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Fairbanks A/C comments for Central/Southwest Trapping.

Proposal 60 exclude trapping from National park service lands unit 9 and 10.

We oppose this proposal. We recognize the importance of the decision of the Commission to follow I.M. law. We also know that there is no Sport hunting or Sport trapping taking place in units 9 or 10. The proposer also state that the current take of wolves is in violation of ANILCA. This maybe true under park values and propose, but ANILA must also provide for subsistence uses. You can't piece meal ANILCA.

Finally the proposer state that taking of wolves during denning is inconsistence with NPS statues, regulations and policies. But this is not consistence with the actions of NPS on the taking of artic and red fox in other western wildlife refuges. Whereas NPS applies for and receives a permit from the State to harvest foxes in late spring (when foxes are denning). Note: none of the game harvested under this permit are salvaged, they are thrown in the local landfills.

Proposal 86 Close a portion of unit 13 that bounds the Parks hwy. and Denali National Park.

We oppose this proposal. We oppose this because after review of State statue AS 16.05.258 (subsistence Allocation). That this proposal does not comply with the statue. Unit 13 has a harvestable surplus above the maximum ANS. Which the BOG "shall adopt regulations that provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses..." (As 16.05.258(1)A)

Proposal 104 prohibits the snaring of bears.

We oppose this proposal on two points. 1. The proposer asks to restrict the act of snaring bears in units 9, 10, 11, 13,14a, 14b, and 17. Current regulation already does not allow the take of bears with the use of snare. The proposer is not asking to change current regulations pertaining to the take of bears. 2. We support the Board's action on the snaring of bears in unit 16. And have done so with conservation of the resource and with the safety of the public in your decisions or actions.

Proposal 105 opposed see action on proposal 104.

Proposal 121 prohibit the take of wolves March through November.

We oppose. We are very confident that the current seasons for the taking of wolves in the Central/Southwest region are being managed on a sustained yield basis, and subsistence law is being complied.

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