

I oppose the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's intensive management plan for the Mulchatna caribou herd. The plan is not science-based. There are no data that support the predator control being undertaken in this region. The herd is facing many challenges; however, ADF&G has not convincingly proven that brown bears are the cause nor that their decimation is the solution. Also, the Board of Game has shown a blatant disregard for public process in pursuing this plan, foregoing public comment period, and ignoring Court orders to cease the killings. These bears are close to the McNeil River Bear Sanctuary as well as the Brooks Falls bear viewing area. We have a right to enjoy them in these settings. Their killings are eroding public confidence in the Department and Board of Game to manage our fish and wildlife on the sustained yield principle as obligated in the Alaska Constitution.

Do not authorize this intensive management plan.