

Alaska Board of Game,

Prop 90 should not be acceptable and is unreasonable for the residents of Alaska. I was born in Alaska and have lived here for over 37 years. I have a huge respect for the state and all its resources. A subsistence lifestyle has always been a part of my life and my family's life. My family taught me how to hunt, fish, grow things, and raise animals and I am trying to do the same with my children. As I have gotten older my appreciation for God's natural resources has only increased.

Part of a subsistence lifestyle includes agricultural resources, including domestic animals. Every living thing on this planet is susceptible to diseases, wild animals are natural carriers of diseases, humans carry diseases, and there are diseases in the dirt. To blame declining populations to exposure to domestic animals, specifically domestic sheep and goat populations, is unsubstantiated and unjust. As an avid hunter I have seen wild animal populations go through up cycles and down cycles. I believe that hunting pressure and predators are the contributors to declines, not domestic animal exposure.

The agricultural community is extremely strict with testing of their livestock and keeping clean animals. To put domestic sheep and goats on an "unclean" list would be counterproductive to the culture of this state. I truly hope that you will take a true Alaskan's common sense view when deciding the future of Alaska's subsistence lifestyles and SAY NO TO PROP 90.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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