

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION
INITIATIVE PETITION

We, the undersigned, qualified voters of the State of Alaska, make this application to the Lieutenant Governor proposing that the following bill be certified for the initiative process:

"Be it enacted by the People of the State of Alaska"

"An Act relating to same day airborne hunting."

Sec. 16.05.783. Prohibition against same day airborne hunting.

(a) A person may not shoot or assist in shooting a free-ranging wolf, wolverine, fox, or lynx the same day that person has been airborne. However, the board of game may authorize a wolf control program involving the shooting of wolves from the air if

(1) the commissioner of fish and game makes written findings based on adequate data demonstrating that a biological emergency exists and that there is no feasible solution other than airborne control to eliminate the biological emergency, and

(2) the program is conducted by Department of Fish and Game personnel

(3) the program is limited to the specific geographic area where the biological emergency exists, and

(4) the program removes only the minimum number of animals necessary to eliminate the biological emergency.

(b) This section does not apply to a person who was airborne the same day if that person was airborne only on a regularly scheduled commercial flight.

(c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both. In addition, the court may order the aircraft and equipment used in or in aid of a violation of this section to be forfeited to the state.

(d) In this section, (1) "free-ranging" means that the animal is wild and not caught in a trap or snare; (2) and "biological emergency" means a condition where a wolf population in a specific geographic area is causing the irreversible decline of a prey population to the point that the prey population may not likely recover without implementing wolf control.