

Testimony by Derek Stonorov to the Board of Game concerning Proposal 5AAC 92.111

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I oppose the continuation of the predator control and intensive management program conducted by ADF&G for the supposed benefit of Mulchatna Caribou Herd.

The BOG should not be a rubber stamp for the ADF&G. Hopefully board members will not only question department staff on the data they will doubtlessly present, but very very importantly ask questions on the methodology used to determine that data. Careful questioning could very well show flaws in what the Department considers solid scientific information. It might not hurt to ask Department staff if any of their conclusions have had peer review or been published in appropriate journals.

Thanks for your time and for your service on the BOG. For the record I'm a past president of the Homer AC, a brown bear research biologist, a past employee of the ADF&G, a watchable wildlife guide, an ardent hunter, and a 60 plus year visitor to the Alaska Peninsula and surrounding area.

Anyone who hasn't seen huge vegetation and wildlife changes to Alaska in the years I've been here is just blowing so much smoke and doesn't ever get outside. Times change, caribou numbers go up and down. Killing bears and wolves isn't going to bring back the 1960's and 70's.