

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the

proposal to reinstate the aerial gunning of bears—including

sows with cubs—in the name of intensive management for

the Mulchatna Caribou Herd.

This practice is not only deeply inhumane, but it is not

supported by science. There is no credible evidence that

killing bears from the air leads to meaningful or sustainable

recovery of caribou populations.

These methods are rooted

in outdated predator control models and fail to consider the complex ecological relationships that sustain balanced ecosystems.

In 2023 alone, 99 bears were killed, and 80 more in 2024.

These are not just numbers—they represent the violent loss

of sentient beings, often family units, that play a vital role

in Alaska's wild landscapes. I am particularly disturbed that

this program targets mothers with cubs, which is both

unethical and destabilising to bear populations.

As someone who believes deeply in responsible wildlife stewardship and coexistence, I urge the board to pursue non-lethal, science-based approaches to caribou population recovery. Killing predators from helicopters is not a solution—it's a step backwards.