

I disagree with the ADFG proposal to intensely manage — by elimination — any bears in the Mulchatna area or elsewhere in Alaska. Wildlife has gained positive worldwide attention through online sources such as explore.org's website featuring Katmai and Anan Creek bears. Alaska's reputation as the place to see and nonconsumptively enjoy bears surpasses the value of cutting back bears by killing intentionally as a state sanctioned program. Wildlife viewing has strong economic benefits to local businesses around the state. As a 56-year resident of Alaska, I prize the importance wildlife brings to my home state. I urge the board to reject this proposal.