

Public Comment for the Board of Game Special Meeting regarding Intensive Management for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd

To Whom It May Concern:

I am strongly **opposed** to the Plan for intensive management for the Mulchatna caribou herd.

My reasons:

I believe in ethical, legal, and science-based wildlife management and this proposal falls short on all three levels.

- It is unethical to wipe out entire bear populations by shooting animals from the air. Also, many of the bears killed or slated to be killed are from areas that are some of Alaska's most iconic bear-viewing spots; including Brooks Falls and McNeill River.
- It is illegal as there was no mandated public input and there was no adherence to the sustained yield provision in the Alaska Constitution.
- And the science-based wildlife management component is missing because there is no current baseline data for the bear density in the area, there is no data that suggests that bears are limiting the Mulchatna herd's growth, and no thorough studies have been done on other factors that might have led to the Mulchatna herd's failure to thrive.

Sincerely,

Claudi Thompson