

SB

235

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

SUPPORT BUILDING  
JUNEAU 99801

March 28, 1975

Honorable Nels A. Anderson  
Chairman-House Resources Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Pouch V  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

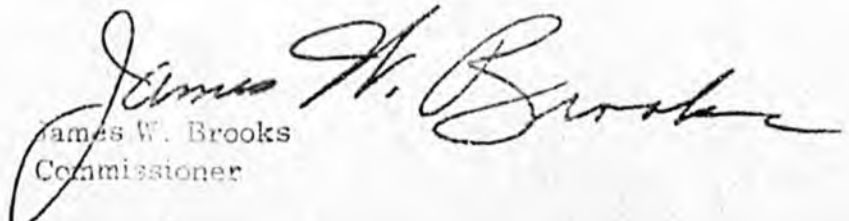
Dear Representative Anderson:

I have your letter of March 25, 1975 and assume that it is related to the arrival of SB 235. You evidently believe that decisive action on my part would have spared the Legislature the responsibility for addressing this problem. Please consider the following:

1. I directed that the predator program be undertaken.
2. Its execution was delayed by court action.
3. I considered and rejected the options for action that would avoid conflict with the injunction. One option involved the reintroduction of public aerial shooting with control being exercised through issuance of permits - a system that had proved uncontrollable in the past and therefore would have probably resulted in prompt, additional court involvement. The other option calling for implementation of an old law permitting the Governor to hire hunters and trappers was simply not practical.
4. I had no knowledge that Senator Butrovich and Senator Huber intended to introduce the legislation until after they had done so.
5. Once the Legislature undertook action to remove the legal obstacles imposed by the court, I supported the effort.

I commend you on not wishing to make resource management decisions and it is not in my nature to pass controversial ones on to anyone else. To the contrary, I strive daily to carry out my responsibilities in a manner that will avoid imposing additional burdens or problems on the legislator and the Governor.

Sincerely yours,

  
James W. Brooks  
Commissioner