

**Testimony Before the
Alaska Board of Game
By
Dennis Andrew Sr.**

Wasilla, Alaska

March 5, 2011

Mr. Chairman and Board members, my name is _Dennis Andrew. I'm a resident of New Stuyahok and I'm a Bristol Bay resident fisherman, having lived for 58 years in the New Stu area. I'm here to testify in favor of proposal number 29 and 30.

29 increases the bag limit to 2 bears per year and eliminates the salvage requirements, under the defense of life and property for trophy bears.

I'm in favor of this because the bears are everywhere and are even thicker as the salmon are running. The bears are harassing the dog teams and endangering the kids and 500 plus residents.

Proposal 30 is moving the caribou season back to the original August 1st to April 15th.

The community supports it and here is a petition from the students of the New Stuyahok School, requesting you bring it back.

Due to the exploration and industrial activity for mine development in the upper mulchatna, I believe, that the caribou have been chased out of their traditional calving grounds and are being moved into higher density of wolf and bear populations. Now the upper and lower Nushagak villages are competing for the same resource of these declining populations.

I'd like to thank the board for listening to our concerns.

**Testimony Before the
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by
Mark J. Kosbruk Sr.**

Wasilla, Alaska

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Board members for taking the time to listen to my testimony. My name is Mark J. Kosbruk Sr. representing myself on proposal 22 regarding predator control. I am a Bristol Bay resident and have commercial fished for 38 years in the unit 9E area. I'm here to testify in favor to proposal 22 that would implement a predator control plan for wolves and brown bear in the unit 9E area.

I am in favor of proposal 22 for the following reasons; public safety and the caribou herd of Port Heiden. The wolves walk and hunt right outside our homes and the public school from morning until night. The safety of our school children from predators needs to be addressed now. The wolves and brown bears have evolved not to fear humans or vehicles in our village. Also, we have a heard of caribou that stays in Port Heiden through the winter, and they have adapted to live right next to our residential housing; which attracts the wolves and bears to our area that ultimately presents a threat to the safety of our community. The predators kill our dogs and prey on our villagers. For instance, two young girls have been chased, and a third

villager has been stalked right outside his house while walking to his vehicle. After closing the doors of his vehicle, a pack of wolves were roaming outside his car door. Fish and Game has done some predator control before, which was successful, but the wolves are coming back to the village.

I have briefly mentioned the problems in our village from the excessive population of wolves, and now would like to inform you all about our brown bear issues. The bears have been known to invade our porches in the middle of the day searching for food. They have broken down our doors and get into our freezers. I live in Port Heiden, but grew up in Perryville. I often travel back and forth from both villages; and in Perryville my brothers have witnessed the bears catching, killing, and eating the dogs outside the homes. It is essential to reduce the amount of predators in our area to ensure the safety of our community and preserve our resources. In conclusion, I would like to thank you Mr. Chairman and Board Members for taking the time and consideration to listen to my testimony.

**Testimony Before the
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**by
Paul Hansen**

Wasilla, Alaska

March 5, 2011

Mr. Chairman and Board members, my name is Paul Hansen. I am a resident of Naknek, having lived for 67 years in the Bristol Bay region. Representing myself, I am here to testify in favor of proposals 119 and 121 regarding the management of predator control.

I support proposals 119 and 121 because the Mulchatna Caribou herd that migrates to our area, where we hunt, has been declining. The decreasing population of caribou indicates that predators such as; bear and wolves contribute to the diminishing numbers of moose and caribou. It is vital to reduce the excessive amount of predators in our region to preserve our resources that we rely on for subsistence harvests. In essence, all hunters would benefit from the proposals 119 and 121.

I also support proposals 1-5 and 2-5 to extend the trapping season of lynx and wolverines thru March 31 before the snow and ice start to melt. We must be able to utilize the snow and ice while it is available for travel to trapping destinations. The trapping season of lynx and wolverines are not open long enough to sustain our families that depend on trapping for a

living. Both proposals 1-5 and 2-5 would benefit all trappers and should be considered. I would like to thank the Mr. Chairman and the Board members for taking the time to listen to my concerns and testimony.