

Public Comment Opposing the Mulchatna Bear Control Program

To the Alaska Board of Game,

My name is Lia Bueno Moretti, and I am writing from São Paulo, Brazil, to express my strong opposition to the proposed Mulchatna bear control program.

Although I have never been to Alaska, I care deeply about the protection of wild animals and ecosystems everywhere. The bears of the Mulchatna region are part of a globally significant natural heritage. The idea of shooting them from helicopters -- treating these intelligent, majestic creatures as expendable obstacles -- is deeply troubling to me, both ethically and ecologically.

Predator control programs like this one have repeatedly shown questionable effectiveness. There is no solid scientific consensus that aerial gunning of bears leads to the recovery of prey populations like caribou. On the contrary, these methods often create new ecological imbalances and erode public trust in wildlife stewardship.

Even from thousands of miles away, I feel a responsibility to speak up for the bears who cannot defend themselves. Wildlife does not belong to any one country; it is a shared responsibility of our global community to protect it with wisdom and compassion.

Please cancel this cruel and short-sighted program. The bears of Mulchatna deserve better.

Sincerely,

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