

My name is Ben Juneby from Eagle Village, Alaska.

I'm opposed to Proposal 9 that would modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes. We can trap these coyotes, which would not scare all the other critters away with their loud planes and guns. Trapping is the way to go.

I'm also opposed to Proposals 14 and 15 for the many reasons already stated today by the people from the Koyukuk and middle Yukon region.

I'm also opposed to Proposal 55. We as Alaska Native people have been using this traditional religious ceremony as far as I could remember. When we bury our loved ones at potlatch ceremonies we have been getting fresh meat for feeding the people who gather to mourn for our loved ones. This is part of our healing process for our loved ones who have passed on. These religious harvests and gatherings are also to show respect for the dead and for the people come to help us mourn. We need to keep this traditional religious practice so as to pass this on to our little ones. We need to keep this going.

I support proposal 58 to require meat be attached to the bone when it is taken out of the field. I see no reason to take moose, caribou, sheep, bears, etc. without taking the bones. A good bone soup is so good because of the rich and healthy marrow. You should try it.

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the board.

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