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# Alaska State Legislature

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES

POUCH V  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811  
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March 14, 1985

Dear Advisory Board Chairman:

The issue of wolf control was the topic of discussion at a recent teleconference I held on March 13.

At that meeting representatives from 11 different advisory boards agreed to come to the March game Board meeting in Anchorage with a unified statement in support of wolf control.

If your board supports wolf control and you would like to join with these other 11 boards I would suggest that a representative meet with these folks in Anchorage prior to the Board taking up wolf control. The people you should look for are Sue Entsminger, or Bill Ellis from Slana, or Mike Pearson from Anderson. They can provide you with more details and tell you where and when the meeting is occurring. Also Ray Collins from McGrath, Freddy Roberts from Fort Yukon, and Dean Cummings from Delta will be there.

I apologize for not having you on line with us during the teleconference. I hope in the future that more participants from rural Alaska can be heard on this issue. The one point that was brought out during the teleconference was that each local board is frustrated at the lack of action by the Game Board when it comes to wolf control. That is why these local boards are joining together and presenting a strong unified position.

Please take the time to fill out the enclosed questionnaire and send it back to me. Also enclosed is a copy of HCR 15 for your review and comments. My address is Rep. Dick Shultz, Pouch V, Juneau, Alaska 99811. If you have questions please feel free to call my office at 465-3715.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you are successful at the Board meeting in Anchorage.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick".

Representative Dick Shultz

DAVE

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area? *Big problem*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem? *yes but not this year*

What method of wolf control does your local board support?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

public hunting from the air?

a locally funded bounty program?

a state funded bounty program?

a poison program?

other means ( please explain )

*We need to encourage more trapping in our area as aerial hunting is not very successful. We do support aerial control as a tool for wolf control.*

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area? *yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board? (explain) *yes*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue? *yes*

SEND TO : REP. DICK SHULTZ / House Resources Committee  
POUCH V  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

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*Thank you for your efforts*

*Bruce H. Ely  
Chairperson Wrangell Atd.*

OK Cutoff - NABPSNA Rd HDV Cotton  
Bill Ellis, Chairman

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

- A Does your local advisory board support wolf control? *yes*  
B Are wolves a problem in your area? *yes*  
C Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem? *yes*  
D What method of wolf control does your local board support?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

- 1 ( ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?  
2 (1) public hunting from the air?  
3 ( ) a locally funded bounty program?  
4 (2) a state funded bounty program?  
5 ( ) a poison program?

3. (4) other means ( please explain )  
*fish & game dept only as a back up when  
the public can't accomplish the desired harvest.  
trapper education.*

- 6 Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area? *yes*  
7 Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*  
8 Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board? (explain)

9 Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue?

*yes*

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~~Just?~~

Not Will

units 14, 13, & 16

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control? *YES, WHERE & WHEN NECESSARY*

Are wolves a problem in your area? *NOT IN THE UNIT 14 & 16 AREAS  
POSSIBLE PROBLEM IN UNIT 13*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem?

*PAST CONTROL EFFORTS IN 13 HAVE HELPED.*

What method of wolf control does your local board support? *BY PRIVATE  
SECTOR IF POSSIBLE WHETHER ~~BY~~ AERIAL HUNTING  
( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc.) OR TRAPPING*

- fish and game biologists hunting from the air?
- public hunting from the air ?
- a locally funded bounty program ?
- a state funded bounty program ?
- a poison program ?
- other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area? *YES*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *YES*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ? (explain)

*YES, I FEEL THE BOARD REPRESENTS A  
FAIR CROSS SECTION OF STATE INTERESTS.*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue? *YES*

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*personal*  
*Ken Chase*

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area? *only in certain areas of our units - 21-*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem? *NO*

What method of wolf control does your local board support?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

( ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air? *not at all*

(3) public hunting from the air?

( ) a locally funded bounty program?

1 (X) a state funded bounty program?

( ) a poison program? *not at all*

(2) other means ( please explain )

*Legalize using snow machines on permit - such as was used for A/c hunting.*

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area? *yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board?  
(explain)

*It's some the board is reluctant to make concrete decisions because of all the politics they have to put up with.*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue? *yes - however numbers will ~~now~~ differ in different areas of the state.*

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1.  
Michael A Pearson  
Clear/Healy

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *Yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *Yes*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *Yes*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

public hunting from the air ?

a locally funded bounty program ? - *NEVER WORK*

a state funded bounty program ?

a poison program ? - *NEVER*

other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *Yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *Yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain) *Yes*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *Yes*

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Michael A Pearson Clear/Healy

✓  
Fairbanks A/C  
Tom Scarborough

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ?

Are wolves a problem in your area ?

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ?

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc.)

(2) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

(1) public hunting from the air ?

( ) a locally funded bounty program ?

( ) a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

(3) other means ( please explain )

Local Trapping when feasible to assist

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?

(explain) *No Current board make political decision not biological with the exception of Sidney Hunting*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ?

*yes-*

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*Tom Scarborough  
Fairbanks*

Upper Tanana - 40 Mile Committee  
Jim Corwin

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ?

YES

Are wolves a problem in your area ?

YES

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ?

YES

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc.)

(1) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

( ) public hunting from the air ?

a locally funded bounty program ?

a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

( ) other means ( please explain )

Different people favor different methods  
depending on area extent of control  
desire & feasibility of attaining goal

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ?

YES

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control?

YES & N.C.

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain)

YES

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ?

YES DEFINITELY

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Central PLAN. Committee

Doc Blossom

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area? *yes*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem? *yes*

What method of wolf control does your local board support? *airial hunt*

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

(2) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

(1) public hunting from the air?

(4) a locally funded bounty program?

(3) a state funded bounty program?

(5) a poison program?

( ) other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area? *yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board?  
(explain) *yes*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue? *yes*

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✓  
Cop BSN AC.

Mike Lonigan

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *Yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *NO*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *NO*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ? *public involvement - TRAPPING hunting etc.*  
( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc.)

- ( ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?
- (X) public hunting from the air ?
- (X) a locally funded bounty program ?
- (X) a state funded bounty program ?
- ( ) ~~a poison program~~ ? *NO!*
- ( ) other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *YES*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *YES*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain) *Yes - Doing a good job when allowed to do so.*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *?*

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Winnaker Substation  
TJ Hinkle

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *yes*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *yes*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

- fish and game biologists hunting from the air?
- public hunting from the air ?
- a locally funded bounty program ?
- a state funded bounty program ?
- a poison program ?
- other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain) *NO, we would like to have  
A representative from the KENAI, PENINSULA*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *yes*

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S.E. Alaska

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *Yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *Yes*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *No - Have  
applied to F&G, only response received is to do more studies!?*  
What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc.)

- ( ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?
- ( ) public hunting from the air ? *Hunting from Air Not Practical  
in S.E. AK. Probably is*
- ( ) a locally funded bounty program ? *bounty program would*
- (X) a state funded bounty program ? *be the most effective  
in S.E.*
- ( ) a poison program ?
- ( ) other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *Yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *Not Certain - wants more study*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain) *We were (are) extremely disturbed that  
the outstanding member, Dr. Sam Horbo, was  
not reappointed. Some other members don't  
seem to, or want to, face this issue as aggressively.*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *as they should.  
Yes.*

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*Selkirk Substation  
Summer Board for Advisory Committee*

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *yes*  
Are wolves a problem in your area ? *no*  
Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *no*  
What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

( ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

( ) public hunting from the air ?

( ) a locally funded bounty program ?

①  *substantial* a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

( ) other means ( please explain )

② *private hunting from the air, with permits by number + requirements to pick up the wolves under the gun*

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *don't have one*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *NA*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain) *yes*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *It will help those villages with common wolf problems to unify*

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MAT-54

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *NO*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *NO*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ? *Hunting FROM AIR*

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

( ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

() public hunting from the air ? *ALLOWANCE IS ENOUGH INCENTIVE AND FUNDING.*

( ) a locally funded bounty program ?

( ) a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

( ) other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ? (explain)

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *yes*

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*Thomas D. Shultz*  
MAT-54 AC

MAAT-54

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *NO*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *NO*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ? *Hunting FROM AIR*

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

- ( ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?
- public hunting from the air ? *ALLOWANCE IS ENOUGH INCENTIVE AND FUNDING.*
- ( ) a locally funded bounty program ?
- ( ) a state funded bounty program ?
- ( ) a poison program ?
- ( ) other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain)

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *yes*

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*Thomas B. Shultz*  
MAAT-54-AC

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Senakee H/c Hotel on 15 of march 85  
DOWALD SEE Chairman  
PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *NO*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *NO*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ? *public hunt*

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

( ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

( 1 ) public hunting from the air ?

( ) a locally funded bounty program ?

( 2 ) a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

( ) other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ?

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control?

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ? *NO*  
(explain)

*Senakee H/c would like to see local public do the  
Hunting*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *yes*

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*Hubert Leavitt of Council POC 7 79768  
Sharon Jantler Stuck*

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *YES*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *YES*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *YES*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

(3) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

(1) public hunting from the air ? *LOCAL PILOTS*

( ) a locally funded bounty program ?

(2) a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

(4) other means ( please explain )

*Increase wolf bounty to make trapping & flying  
worthwhile, use initiative route.*

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *yes, but seen no money.*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *Not really*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ? (explain).

*Quite yes - board seems in obvious as yet*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ?

*Of course*

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Ruby Advisory Council POC ? 99768  
Sharon Guttler Truck

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *YES*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *YES*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *YES*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

(3) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

(1) public hunting from the air ? *LOCAL PILOTS*

( ) a locally funded bounty program ?

(2) a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

(4) other means ( please explain )

*Increase wolf bounty to make trapping & flying worthwhile, Use initiative route.*

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *Yes, but said no money.*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *Not really*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ? (explain).

*Qualified yes - haven't seen in action as yet*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ?

*Of course*

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Homer Tobak  
Koyukuk River Advisory Committee  
Sen. Del.  
Kilakaket, Alaska - 99720 -

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *not at present*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *yes*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

(1) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

( ) public hunting from the air ?

(3) a locally funded bounty program ?

(2) a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

( ) other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain) *no comment*

Do you feel it will help to unify . . . this issue ?

*yes*

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RON DILAS - TANAHA FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ?

Are wolves a problem in your area ?

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ?

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

(/ ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

( ) public hunting from the air ?

( ) a locally funded bounty program ?

( ) a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

(2) other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *YES*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *YES*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain) *NO COMMENT*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *YES!*

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*Yukon Flats - Don Stevens*  
*A/c*

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area? *yes [also bears]*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem? *yes*

What method of wolf control does your local board support?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

*no* — ( ) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

*no* — ( ) public hunting from the air?

(2) a locally funded bounty program?

(3) a state funded bounty program?

( ) a poison program?

(1) other means ( please explain )

*Local People benefit from a program.*

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area? *80% yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *probably yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board?  
(explain) *yes about 75%, 25% No*

*Some members vote to (the) majority, and pass the minority groups* <sup>or</sup> For

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue?

*If we make a strong stand.*

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *yes*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *yes*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

public hunting from the air ?

a locally funded bounty program ?

a state funded bounty program ?

a poison program ?

other means ( please explain )

*Local Trapping to assist above checked means.*

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain) *"No"*

*Current board makes political decisions and not biological. I do not believe they are at all interested in the resource with the exception of Sydney Hunt.*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ?

*yes. If something is not done soon some areas in eastern interior will have no more.*

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*Thomas A. Scarborough  
Fairbanks*

RUBY

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? **YES**

Are wolves a problem in your area ? **YES**

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? **YES**

What method of wolf control does your local board support ?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

(3) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

(1) public hunting from the air ? **LOCAL PILOTS**

( ) a locally funded bounty program ?

(2) a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

(4) other means ( please explain )  
**INCREASE WOLF BOUNTY TO MAKE TRAPPING + FLYING WORTHWHILE  
USE INITIATIVE ROUTE**

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? **YES, BUT SAYS NO MONEY**

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? **NOT REALLY**

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ?  
(explain)

**QUALIFIED YES - HAVEN'T SEEN IN ACTION AS YET**

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ?

**OF COURSE**

SEND TO : REP. DICK SHULTZ / House Resources Committee  
POUCH V  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control? *Yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area? *Yes*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem? *Yes*

What method of wolf control does your local board support? *What ever the Fish + Game Department suggest,*  
(please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc.)

(2) fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

(1) public hunting from the air?

( ) a locally funded bounty program? *Bull shit*

( ) a state funded bounty program? *For Get it!*

( ) a poison program? *No way!*

( ) other means (please explain) *I wish I could think of the answer. Will keep working on it. And thanks Dick for your interest.*

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area? *Yes better than the general public.*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *I hope so.*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board?  
(explain) *The State Game Board is too political. Get to get rid of ~~shit~~, the governor.*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue? *Hell yes!*

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*I am the chairman from Clear / Healy*

Castineau Channel H/C  
2662 Douglas Hwy  
Juneau

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*committee*

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Are wolves a problem in your area? *Yes*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem? *Yes*

What method of wolf control does your local board support?

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc.)

see  
Comments

fish and game biologists hunting from the air?

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a locally funded bounty program?

a state funded bounty program?

a poison program?

other means ( please explain )

Juneau has a medium wolf problem at Berners Bay  
Helicopter patrol would be moderately practical during  
*(over)*

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area? *Yes*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *Yes*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board? (explain)

*Yes - sorry to lose Sam but have not met the new man. I'll may have leanings toward less aggressive controls.*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue?

*Yes: your points on countering Anti wolf*  
*(over)*

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*Bill Dean  
Chair*

inter months, but success ratio could be  
in. Brush & Forest cover much of the valleys  
provide concealment for predators. I took  
it in the 1983 Moose Count & we saw 1 bear,  
Wolverine, + 4 wolf tracks. (100 moose)  
The forested areas of SE Alaska can only  
be hunted from the ground & by traps or  
airline Guns. Accidental sightings take  
occasional wolf.

wolverines are well taken. If there are  
rough wolverines for the casual observer to  
see one, there are too many for the  
rest of the game animals.

are not rural - nor subsistence hunters -  
Sport & Personal Use are important to Juneau

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONNAIRE

Does your local advisory board support wolf control ? *yes*

Are wolves a problem in your area ? *yes off & on*

Have you asked the Game Board for help with a wolf problem ? *yes*

What method of wolf control does your local board support ? *Aerial*

( please number in order of priority 1,2,3, etc. )

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(*1*) public hunting from the air ?

(*4*) a locally funded bounty program ?

(*2*) a state funded bounty program ?

( ) a poison program ?

( ) other means ( please explain )

Do you feel that the local fish and game biologist understands the wolf situation in your area ? *NO*

Do you feel that he or she is in support of the local advisory board position on wolf control? *YES*

Are you satisfied with the present make-up of the state Game Board ? *NO*

(explain) *The Boards have divided the state into 6 Regions and I believe each region should have a member on the Board. Their should not be more than 1 Guide or member from Protectionist groups in Board.*

Do you feel it will help to unify on this issue ? *yes*

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*Enclosed find Resolution that was adopted by Nushagak Advisory Com. and Southwest Regional Council. Hope it will help you.*

*Leon Braaswell  
Nushagak Advisory*

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AERIAL WOLF HUNTING

*in Alaska  
Western Bristol Bay*

WHEREAS, caribou are just now coming back in decent numbers ~~in Unit 17~~, and

WHEREAS, moose populations have been greatly damaged on certain rivers in our area by wold predation, and

WHEREAS, moose and caribou are used throughout the Bristol Bay Area for our main source of protein, and

WHEREAS, both Alaska Biologists and Candian studies show that the best control on wolf numbers is through aerial wolf hunting method, and

WHEREAS, geographical and habitat conditions in the Bristol Bay area make trap- ping for wold control unrealistic, and

WHERAS, poison used here by the Federal Government before statehood killed ravens, magpies, fox, and other untargeted species with little if any effect on wolf numbers, and

WHEREAS, both State and National Parks in Alaska provide more than adequate protection of ever putting wolves in any endangered state, and

WHEREAS, wolves are a valuable, controlable, renewable resource and should be regulated as such.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the \_\_\_\_\_

that aerial wolf hunting be allowed through Alaska Dept. of Game management to ensure healthy balance of predators and prey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general public be allowed to participate in aeriell wolf hunting to keep declining department revenues for badly needed management studies.

RUBY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POB 8

RUBY, ALASKA 99768

February 28, 1985

Board of Game Members  
Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
Box 3-2000  
Juneau, Alaska 99802

Dear Boardmembers:

At our recent Fish and Game Advisory Committee, February 7, 1985, attended not only by concerned Ruby Residents, but also by representatives of Tanana Chiefs, State of Alaska Fish and Game and U. S. Nowitna Refuge representatives, it was agreed by all concerned that a wolf predation problem exists.

Many suggestions were advanced such as increasing the value of the wolf pelt so as to make trapping more attractive. Another suggestion was to allow aerial hunting by local pilots during March, limiting the wolf kill to 25 per unit.

Asking for a State trapper to spend time in the area to trap wolves was another suggestion.

A return to the free enterprise system was advocated so that money would flow back to the village was advanced.

Whatever the suggestions, it was agreed by those present that a serious problem now exists and a subsistence resource is now threatened.

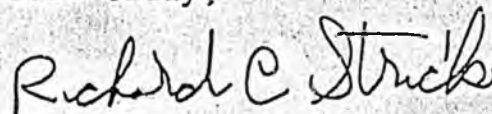
Because of this danger to the moose resource, action must be taken immediately by both the State and Federal entities. It appears that each of these agencies would rather let the other agency take action. Meanwhile, the wolves take 160 moose according to a State of Alaska Game Biologist's records while Ruby residents account for 60 bull moose while the wolves are not so eclectic.

This letter is written in frustration because no concrete response to date has been taken by any agency to "manage" the wolf population.

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as time is of the essence, we respectfully request  
that you act upon our resolution 85-2.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard C. Strick". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Richard C. Strick, Chairman

RCS:sgs

RUBY FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION 85-2

- Whereas, it has been reported by both users and game people that moose kills by wolves in the Novi area are numerous; and
- Whereas, trappers are sighting more wolves than ever before; and
- Whereas, pilots are reporting large packs of wolves and moose kills sighted; and
- Whereas, we are concerned about our future subsistence food source; and
- Whereas, our correspondence telling of our concerns has not been answered; and
- Whereas, our fears have been increased because positive wolf control measures are not in effect;

Be it resolved, that the Ruby Advisory Committee requests and petitions the Board of Game not only to direct the proper authorities to provide us with current data of wolf predation and statistics in our Unit 21(B) so as to verify the present crisis but to immediately take corrective action to protect our moose population so that our subsistence needs will be assured; and

Be it further resolved, that said committee requests and petitions said Board to direct the proper agency/authority to conduct studies this year to build data for future actions.

Richard C. Strick  
Richard C. Strick, Chrm.

2/28/85  
Date

RUBY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POB 8

RUBY, ALASKA 99768

February 5, 1985

Jim Marcotte  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Division of Subsistence  
POB 256  
Galena, Alaska 99741

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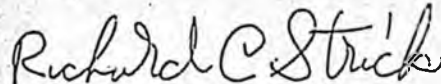
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We are not requesting a study of the Nowitna Refuge in it's entirety but rather along the Yukon River from Ruby to the Nowitna, thence 60 miles upstream on both banks. Please see shaded area of Map. We are not interested in the "hinterland" as such.

If wolf predation or wolf numbers prove to be at a dangerous level then we ask you to take concrete steps to save the valuable moose resource.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this request.

Sincerely,



Richard C. Strick, Chairman  
Ruby Advisory Committee

RCS:sgs

cc: Terry Haynes, Regional Supervisor, Div. of Subsistence  
James R. Fisher, Refuse Mgr., Nowitna NWR, F & W Service  
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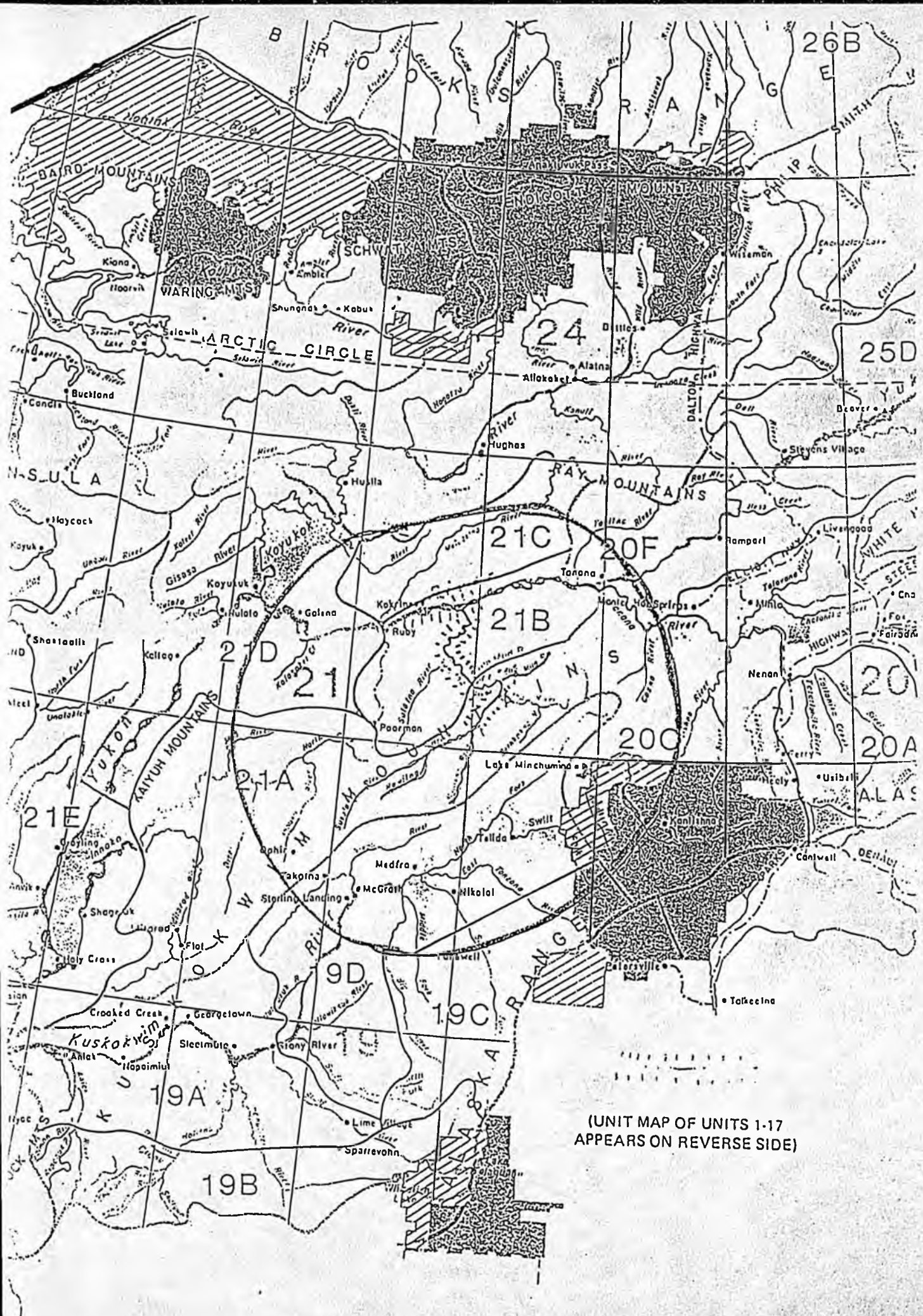
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(UNIT MAP OF UNITS 1-17  
APPEARS ON REVERSE SIDE)

A. Subunit 22(A)—That portion of Unit 22 drain-

RUBY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

POB 8

RUBY, ALASKA 99768

January 21, 1985

Board of Game Members  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Box 3-2000  
Juneau, Alaska 99802

Dear Boardmembers:

At our recent advisory committee meeting I was directed by the membership to bring to your attention the threat to the moose population caused by an obvious increase of wolf predation this year.

According to many of your trappers, more wolves have been sighted this year than in years past. Pilots are also reporting large packs of wolves sighted. These reports are disconcerting as we rely on moose for subsistence-use and our food supply.

Emergency assistance is needed immediately so as to protect this very important subsistence resource. Therefore, we ask the following steps be taken by your department to protect the moose population.

1. Tim Osborne, Area Biologist, Galena, to provide us with current data of wolf predation and numbers in our Unit so as to verify the present crisis.
2. Tim Osborne to conduct studies this year to build data for future actions by your department.
3. Reinstate a wolf bounty and provide loaner traps to trappers.
4. Allow Fish and Game to issue permits to fly and shoot wolves.

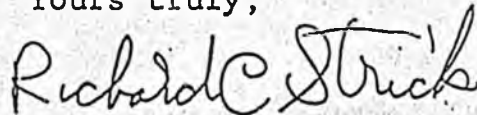
We fully realize the emotionalism of the campaign by misguided individuals to "save the wolves", however the moose is our "commissary on the hoof" and every effort should be made to protect this resource as it is now under attack. We urge you to make every effort to maintain the balance between human needs and conservation needs. As in the human arena the victim

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(moose) needs to be protected as well as the criminal,  
(wolf).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



Richard C. Strick, Chairman  
Ruby Advisory Committee

RCS:sgs

cc: John C. Sackett, Senator, State of Alaska  
Kay Wallis, Representative, State of Alaska  
Don W. Collinsworth, Commissioner of Fish & Game  
W. Lewis Pamplin, Jr., Director of Game  
Sidney Huntington, Boardmember  
Terry Haynes, Regional Supervisor, Subsistence Div.  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Jim Fisher, Refuse Manager, Nowitna National  
Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Jim Kowalsky, Director, Wildlife and Parks, TCC  
Dana Notti, Yukon-Koyukuk Subregion, TCC, Galena  
Karen Thompson, Department of Fish and Game  
Beth Stewart, Director, Division of Boards  
Jim Marcotte, ADF&G, Division of Subsistence  
Mitch Demientieff, Coordinator, Interior Regional  
Council  
Royce Purinton, Chairman, Interior Regional Council  
Tim Osborne, Area Game Biologist  
Ruby Advisory Committee Members *FILE*

March 15, 1985  
Box 80522  
College, AK.  
99708

Rep. Dick Shultz  
Alaska House of Representatives  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Rep. Shultz:

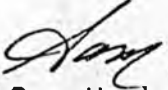
At the March 13 teleconference, I indicated that predator control decisions should be made by the Commissioner, ADFG rather than by the Board of Game. The following comments further explain and justify that assertion.

I believe the proper authority of the Board of Game is to make decisions regarding what the priority wildlife uses should be in an area; the Advisory Committee system is designed to provide the input the public should have in influencing such decisions. Deciding what the priority uses should be is what the public discussion should focus on, not the management activities that should be carried out by ADFG to optimize such uses. Once the priority uses are decided on by the Board, ADFG should simply implement the appropriate management techniques such as habitat enhancement, predator control, etc.

I believe legislative action is now necessary to ensure that ADFG can do what they should be doing, because of the legal difficulties the Board got into in delegating such authority to the Commissioner. A court case essentially indicated that APA procedures necessitated predator control regulations by the Board. Legislative action indicating that ADFG has the authority regarding predator control, and that they could exercise such control without APA requirements, is now necessary. It might be politically advisable to indicate such control should be exercised only in areas where the Board has decreed the human use of species such as moose and caribou is the priority use, or when other situations such as animal transplants or concern for an endangered population are involved. If we can get the public discussion centered on what the priority wildlife uses should be in an area and not on the management activities necessary to achieve those priorities, we might be able to mute somewhat the very vocal wolf control controversy.

I appreciate the opportunity to present these comments.

Sincerely,

  
Sam Harbo

Introduced: 3/1/85  
Referred: Resources

*Suggested  
Re-write  
By Tom Sambough  
Tom Scarborough,  
1676 Tonolowick Drive  
Fairbanks, Ak 99701*

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY SHULTZ

2

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5

Relating to the control of wolf predation.

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7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS sound management of fish and game is critical to ~~the~~ state residents who are most dependent on ~~these~~ resources; and

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10 WHEREAS wolf predation has a direct affect on ungulate populations such as moose, caribou, and sheep; and

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12 WHEREAS many of the animals that state residents customarily and traditionally depend on ~~these~~ are preyed upon by wolves; and

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14 WHEREAS wolf protectionist groups have distributed a great deal of information to the public concerning wolf behavior; and

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16 WHEREAS professional wildlife managers in the Department of Fish and Game are knowledgeable on wolf behavior; and

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18 WHEREAS state residents should be able to rely heavily upon the expertise of state wildlife managers for information; and

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20 WHEREAS state residents need reliable, accurate, unemotional information on which to base a decision concerning wolf control; and

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22 WHEREAS state residents who are incorrectly informed or emotionally sensitized may oppose wolf control to the detriment of the moose, caribou, and sheep populations; and

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24 WHEREAS the destruction of moose, caribou, and sheep resulting from lack of management of wolves may severely jeopardize ~~state~~ hunting opportunities ~~for~~; and

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26 WHEREAS Article VIII, sec. 4, Constitution of the State of Alaska, mandates that our game resources be managed on a "sustained yield basis,

27

1 subject to preferences among beneficial uses"; and

2 ~~WHEREAS~~ ~~the legislature has~~ ~~passed~~ ~~the following~~ ~~act~~ ~~and~~  
3 ~~and~~ ~~the legislature has~~ ~~passed~~ ~~the following~~ ~~act~~ ~~and~~

4 WHEREAS state residents depend ~~more~~ heavily on moose, caribou, and  
5 sheep than on wolves ~~and~~;

6 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Governor to  
7 direct the commissioner of fish and game and the Board of Game to manage  
8 ~~moose~~, caribou, and sheep stocks so that customary and traditional ~~activities~~  
9 ~~activities~~ are not ~~diminished~~ due to wolf predation; and be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urges the Governor to direct the  
11 commissioner of fish and game to implement a public education program on  
12 wolf behavior, equal in scale to those now being sponsored by wolf protec-  
13 tionist groups; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature, in recognition of the harmful  
15 effects that wolves may have on ~~wildlife populations~~, encourages members  
16 of local rural communities to work together to help solve wolf control  
17 problems in their areas.