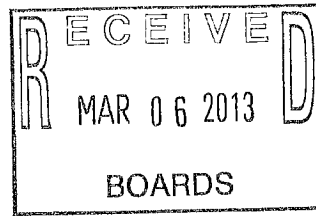


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Re: Proposals 172 and 173-174; ~~178-179~~; 180

I just heard about the BOG's up and coming meeting addressing these Proposals and would like to express my vote concerning these Proposals.

Proposals 172 -- Prohibiting hunting/trapping of wolves during the months of March 1st – Nov. 1st

I "SUPPORT" this proposal. I believe it is an unethical and inhumane method to manage the wolf population. By allowing the killing of wolves while pups remain dependent upon the pack for survival only serves to eliminate not one, but TWO (2) generations of wolves in one fell swoop. Since everyone is geared by statistics, this methodology to manage the wolf population is extremely unscientific and inaccurate since wolf pups are not even counted in the "numbers" eliminated.

Proposals 173-174 – Ban Grizzly & Black Bear snaring in South-central region of AK

I "SUPPORT" this proposal. I believe this method of managing the Grizzly & Black Bear is archaic, cruel, indiscriminate, and not biologically sustainable and should be banned!! We should do everything within our means to preserve this majestic species as it is well known that their reproductive rates are low to begin with and even modern day scientific management principles disallow the harvesting of females. We must preserve them and their natural environment to achieve successful procreation.

Proposals 178-179 – Intensive Management Plans for Gravina Island (Unit 1A) and Portion of Unit 3

I strongly "OPPOSE" these proposals that basically authorized the 'test areas' for killing wolves (one species) to promote deer harvest needs (another beautiful species). Wolves only kill to satisfy their natural hunger much like man and his carnivorous and insatiable need for meat in his diet. Really? Has anyone ever considered relocation of one species as a means of controlling the other??? This is not rocket science.

Proposal 180 – Unlawful Methods of taking furbearers: exceptions

I strongly "SUPPORT" this proposal. From the interpretation, I gather it would alleviate unnecessary harvesting due to unkempt traps left by trappers.

Thank you for considering my opinion/comment. We are nature's caretakers and we should treat this title responsibly.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Betty S. Medley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'B'.