of humans and we are overpopulated.



PC809

Name: Loeffler, Grace

Community of Residence: N/A

Comment:

I oppose the the aerial gunning program targeting the bears of Alaska



PC810

Name: Lokey, Dallas

Community of Residence: Fort Collins, CO

Comment:

Alaskan wildlife is one of the primary reasons people go to the state to visit. Not only does wildlife tourism boost the Alaskan economy, but predators are essential for the survival of ungulate herds and a healthy ecosystem. The predators prey on those that are less fit, and therefore leaving stronger genetics to be passed on. Please leave ALL wildlife alone. They do not deserve to die due to human greed.



PC811

Name: Long, Aaron

Community of Residence: Australia

Comment:

Where is the evidence that killing bears and wolves will save the caribou from going extinct? Humans are by far more dangerous than bears and the ecosystems have always regulated themselves NATURALLY without human interference. Shame on you.



PC812

Name: Longenbaugh , Jordyn

Community of Residence: Arizona

Comment:

All life is sacred and important. Don't kill these beautiful creatures or any others



PC813

Name: Lopez , Angel

Community of Residence: San Diego California

Comment:

This is disgusting. How can America call it self a freedom country and a country of empathy if all we do is kill things to solve problems . We need to save our wildlife and we need to advocate for those who can't speak for those who don't understand why we are doing this for those who just wanna live their life . We need to do more then sign a petition we need to protest it we need to get loud about it .



PC814

Name: Lopez Noriega, Paulina

Community of Residence: Mexico City

Comment:

Shame on you who are kiling bears irrationally!



PC815

Name: Lopez, Dyanna

Community of Residence: APT 102

Comment:

I oppose to the slaughter of bears because it is unethical



PC816

Name: Lopez, Idalia

Community of Residence: Springville, Utah

Comment:

I don't support the slaughtering of these beautiful animals. They play such a significant role in our ecosystem, and I don't feel like slaughtering these innocent creatures in the name of population control is appropriate. We live on their land, we need to learn to coexist with eachother. Not destroy them. Thank you.



PC817

Name: Loughran, Emily

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

Please SAVE the Bears!!! Shooting them by helicopter is horrific.... They are gorgeous, social and intelligent creatures that should be appreciated and protected!!! They are a valuable resource and a tourist attraction. I will not visit any state that has blood on their hands!!! If you do not care about these animals...think about the tourist dollars at stake.



C818

Name: Louis, Jeanie

Community of Residence: Maryland

Comment:

I vehemently oppose the shooting of bears. This action is not science based and environmental issues and habitat loss should be addressed for the Caribou first.



PC819

Name: Lovelady, Faye

Community of Residence: 7 Lusty Glaze Road

Comment:

I oppose the plans to cull bears as I believe there are better, more humane, alternatives. Killing animals is never the answer and instead why don't you think about curbing the hunting of caribou for a season to allow a bounce back? Seems smarter. Killing bears just seems purely dumb and lazy.

The world is watching how you go about this. Make us proud



PC820

Name: Lowe, Nadine

Community of Residence: Lake Country BC Canada

Comment:

As an avid outdoors and wildlife advocate, I do not see any evidence that points to killing of bears as a solution for restoring caribou herds. Many apex animals are being blamed for this. There is no scientific evidence or proof that bears are the ones taking out the caribou. There is a far greater problem, and that is seeing that the amount of land that is taken from bears as their natural living grounds is encroached upon by humans is the bigger problem. There should be a more humane and ethical and better researched approach to dealing with the caribou decline. This Ariel killing needs to end. It's appalling and evidence in reports shows it's not a quick death. These bears are being wrongly placed to death for lazy human and government actions. It makes me deeply angered and saddened that these actions are taken, and I want to see change in how government's and laws start better protecting all wildlife.



PC821

Name: Luchies, Heather

Community of Residence: Michigan

Comment:

Please stop killing the bears!



PC822

Name: Luesley, Michelle

Community of Residence: Selling

Comment:

I condemn the systemic murder of brown bears. It is brutal and cruel. There is nothing needed for this massacre.



PC823

Name: Luginbill, Valerie

Community of Residence: USA

Comment:

I oppose this proposed regulation. I come from a community of Explore.org watchers and many also pour tourist money into Alaska year after year. Killing a native species so humans can do more sport killing is unacceptable. Study after study states this is not a long term solution and a real change regarding environmental factors (loss of habitat because of human encroachment) is the only solution. Constantly killing the wildlife that makes Alaska amazing is deplorable. Killing them so the caribou can increase numbers to be hunted by humans is ludicrous.

“The Dynamics of MCH Range Expansion and Population Decline”

Interviews revealed that local knowledge views the MCH’s major population and range shift as resulting primarily from overgrazing and disease: the population grew so large that it didn’t have enough food, leading to an epidemic of hoof rot *Sphaerophorus necrophorus*. Respondents also discussed associated observations of declines in calving abundance and increasing predation by wolves. Liberalized hunting by nonlocal hunters during the 1980s and 1990s was frequently mentioned as also being a contributing factor.”



PC824

Name: Lukas, Heila

Community of Residence: Alberta

Comment:

I have watched this area for decades and always dream of seeing this amazing spectacle someday in person. It's a magical place full of beautiful creatures.

I am very much opposed to increasing the taking of the bears in this area and from what I have researched it will not significantly impact the caribou herd. I would like to see more science backing this proposed change and how it will be diligently tracked/ measured and what happens when the desired outcome is achieved, so that unnecessary killings do not occur. Thank you



PC825

Name: Lunde, J Ty

Community of Residence: Utah

Comment:

I am in opposition to this proposal. There is no evidence that controlling the population of bears will substantially increase the health of the heard. This feels like a complete waste of taxpayer money to fund other agendas that would like to see the population of bears decrease. Many of these bears roam off of national parks and protected lands having no idea that they will now be killed for no other reason than they took a wrong path. It is completely unethical and unjustifiable to decimate the bear population without real concrete evidence of its impact. This would harm the environment as a whole, by removing yet another keystone species. I urge you to reject this insane proposal that would cause increased harm to an already fragile ecosystem.



PC826

Name: Luthy, Devon

Community of Residence: Hawaii

Comment:

There are less and less wild places left where animals are allowed to live peacefully. This is INHUMANE! Stop killing wildlife!!!!



PC827

Name: Lutzko, Simone

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

I highly oppose the killing of wild bears in their natural habitats . Please reconsider this proposition and protect our wildlife.



PC828

Name: Lyle, Sandra

Community of Residence: VA

Comment:

I firmly oppose this proposed resolution allowing for the take of brown and black bears, wolves and any other predator in the Alaska region. We must stop doing this, as we are driving to extinction apex predators and keystone species, such as wolves. Everything has a balance, and this balance has been upheaved do to human activities, not predation by animals whose existence supports the overall ecosystem. Please support the caribou in other ways, and not be killing everything else.



PC829

Name: Lynch, Andrea

Community of Residence: Quebec

Comment:

Please save the bears!



PC830

Name: Lynch, Rick

Community of Residence: Haines, alaska

Comment:

I oppose the taking of bears or wolves for that matter via helicopter.

Hunting needs to be done “by fair chase” methods.

I realize you are trying to manage the caribou herds, not the bears, but is still not ok.

Thank you for your time. Rick lynch



Name: Lynk, Beth

Community of Residence: Virginia

July 7, 2025

To: The Alaska Board of Game

RE: The ADFG's proposed resolution to expand the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area to 40,000 square miles

Dear Members of the Board of Game,

I urge you to not approve this proposal because the credibility and effectiveness of the Board of Game and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are on the line. The Mulchatna Bear Control Program is an unlawful program, and you should not be spreading the impact of that unlawful program over a 40,000 square mile area.

I have strong feelings about wildlife, but I have equally strong feelings about the workings of government at all levels and the legal system. When I see an administrative agency or entity ignoring a court order, it not only reflects poorly on them, it also raises the ugly questions of why, whose interests are they catering to, and why aren't they doing things with transparency and in a thorough, fact based, and balanced manner. It undermines any good you are trying to achieve across everything you do, not just this one issue of caribou population in Mulchatna. This is why I think your own credibility and effectiveness are on the line with this decision.

Earlier this year, two Alaska judges called the Mulchatna Bear Control Program unlawful and void. In May, when the BOG approved the ADFG's emergency resolution to go forward with the spring 2025 hunt, the court stopped that hunt. The court did this because your decision to grant the emergency resolution was based on testimony that was deemed "mostly not credible," and granting the resolution violated the initial court order that found the program unlawful and void. The court also pointed out that the BOG passed that emergency resolution in bad faith. That means the BOG knowingly violated a court order, which calls your credibility and trustworthiness into question. Further, you violated the public's trust in your ability to adhere to the laws of Alaska and make sound decisions based on solid evidence.

Going forward, if you should grant this proposed regulation to expand the control program to 40,000 square miles, I believe the court would see the expansion just as they saw the invalid emergency regulation, and that is as an attempted end run around the court orders to try to implement an unlawful program by expanding into another area. The program is unlawful in the original control area and expanding the area will not change that status. If you should grant this



proposed regulation, a court reviewing that decision could consider it another act of bad faith by the BOG.

The root of this problem is the ADFG's Mulchatna Bear Control Program and that is a separate discussion with separate solutions for another time. Right now, the fact remains the court has declared the program unlawful and the program area should not be expanded.

I urge you to deny this proposed regulation to expand the geographic area for the unlawful Mulchatna Bear Control Program.

Thank you,

Beth Lynk



PC832

Name: Lyons, Julia

Community of Residence: MA

Comment:

Alaska's bears and wolves are not pests—they're vital parts of a delicate ecosystem, and they deserve better than to be gunned down from helicopters. In just two recent operations, hundreds were killed, including helpless cubs, without proper scientific studies to justify it. Entire bear populations have been decimated by up to 74%, and for what? There's no proven benefit—just bloodshed and silence where life once thrived. This isn't wildlife management. It's cruelty disguised as policy. I'm heartbroken and outraged, and I'm calling for these brutal programs to stop before more damage is done.



PC833

Name: M, Courtney

Community of Residence: NYC

Comment:

So absolutely barbaric and cruel. You have no soul whatsoever. Leave these animals alone. Selfish disgusting humans



PC834

Name: M, Paulina

Community of Residence: CA

Comment:

I don't agree with getting rid of the bears. One, they were here first and by approving this we're going to get rid of the wildlife that is vital for the environment



PC835

Name: M, Veeralakshmi

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

Hi,I am Veeralakshmi from India,a graduate.Even though I am not a citizen of Alaska,as a human being I absolutely condemn the act of Alaska Government for killing the bears.It is not acceptable.The government must stop this killing of bears abruptly.Every single person around the world should raise voice for the voiceless creatures and I will be the one of those to stand for these animals.

SAVE WILDLIFE ANIMALS

SAVE OUR ECOSYSTEM

Thank you.



PC836

Name: Macarthur, Jo

Community of Residence: U.K.

Comment:

I vehemently oppose the proposal to start killing bears and calling it a 'cull to benefit the herd'!
Disgraceful behaviour.



PC837

Name: Macartney , Christopher

Community of Residence: Coachella Valley CA

Comment:

I would like to voice my concern for the removal of any wildlife from their natural habitat. We must come up with new ways to work along side nature so the Earth can prosper. Any removal of wildlife from their natural habitat should be illegal. Thank you for you time.



PC838

Name: Machlev, Rachel

Community of Residence: Fairmont, WV

Comment:

Please don't kill mama bears, cubs, even adult male bears. Their lives are important and appreciated. Many bear watcher groups would like to help by organizing more bear watching events to bring tourism to Alaska.



PC839

Name: MacKown, Erica

Community of Residence: Monterey, Ca

Comment:

I opposing the new Mulchatna bear control.



PC840

Name: Maeder, Christine

Community of Residence: Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Comment:

I oppose the proposal!!!



PC841

Name: Maestas, Adriana

Community of Residence: Washington

Comment:

The massacre of bears undertaken by the state of Alaska is a despicable atrocity. It is not science or evidence based and needs to stop immediately. Stop harming our critical ecosystems!!!



PC842

Name: Magellan, Linda

Community of Residence: Texas

Comment:

stop killing the bears



PC843

Name: Magrath, Linsey

Community of Residence: Delaware

Comment:

We need to protect wildlife! Too many are being killed for sport or by wildfires so we don't need to cull the herds.



PC844

Name: Maguire, Megan

Community of Residence: Maine

Comment:

Please stop the senseless killing of bears in Alaska. These animals deserve to live and there is no science backing up the reasons for bear slaughter. Do the right thing.



PC845

Name: Maharaj, Pranav

Community of Residence: Vancouver

Comment:

Save the bears, give them equality and justice ♥



PC846

Name: Mahon, Josh

Community of Residence: Kildare

Comment:

Save the bears. Predator control doesn't work. Needless death.



PC847

Name: Majchrzak, Mathilde

Community of Residence: Belgium

Comment:

Please, stop killing bears in their natural habitat



PC848

Name: Maldonado , Robert

Community of Residence: San Jose

Comment:

I am against hunting & killing BEARS.



PC849

Name: Malhotra, Erica

Community of Residence: Edinburgh

Comment:

SAVE THE BEARS THEY ARE ADORABLE AND IMPORTANT FOR THE ECOSYSTEM.
REMOVING THEM WILL CAUSE IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO YOUR OWN ENVIRONMENT



PC850

Name: Malone, Gabriella

Community of Residence: Delaware

Comment:

The killing of these innocent animals needs to be stopped.



PC851

Name: Maloney, MK

Community of Residence: Austin, Texas

Comment:

America's wilderness and wild life are a huge part of what makes us great. We must protect predators like bears in order to keep the land healthy.



PC852

Name: Manan, Amna

Community of Residence: Lorton

Comment:

Opposition to Bear Killing in Alaska: Protecting Ecosystems and Promoting Coexistence

Alaska's decision to allow the killing of bears—particularly through controversial practices such as baiting, snaring, and killing during denning seasons—poses serious ethical, environmental, and ecological concerns. These actions not only disrupt the delicate balance of Alaska's wilderness but also reflect a short-sighted approach to managing human-wildlife interactions.

Environmental Impact

1. Disruption of the Ecosystem Balance:

Bears, especially apex predators like grizzlies and black bears, play a critical role in maintaining ecosystem health. They help control prey populations, disperse seeds through their scat, and contribute to soil fertilization by spreading nutrients from salmon and other food sources. Removing large numbers of bears destabilizes this natural balance, potentially leading to overpopulation of prey species and a decline in vegetation health.

2. Genetic and Population Risks:

Targeted killing—especially of mothers and cubs in dens—reduces bear populations and gene diversity. Lower genetic variation makes bear populations more vulnerable to disease, environmental changes, and long-term decline. Once disrupted, population recovery can take decades.

3. Negative Ripple Effects on Other Species:

Bears influence the behavior and success of many other species. For example, when bears drag salmon into the forest to feed, they unintentionally provide food for scavengers and fertilize the forest floor. The removal of bears limits these benefits, reducing the richness of the surrounding ecosystem.

Alternative Solutions to Prevent Human-Bear Conflict

Instead of resorting to lethal control, Alaska can adopt more sustainable and humane strategies to prevent bears from crossing human boundaries:

1. Secure Attractants:

Enforce stronger regulations and public education campaigns to ensure garbage, pet food, livestock feed, and other attractants are stored in bear-proof containers or areas. Many bear encounters occur because of poor waste management.

2. Install Non-Lethal Deterrents:

Electric fencing, motion-activated lights, bear spray, and noisemakers are effective deterrents. Communities can be equipped with these tools to prevent bear entry without harming wildlife.

3. Habitat Preservation and Corridor Management:

As development expands, bear habitats are fragmented. Protecting migration corridors and keeping wild spaces intact reduces the need for bears to enter human areas in search of food or shelter.

4. Increase Public Awareness and Wildlife Education:

Outreach programs that teach residents and visitors how to coexist with wildlife help reduce fear-based responses and encourage respect for wild animals.

In conclusion, Alaska's natural legacy depends on the preservation of its iconic wildlife. Killing bears not only threatens the survival of a keystone species but also weakens the very ecosystems that make Alaska unique. Through education, responsible policy, and non-lethal conflict prevention, humans and bears can coexist—ensuring that future generations inherit a thriving and balanced wilderness.

Name: Manda, Shriya

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

Save the bears, please. They do not deserve to be shot down.



PC853



PC854

Name: Manuel, Ida

Community of Residence: Vancouver BC

Comment:

Mother Nature does not need colonial interference.



PC855

Name: Marchessault, Lindsey

Community of Residence: Canmore

Comment:

Please do not harm the bears



PC856

Name: Marciano, Josh

Community of Residence: Florida

Comment:

I think it's absolutely wild that we send people up in a helicopter to gun down innocent animals... no increased attacks on humans, no increased property damage, just killing to kill. As an avid Hunter it's absolutely despicable. They wanna send people out on foot with a handgun to give the bears a chance, go ahead. I'll be cheering for the bears. Outside of that there is zero excuse to take the life of an animal like that. I don't care if they're hauling the meat back and feeding the homeless. It's our job as the apex species on this planet to preserve life as best we can. This is the direct opposite. It's bulls*** and inhumane.



PC857

Name: Marck, Kamryn

Community of Residence: MI

Comment:

I do not agree with the mass and indiscriminate killings of bears and bear cubs in order to manage caribou. There is no evidence that this helps and in fact hurts the wider ecosystem. Bears are an integral part of our planet and many community's culture. They should not be killed.



PC858

Name: Marie, Jules

Community of Residence: N/A

Comment:

I am in opposition of this awful legislation that will harm the majestic bear. We as a species need to do better and not harm the cohabitants of this plant.



PC859

Name: Marin, Citllaly

Community of Residence: Houston

Comment:

In 2023 alone, this program resulted in the slaughter of 99 bears, including cubs, followed by 80 more in 2024. Despite these efforts, there is no evidence that the practice is achieving its stated goal of increasing caribou and moose populations for hunting. Research shows that caribou and moose populations are declining due to other factors—such as habitat loss, climate change, and disease—rather than predation by bears and wolves. This raises critical questions about the rationale behind these actions.

Bears and wolves are apex predators, essential for maintaining the health and balance of ecosystems. Targeting them through aerial slaughter disrupts these ecosystems, leading to cascading effects on biodiversity and habitat stability. Moreover, this program distracts from addressing the actual challenges faced by caribou and moose populations, wasting resources on an ineffective and harmful strategy.

I want to be part of the change. I believe we can—and must—do better for Alaska’s wildlife. I urge the State’s Board of Game and the Commissioner of ADF&G to stop this program immediately. Instead of aerial slaughter, we should focus on science-based solutions that address the root causes of caribou and moose decline while protecting Alaska’s natural heritage. It is our shared responsibility to treat these species with dignity, respect their ecological roles, and ensure they thrive in their natural habitats.



PC860

Name: Marin, Mindy

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

‘Animals are not our property. They are our friends and we must treat them with respect and kindness.’ - Jane Goodall.



PC861

Name: Markakis, Vittoria

Community of Residence: Rome

Comment:

I believe it is unreasonable killing off bears in this inhumane way without any scientific backup. I am a biologist and I find these killings cruel and without an actual positive impact to the ecosystem. When ecosystems go out of balance there are different ways or bringing back balance without resulting in invasive inhuman ways.



PC862

Name: Marn, Susan

Community of Residence: Ohio

Comment:

I live in a different state but I can't for the life of me understand why this is necessary. I also urge people to figure out a way to deny their tax dollars going to programs like this, bankrupt it into its death. As a republic we most definitely should have a say so over things such as this.



PC863

Name: Marquette, Elise

Community of Residence: Red lodge Montana

Comment:

It is not humane to kill bears from a helicopter, let alone mother and cubs. Can you imagine if that was your wife and child being shot at from the air. We have to find a way to find peace in this world and that means leaving the world at peace and letting it do what it needs to do. If there as been no evidence proving that killing these bears is benefitting the caribou population then stop. Let nature do what it needs to do. Without human interaction we would have so many less issues. Stop killing the bears



PC864

Name: Marquis, Melinda

Community of Residence: Nederland

Comment:

Please vote NO and don't authorize killing bears in Mulchatna.

There is no peer-reviewed scientific evidence that killing bears will lead to increased caribou.

According to your own site, caribou disease, e.g., brucellosis, and illegal hunting of caribou are killing most Mulchatna caribou.

Also, according to your own web site, the Mulchatna caribou herd size was estimated to be only 1,000 In 1949, only 6,000 in 1965, and 13,000 in 1974.

Wildlife officials found that more than a third of the Mulchatna caribou have brucellosis, which causes low birth rate, infertility, and lameness. Officials also found a lack of food contributing to poor physical health of the Mulchatna herd. They determined that poor health is the most likely primary cause of the herd's decline. Caribou herd populations increase and decrease over time, as you know. And predation is no greater in the Mulchatna herd than elsewhere. "Intensive management" and slaughter of bears is unscientific, illogical, and immoral.

I am writing to ask that you cease this barbaric practice.

- Melinda Marquis, Ph.D.



PC865

Name: Marrero, Carlos

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

Please stop this nonsensical, unscientific approach to regulating the bear population. Not only is it barbaric, but it is also unethical. I am planning to visit Alaska, and I would be extremely disappointed if this so-called 'management' is not stopped.



PC866

Name: Mars, Tallulah

Community of Residence: Planet Earth

Comment:

To whom it may concern,

Regarding the slaughtering and killing of America's wildlife by Alaskan Fish & Game, I'm here to demand welfare & rights of wildlife to be prioritized. Wildlife aren't a privilege, they're a priority for us to honor and be stewards of. Without wildlife, diverse ecosystems, protections & human intervention for the conservation & preservation of these animals & regions: humans will suffer, even more slowly & painfully than the suffering these animals have endured as they've been hunted down, attacked & murdered by Fish & Game. Americans WANT these bears to be preserved, saved, protected. All we have to do to provide for them, is protect the region and put responsibility on humans rather than allowing wildlife to pay the price of overpopulation & raping the land for explorations & extractions of natural resources which is a major contributor to why people want these animals erased. The people doing the killing of these animals are vastly corrupt & disconnected for their own humility, humanity & have lost

sight of their place in the food chain. It's not too late to regain our humanity, by shifting to cater to, be stewards of & honor these lands, waters & wildlife.

Please VOTE NO against these slaughters, please do everything in your power to stand with Americans, with these animals by prioritizing their protection instead of the predatory attack on them.

Thank you

Tallulah



PC867

Name: Marschall, Griffin

Community of Residence: Johnson County Kansas

Comment:

It is imperative that some humanity is brought to our Earth. The suffering being caused worldwide at the hands of humankind is running rampant, while we exploit and abuse animals in the background.

Scientifically, animals, especially mammals, have great emotional intelligence and social relationships. While I presume power of authority of such scales cannot reach out a heartfelt hand to the innocent lives they disrupt and end, I will still beg for justice... and those of us that cannot speak for ourselves, such as these bears that are being wiped out from helicopters, deserve a voice more than anyone. There is no evidence to prove that this will benefit the environment substantially. So, I ask, do you mean to shoot down animals from helicopters, ending their lives, or worse, possibly severely wounding them and letting them bleed out? Do you, as a human being, not recognize the power we have over these beings, and how you abuse that power so righteously? Did you, as a child, envision a world where this was the solution? I will await a response, but I will not hold my breath.



PC868

Name: Marsico, Michelle

Community of Residence: N/A

Comment:

Killing of bears is going to have devastating repercussions on the eco system. Humans are not being good stewards of our earth



PC869

Name: Martinez , Perla **Affiliation:** Equilibrium Wayak A.C.

Community of Residence: Cancún

Comment:

In the name of our Civil Association for the Nature Conservación we OPPOSE rotoundly to this kind of aggressive and letal measures againt an animal species that has as many right to live as any other human being. Please DO NOT COMIT THIS CRIME. Nature self regulates.



PC870

Name: Martinez , Tawny

Community of Residence: Miami

Comment:

Save the bears. I oppose the aerial hunt



PC871

Name: Martinez, Laurinda

Community of Residence: California

Comment:

These bears deserve to thrive, not be killed off let nature take its course not human beings with guns. Man is the worst thing that ever happened to this planet save the Bears.



PC872

Name: Martirez, Don

Community of Residence: Duarte, CA

Comment:

Leave Mother Nature alone, this includes bears.



PC873

Name: Mason, Megan

Community of Residence: Chicago

Comment:

I oppose the take of brown and black bears in the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Management Area.

Surely there is another way to preserve the herd and does not include department staff or others killing bears. The decline in herd numbers is mostly due to disease and lack of food, per Alaska's research.

Other animals in the area are also struggling so of course the natural cycle will take over.

Should the state try more robust efforts at fostering better food sources or helping sick caribou and then returning them to the wild? Should wild mating programs be implemented? Why is it so easy to weigh the lives of the herd against those of the bears and wolves?

It is critical to consider alternatives to staff essentially hunting animals who are doing nothing but following instinct and also trying to survive.



PC874

Name: Mason, Sofia

Community of Residence: United Kingdom

Comment:

How could this possibly be considered when those bears have been eating out of that river since probably the first congregation of salmon and the falls forming 3,500 years ago! If it's peoples safety you are concerned about then humans should not be allowed to go there! It is an absolute disgrace to even consider removing the bears in any form from their natural environment that has belonged to them for over 3000 years!



PC875

Name: Maxell, Diana

Community of Residence: Kamas, Utah

Comment:

I strongly oppose the plans to kill bears and wolves. It is important to act in a scientific manner. Evidence has always shown that herd populations do not benefit from the wholesale killing of their predators. Why would I or anyone want to visit the great state of Alaska if it is known as the place of repugnant mass slaughter?



PC876

Name: Maxwell , Gail

Community of Residence: Mulino

Comment:

I oppose this slaughter of the bears. Have you not learned from history? This is exactly what happened to the wolves of Alaska. The voices of the people who hunted the caribou said the wolves were killing all the caribou. They sent scientists to study and it was proven that it was not the wolves. However the wolves were slaughtered by air....



PC877

Name: Maxwell, Doreen

Community of Residence: Ben Lomond CA

Comment:

Wildlife management and Animal husbandry don't include indiscriminate slaughter of wildlife. A mother bear with cubs is particularly important in our wild spaces.

Please be mindful and aware of best practices.



PC878

Name: Maxwell, Sacha

Community of Residence: Virginia

Comment:

Please find a way to enable these bears to maintain their range without killing them. Thank you.



PC879

Name: Mayer , Stacy

Community of Residence: Florida

Comment:

I oppose bear slaughter. There is no scientific proof that it will help with the real problem- loss of terrain



PC880

Name: Mazur, Deborah

Community of Residence: Manitoba

Comment:

I am from Canada and Canadians cherish their bears instead of hunting them down for sport. This type of mentality is taking your country 50 yrs back. Without the top carnivores the ecology of the country changes and not for the better!. What is better a legacy for your children's children or bragging rights or a trophy? Your decision here will be viewed by the world as your bears are revered by people around the world . I am not in support !



PC881

Name: McAdory, Ann

Community of Residence: Ohio

Comment:

I clearly oppose the killing of these majestic bears.

This is similar to trophy hunting, killing wild life for no reason.



PC882

Name: McAdory, Bill

Community of Residence: Ohio

Comment:

I strongly oppose killing any bears for any reason! Let the animal ecology take care of itself!



PC883

Name: McBride , Yvonne

Community of Residence: Orange

Comment:

I am in support in putting in an end to the killings of the bears in Alaska. It's truly heartbreaking. The woods are their homes. Killing innocents bears especially mom's and cubs is cruel. Please end the killings.



PC884

Name: Mccarthy, Mary Claire

Community of Residence: Palmer, AK

Comment:

Please it's not okay to gun bears down, especially considering it was ruled to be illegal twice. They are keystone species and incredible.



PC885

Name: McCarthy, Rebecca

Community of Residence: Uk

Comment:

It's so wrong to kill bears and cubs , it's not their fault



PC886

Name: McCormick-Hayes, Miriam E

Community of Residence: Washington, DC.

Comment:

There is no excuse to kill bears with an ariel assault. This is not wildlife management. Bears and wolves control herds and CWD. They are proven to help flourish the forests and other wildlife. It is cruel. Can you imagine shooting a momma bear with cubs?? What is wrong with you wildlife management people? Seems you are for the ranchers, politicians, and hunters more than you are the wildlife!!!!



PC887

Name: Mccoy, Kiesa

Community of Residence: South Carolina

Comment:

I am highly against the killing/culling of any species by humans. It has never been beneficial for our planet or wildlife. It is especially cruel & cowardly to hunt them down via helicopter or any man-made vehicle. Humans are the problem not the bears. A more sustainable solution needs to be looked at versus trying to wipe another species out, nature is all about balance. Bears are smart and know where/when to return for food, Im sure humans can come up with some non lethal ideas on how to make calving season safer for the caribou/moose. Tracking collars and those helicopters with non lethal options can be put to good use on teaching the bears this is not a safe hunting area/time. Better land management, food supply, safer migratory routes, stricter hunting regulations on cows, all need to be critically looked at as the problem still won't be resolved by killing off predatory bears or wolves when the issue is with us the humans destroying their means of survival.



PC888

Name: McCoy, Virginia

Community of Residence: NM

Comment:

This is unacceptable! You know it we know it! Stop killing our wildlife. These animals have every right to be here. Leave them alone !



PC889

Name: Mcdermott, Lauryn

Community of Residence: Portsmouth

Comment:

SAVE THE BEARS!



PC890

Name: McDowell, NancyLou

Community of Residence: Glenmont, NY

Comment:

Leave these bears alone!



PC891

Name: McGinnis, Margaret

Community of Residence: Hull, MA

Comment:

I am opposed to the Mulchatna bear control program. Bears being gunned down to increase caribou and moose herds is unconscionable. There are a variety of factors that have led to caribou declining - bears are not the reason. If caribou numbers are in such bad shape, why don't you ban recreational hunting? The only reason your agency is concerned about ungulate populations is to make sure there are more of them for hunters to kill. It is not just the Mulchatna bears - it is everywhere in Alaska where predators exist. Kill the predators so more of the other animals can be killed by hunters.

Your agency cares nothing about wildlife's right to exist as nature intended. Further, tourists come to Alaska to see wildlife, including bears. There is no other reason to visit Alaska but for its wilderness and wildlife. I don't understand why, for decades, BOG has done nothing but try to decimate the very animals that people come to see.



PC892

Name: McGinnis, Margaret

Community of Residence: hull MA

Comment:

I am opposed to any new Mulchatna bear control proposals, or any brown or black bear control proposals by helicopter/aerial gunning. There is only one reason your agency has a war on predators, and that's to increase the ungulate populations so that hunters can kill more of those animals. The only one that should be controlling all of Alaska's wildlife populations is Nature herself. I have been opposing Alaska's war on wildlife for decades, and nothing has changed. Tourists don't come to Alaska for theme parks, beaches, or major cities - they come to see wilderness and wildlife. After 4 decades, I don't understand why those in charge in Alaska want to decimate its wildlife.



PC893

Name: McGrath, Lucy

Community of Residence: Montana

Comment:

I am in opposition of this bill. While I don't live in Alaska, I do live in another big bear state and I realize how vital they are to the environment. Slaughtering bears from a helicopter is not the way to control population sizes at all. There are much more ethical ways to do this without the vicious attack.



PC894

Name: McKenney, Jeannie

Community of Residence: Maine

Comment:

I oppose the slaughtering of bears



PC895

Name: Mckissock, Sarah

Community of Residence: Ottawa

Comment:

It is not ethical to slaughter animals. This is borderline animal abuse and should be stopped immediately. The ecosystems depend on these animals and killing them will cause nothing but damage



PC896

Name: McMillan, Steven

Community of Residence: Australia

Comment:

Please save the bears



PC897

Name: McMullen, Tiana

Community of Residence: Canada

Comment:

What if we slaughtered people the way we do animals? Would we have the same reaction? Most likely not because for some odd reason humans are looked at as more superior and powerful when I'm reality we are weak. We hide behind guns. You are a bunch of cowards, inhumane and you will get your karma. Mark my words. People that hurt animals don't get off easy, just remember that. Your time will come.



PC898

Name: McNaught, Jerri

Community of Residence: Wichita, KS

Comment:

I oppose the bear kill, it's not science based.



PC899

Name: Mee, Bernadette

Community of Residence: Uk

Comment:

I totally oppose the shooting, maiming & murder of these beautiful bears, who should be left to thrive in their habitat. Humans have caused enough chaos & destruction of wildlife habitat & wildlife on this planet, so leave the bears to thrive in peace. Put nature before tourism & before profit. If there's any risk to tourists from the bears, keep the tourists away. Learn the lessons, which are many, of killing our beautiful wildlife, which upsets the balance of nature. Humans & their guns have caused enough destruction on this planet, so leave the bears alone.



PC900

Name: Meena, Ram

Community of Residence: India

Comment:

Stop present action for bears. And save them
