

I strongly oppose the continued aerial killing of bears, as well as the proposal by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to expand the area of the bear slaughter to an expanded forty thousand square mile area.

This practice it is deeply disturbing and inhumane, and unsupported by evidence. It's wasteful of taxpayer dollars and destructive to Alaska's ecosystems.

There is no evidence to support that shooting bears achieves the targeted goal of increasing caribou and moose populations for the purpose of hunting.

Research shows that the decline of caribou and moose populations is from other reasons-such as habitat loss. climate change and disease-not the predation of bears.

We must protect Alaska's heritage. It is a shared responsibility along with the protection of wildlife, which is a public trust. It is our responsibility to maintain ecological integrity and diversity.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

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