

To the Alaska Board of Game:

I am a former Alaska resident and natural resource scientist with an academic background in wildlife biology (specializing in apex predator management) and I am writing to voice my **support for Proposal 105** which would ban grizzly and black bear snaring in the Southwest and Central regions of Alaska.

This is not only an ecologically unsound method of dealing with the management of these predators, it is brutal and inhumane. It tarnishes Alaska's image as a state that reveres its wildlife and adversely impacts its tourism industry in that it dissuades wildlife enthusiasts from visiting the state. Bear snaring has never been allowed in Alaska since statehood until the BOG approved an experimental program in 2008. Additionally, it is dangerous not only for the bears, but for humans and their dogs.

Again, I urge you to reinstate the ban on snaring bears and pass proposal 105.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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