

I am a trained biologist that does not work for ADFG, and I am writing to express my personally held views as a citizen of the State of Alaska. I am opposed to the regulation change that would enable the intensive predator control program in the greater Mulchatna area. ADFG has failed in the development of this program in several ways:

1. ADFG failed to conduct public review of the program. This has been confirmed by multiple recent court findings.
2. ADFG has failed to conduct studies on the biological impact of such a program on predator populations in the area. Baseline data are also unavailable since predator populations have not been routinely

3. ADFG has failed to ensure the use of best available science. The program has been pushed forward despite ADFG biologists concern. The program has been pushed forward despite studies showing that predation is not a leading factor in the decline of the Mulchatna caribou herd. There is little to no evidence in the scientific literature to show that mass killing predators will help a prey species increase in number. It is telling that MANY former biologists have left ADFG and spoken out against this program publicly and within scientific communities. Please see numerous recent ADN article's.

It is my hope that the Board of Game will do their job and take into consideration the scientific evidence (or lack thereof), the

expertise of the biologists and the will of
public and reject this regulation change. RC097

Thank you for your time.