

Trever M. Fulton

From: Richard Doering <rd8734@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 7:03 PM
To: Trever M. Fulton
Subject: Support for SB 87

Dear Mr Trevor Fulton,

I request that you please place the following in the document packet for Wednesday's hearing on SB 87 as a letter of support.

Thank you,

Dear Chairman Birch and members of Senate Resources Committee,

Article 8 of the Alaska constitution instructs the legislature to manage game for the benefit of residents of the state. In a time of game shortage this means residents should get a priority over non-residents. This is not how the board of game is currently prioritizing its responsibilities.

Page 7 of the hunting regs states clearly "*Nonresidents are allowed to hunt when there is enough game to allow everyone to participate. When there isn't enough game, nonresident hunters are restricted or eliminated first.*" *Has the board of game not read the regs?*

*I urge you, as a hunter and Alaskan resident, to consider SB 87 and the change of "may" to "shall" in the sentence "the Board of Game **shall** [MAY], through a permit system, limit the taking of big game by nonresidents and nonresident aliens to accomplish that purpose. This will give the board of game the guidance they need to comply with the constitution.*

In a time of plenty all should benefit. In a time of scarcity residents should get priority over non-residents. Hunting is more of a harvest for a vital food source for residents than for non-residents.

Thank you,

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