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Alaska Board of Game:



I SUPPORT for Proposal 105, to ban grizzly and black bear snaring in the Southwest and Central regions. As I have stated previously, the snaring of bears, which until your decisions in 2008 had not been legal since before statehood, is not only indiscriminate, cruel and not biologically sustainable, but is also fraught with enforcement and user-conflict issues.

I also SUPPORT of Proposal 86 to re-establish a no-trapping buffer zone adjacent to Denali National Park, and urge you to include the Stampede area in this buffer zone. I am quite aware that the BOG has a moratorium in effect on this issue, having been at the 2010 Fairbanks meeting where the BOG instituted this. However, not only do I believe that this moratorium is unconstitutional and illegal, but it also most certainly goes against any intent that the BOG represents all Alaskans and manages Alaska's wildlife with any degree of responsibility. I doubt that I will convince you to listen now, as you haven't listened or acted responsibly on this issue since 2002, but I will go on the record once more: Denali National Park wolves use this area, and the Stampede area, as part of their regular winter travel, and allowing two trappers to destroy these world-famous packs, obliterate decades of continuous scientific research, and take these wolves from hundreds of thousands of Alaskans and visitors from around the world is simply the most irresponsible act you continue to make.

I realize that the time I'm taking to write this letter is likely, once again, a waste of my time. You haven't listened to us nonconsumptive users in a very long time. But if you think that by ignoring us, you'll make us go away, you are wrong.

I continue to await the day when the Alaska Board of Game will wake up and begin to make decisions based on the rights and interests of ALL Alaskans.

Sincerely

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