

To the BOG

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I have been a Master Guide for most of my life.  
I have been a resident of China Poot Bay for 43 years.

My lifestyle and business success depends on non-hunting tourism and ecotourism.

Over the course of my 40 year business career in Alaska our Wilderness Lodge has brought many millions of dollars into the state from direct fees to me and the ancillary services used by my clients: hotels, motels, restaurants, an economic multiplier of 5 to 7 times the actual money paid to me, according to State Tourism financial analysis.

I hunt every year.

**I support proposals #105 and #86**

Those who would oppose these proposals should consider the damage that snaring bears and trapping wolves near Denali have on Alaska in general and Alaska tourism in general. Visitors hate these ill advised activities !!

If you make your decision on the amount of money coming into the state because of ecotourism, the BOG's decision is simple.

Decide to the advantage of the many not the few !  
Do what is best for Alaska as a whole, not what is best for a few!

Why would the needs of a few snaring people and a few trappers trump the issues brought to you by the far greater number like me and those of my point of view.

Please support #105 and #86

Thank you,

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