

I oppose emergency regulation 5AAC92.125d .And this is why .I trap wolves in GMU 14B which is right between GMU 16 and 13 where people are allowed to shoot wolves from the air. Ever since the general public has been allowed to conduct wolf control in GMU 16 I've had airplane hunters dragging my trap line, every time I catch a wolf there are planes dragging my line and circling my wolves. There are a few places out in the open where I could set for wolves on my line but don't because I am sure if I did and caught a wolf it would be stolen if some one could land a plane close enough to them. I've also seen airplanes checking out kill sites on a regular basis along my line. One time on my first trip up the Kashwitna river I found a dead wolf in the middle of the river that from all indications had been shot and left there. Before the implementation of predator control in GMU16 I never saw more than one or two planes all winter and never under 2000ft AGL, now its all the time ,all of this in GMU 14B which isn't a predator control area . On top of all that the program set up the way it is doesn't even meet the states goals of reducing wolves. It isn't in the states or moose hunter's best interest to allow the general public to do predator control. The way its set up, it's just a glorified sport hunt. Any predator control program should be done buy trained professionals like state biologists or USDA APHIS WS personnel. Maybe then the states goals would be meet and you wouldn't have a bunch of armatures out hunting where there not suppose to and leaving wolves to the ravens. While the loss of a airplane to someone might be great the loss of a job is buy far greater. The way its set up now there's no incentive for the public to meet the states goals because if they do the program will be stopped .I am a life long hunter and trapper who believes in predator control if its done properly and this program isn't !! Leave It To The Professionals'

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Board of Game Members,

Re: Emergency Regulations-5AAC92.125(b): Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Areas in Units 12, 20(B), 20(D), 20(E) and 25(C)

I support this emergency regulation proposed by The Alaska Department of Fish and Game in the above mentioned GMUs. One population, the Forty Mile Caribou Herd, needs to achieve the intensive management population and harvest objectives. Other game populations in these GMUs also require predator management.

Predation by wolves and bears is a major factor that reduces game populations. The State Constitution and the Intensive Management Law requires the Board to manage designated areas for maximum sustained yield of game populations for human consumption. This requires management to reduce predators in specified areas.

Please continue to support necessary predator control.

Sincerely,

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Re: Emergency Regulations-5AAC92.125(d) Unit 16 Predation Control Areas

I support this emergency regulation proposed by The Alaska Board of Game in all of Unit 16. Predation by wolves and bears is a major factor that reduces game populations. The State Constitution and the Intensive Management Law require the Board to manage designated areas for maximum sustained yield of game populations for human consumption. This requires management to reduce predators in specified areas.

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Thursday, May 29, 2008

**To the Alaska Board of Game, Boards Support Section**

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I am a reviewer of the Predator Control Implement Plan for July 2<sup>nd</sup> 08 teleconference, and am submitting a comment.

I am Miles Martin. I have lived in the interior of Alaska since 1972 and been a hunter trapper and subsistence person all over the interior. I was a professional trapper for 25 years, and have been an artist using teeth claws horns antler as my primary raw materials.

I note that no other plan, solution, is being considered other than the ones submitted by the Board.

I have in the past had more interest in the problem and the solutions, and getting involved by being part of the system. It has been a lesson in frustration. There is a big credibility problem between Fish and Game and the public and addressing this issue might, in the big picture be of the most help when seeking support. There are many inconsistencies in your proposals. Specifically

The Board views the wolf population as too high and as a problem needing to be solved. Yet the wolf is still on the endangered species list! The wolf is either endangered or overpopulated, not both. The public sees front page news about the poor wolf caught in a snare near Denali and how thousands of dollars were spent to find it, and save it. Done by 'The Government' granted a different department not related, (and Federal not state) but inconsistent, operating on the opposite viewpoint. The Feds and State differ in a great many areas. Which branch of the government is correct? One government agency speaks of needing a buffer zone (ultimately the entire interior of Alaska) While another department says we need to get the numbers down and we are in emergency mode. Who do we the public believe? Many trappers (who could help resolve the problem you have) do not want to get involved and do not target wolves. They do not want to make the news.

As an artist I can not send my wolf claw art through the mail without a special \$25 permit per shipment that must be inspected at a designated export point. World wide wolves are endangered, as seen in the public eyes. Trappers – hunters are not encouraged to go knock the population down. While at the same time the solution is to use tax dollars to go resolve the overpopulation problem. Aerial hunting by the public will be allowed, but by specific designated approved pilots, and it is not easy to be part of this solution.

I have a thought in this. Why not **designate the wolf as a big game trophy animal. Allow trophy hunting by guided hunt only, requiring a guide**, with a hefty permit fee, and require salvage of hide, through a qualified local taxidermist. This gives local guides business, and in winter when they need the work. This gives taxidermists some work. Indirectly hunters need a place to stay, a place to eat, gifts, a need to fly, and the money flows. This solution allows anyone in the world to come get an exotic endangered limited supply trophy. This turns 'a problem' into 'an asset'. The fee brings in revenue needed to do more wolf studies and management. Or money to work with the moose situation (related to the wolf issue). Instead of using public tax dollars, let the user of the resource happily pay the bill. A surplus of wolves should be a source of great joy,

not a problem. As a hunter trapper and lover of the animals I am concerned with an attitude of this being a problem, as all the Fish and Games proposals suggest. It is like a farmer complaining he has too much stock. What's wrong with this picture! Livestock is a valuable commodity, not a liability! ! How about an attitude change! (as part of a proposed solution) **Solution: Attitude: "The wolf is an Alaska asset, and like any asset, worth lots of money"** , trophy hunters will spend thousands of dollars for the thrill of a guided hunt. I am in business and talk to people all over the world.

**The bear population issue.** Like the wolf issue. As an artist I am told I can not deal in bear parts because this might encourage the hunting of bears. Yet Fish and Game tells me there is a surplus, and this is a problem, and tax dollars are going to be used to solve this problem. It is my understanding the sale of bear parts became restricted when a few hunters killed bears and cut galls out to sell, and left the rest behind. Shame on those people! But bear gall value is way down these days, so the same problem does not exist. The rest of the bears parts totaled, are not worth what the gall once was. Yet laws have not reflected this new shift. Some hides from some areas are now legal to sell for crafts but not skulls nor claws. These 'designated area bears' do not present a solution easy to work with.

**Example** I myself have killed bears. In the past these bears were remote and incidental as part of subsistence fishing and a remote lifestyle. Partly killed to protect my fish and my belongings, but added to the food larder. The law requires I bring in the head of the bear for tagging within 15 days. It used to cost me \$200 in boat gas and 3 days time to get to a Fish and Game office. I can not always get away. I had fish nets to check, a dog team to take care of. The skull is rotting within 2 days and full of maggots in 3 days. I can not realistically arrive in town with a maggoty bear head and expect to get in a taxi cab or take a bus. Not following this law turns any situation where this is ignored into an illegal activity, greatly discouraging those who live in bear country in remoter areas from bothering to take a bear. In truth all the biologist needs is a single tooth! So? Why does Fish and Game on the one hand tell the public of a problem, and on the other hand not make it easy to solve? That's a very mixed message. Why not let remote hunters send a tooth in the mail at their convenience? Submit a picture too if worried about fraud?

Many miners, fisherman etc would be more willing to harvest bears who are not trophy hunters, but might use the meat, have me make a necklace of claws, save the hide, or pass it on and solve the problem without the solution being the use of dollars! Or require artists as myself to buy a user permit, dealer fee of some kind, and use the money to do studies and enhance the moose population or manage the bears etc. Again, let the specific consumer happily pay the bill, instead of the public.

**In conclusion the surplus of any living thing should be a joy.** As a professional trapper hunter I harvest surplus. There is no such thing as 'too many!' If I have a garden and have a bounty crop and cannot harvest it all, then I happily invite my friends to come help themselves. I do not spray poison on my crop as a way to cut down on the amount, out of concern the garden may take over my yard, or the crop might get stunted or sick. . I do not ask the government to develop seeds that will produce less food. I do not restrict the harvest to the extent no one wants to come help themselves, because I have put up a fence, there is a long waiting list, and lots of paperwork. . I make it easy to come help yourself. If I must, I give it away. (Or harvest myself and sell surplus pickles and jam).

Fish and Game is like the farmer. you are entrusted to manage and take care of the living resources of the land for public use. You are a farmer telling those who hired you, there is a surplus, and this is a problem that will get solved, said with a frown, and the solution is to eliminate the resource. As a farmer, a surplus should be a source of joy. The wolf, the bear, are not 'weeds' interfering with the harvestable garden (moose). The wolf, the bear, are also valued crops. All life is a blessing. How to distribute this wonderful bounty is the problem, said with a smile, it's money. Getting rid of a resource with a frown because it is a problem is like burning money. Why are you doing this? Would you, do you, treat gold, oil, fish, timber the same way??? I am concerned, for what kind of farmer is it that hates the produce he is entrusted with (or likes cows well enough, but treats the chickens and goats as problems) ?

The country and the state are facing record hard times financially. In these new trying times I suggest we cannot afford to treat our resources as 'problems', as we have in the past and suggest the attitude is in fact part of the bigger problem. I suggest as a proposed solution, an attitude change.

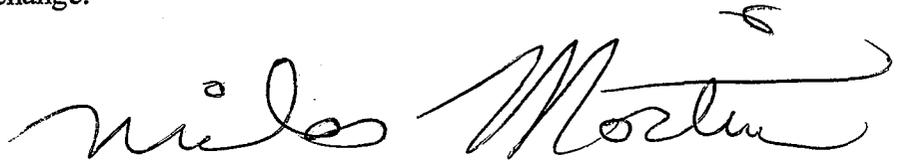
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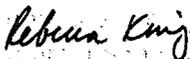
Dear Alaska Board of Game Members,

I am writing in regards to the upcoming proposals regarding Predator Control Implementation Plans to make permanent wolf, brown bear, and black bear control programs in several game units in the state.

This letter is a request not to forget to represent those Alaskans with non-consumptive values for wildlife. As one of those Alaskans, I understand the practical reasons for predator control and have lived here long enough to expect the inevitability of it, but ask that it be done in as humane and limited a manner as possible. For environmental, spiritual, and intellectual reasons the wildlife in the state is important to my life, despite the fact that I do not depend on it economically. For the sake of healthy ecosystems, I would ask that the low end number of predators be very carefully researched and taken as the extreme limit, not the objective. To go from hundreds of wolves to a mere twenty-two in an area sounds severe. For the sake of individual animals, I would ask that if the control is to involve the public that there are major incentives for humane methods and deterring penalties and enforcement for inhumane hunting. Those wolves in Denali with the snares around their neck and wolves chased to exhaustion from planes are heartbreaking past scenarios. I am disappointed that the sterilization is considered ineffective because of the cost. Is that maybe something a few non-consumptive non-profits might be willing to sponsor?

Again, this letter is to remind you that even those of us who don't (and many who do!) hunt and trap have an important place for Alaska's wildlife in our lives. I have lived here thirty years. Please try to be as humane and limited in these predator control plans as possible.

Respectfully,



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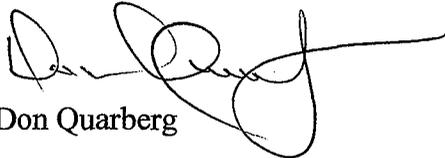
Re: Predator Control Implementation Plans

Dear Board of Game Members

I urge your support and passage of the Predator Control Plan for the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predator control Area in Units 12, 20(B), 20(D), 20(E) and 25(C). Let's continue to manage our Game Resources with sound biological principles.

Kindly note, as current the chair of the Delta ADFG Advisory Committee, I have attempted to contact all members of our committee regarding this issue. To Date, only three other members have submitted comments with no opposition to this plan being expressed. However, bear in mind that this is not a letter from the committee, as a quorum was not attained.

Thank you and please vote to pass this plan.



Don Quarberg