

Honorable Senator Revak,

We are supporting your bill SB22. "An Act repealing the termination date for the intensive management hunting license surcharge."

This surcharge is an effective way to fund ADF&G management strategies, helping to insure healthy populations of animals for sport and subsistence hunters at a minimal cost to each hunter and fisher.

We have read pros and cons about this funding, some saying it is only being used to target wolves and bears and some saying it isn't being used in the way it was supposed to be, and all kinds of variations and ideas about it. We choose to accept the expertise of wildlife biologists and any funding we can send their way is needed and used well as far as we can tell. We have had a hunting guide operation in the Wrangell mountains since the early 1960's and do want to have healthy populations of animals.

We are convinced that those using state resources should have some "skin in the game".

We support our ADF&G people and for the most part think they really do care and try to do a good job.

Please repeal the termination of the surcharge. A sunset would be horrible especially at this time of year when the sunsets are getting later every day.

Personally:

Sure was good meeting you last year. We would have enjoyed coming down to Juneau once again to sit in on meetings and learn more this spring but alas, we are stuck in the Wrangell's with a bumper crop of light powder and our skis by the door since things are shut down.

Thanks for sponsoring this bill and thank the committee for the repeal if they vote that way. If they don't I guess we will be perplexed at their thinking and we probably won't want to thank them too much.....

We spoke with you about getting kids out here hunting from the military world. We need to do that. This year we have a young man from Alaska coming after winning an essay competition sponsored by Alaska Professional Hunters Assoc. but, would be interested if you have some ideas WHEN you have time. We are not on a deadline.

Thanks for all your hard work and hair pulling.... Can't imagine how hard your job is especially now in the present world. Yikes.

Sincerely,

Paul and Donna Claus

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