

Dear Board of Game Members,

I am writing to urge you to reject the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's proposed expansion of its intensive management plan targeting bears in the Mulchatna region.

This program has twice been ruled illegal by the Alaska Superior Court for violating both public process requirements and the constitutional mandate for sustained yield. Despite this, ADF&G has continued the aerial killing of bears — over 200 to date — without fresh data or scientific justification. A Superior Court judge has already cited the agency's actions as being in bad faith, and key officials now face potential contempt proceedings.

Not only is this program legally questionable, it is biologically unsupported and fiscally irresponsible. Former ADF&G biologists have publicly stated there is no evidence that bear predation is limiting the Mulchatna caribou herd. Meanwhile, the true threats to the herd — disease, poor habitat, and malnutrition — remain unaddressed.

This isn't science-based management; it's a reckless campaign with staggering ecological and economic consequences. I respectfully ask the Board to uphold the law, reject this proposal, and demand a return to ethical, data-driven wildlife policy.