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## **ALASKA**

### **Public Opinion**

**August 2020**

Survey conducted August 3 through August 5, 2020. 984 likely 2020 General Election voters participated in the survey. Survey weighted to match expected turnout demographics for the 2020 General Election.

Margin of Error is +/-3.1% with a 95% level of confidence. Totals do not always equal 100% due to rounding.

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Q1: A 2016 rule prohibited trophy hunters from using bait to kill brown bears on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. Trophy hunters bait bears with pet food, grease, rotting game or fish and other high calorie foods. Baiting bears accustoms them to a certain location making it easier for a hunter to shoot them. Do you support or oppose a new proposal to allow trophy hunters to bait brown bears on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska?

Support: 28%  
Oppose: 66%  
No opinion: 6%

Q2: A new proposal would allow trappers to catch wildlife using leghold traps with serrated, toothed, and spiked jaws on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. Do you support or oppose this proposal to allow trappers to use these traps on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge?

Support: 28%  
Oppose: 66%  
No opinion: 6%

Q3: Federal trapping permits on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge currently require trappers to check their traps within a certain time period to minimize the suffering of animals caught in traps and to ensure that non-target species accidentally caught can be released quickly. However, a new proposal would remove any trap check time for animals on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge – meaning that animals could be stuck languishing in traps for weeks or even longer. Do you support or oppose removing a required trap check time for trappers on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge?

Support: 30%  
Oppose: 65%  
No opinion: 5%

Q4: Currently trapping is prohibited within one mile of public roads, campgrounds, road accessible trailheads on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. This prohibition helps reduce the risk of family pets or even people from accidentally getting caught or killed in traps set for wildlife. However, a new proposal would remove this one-mile buffer zone – allowing traps to be set closer to public recreation areas. Do you support or oppose removing this one-mile trapping buffer zone?

Support: 16%  
Oppose: 79%  
No opinion: 5%



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Q5: Over the past few years, laws have been overturned that prohibited certain methods of killing Alaska's wildlife – such as killing wolf and coyote pups at their dens, using artificial light to kill hibernating bears, or baiting black and brown bears with pet food, grease, rotting game or fish and other high calorie foods. Overturning these rules allowed these practices to resume on millions of acres of Alaska's national preserves and national wildlife refuges. Do you support or oppose allowing these practices on federal public lands in Alaska?

Support: 24%  
Oppose: 68%  
No opinion: 8%

Q6: Wildlife watching brings in a significant amount of revenue to the State of Alaska – nearly five times that of hunting. Do you support or oppose the government prioritizing preserving Alaska's iconic wildlife – such as bears and wolves – so that wildlife watching can continue bringing economic benefit to the State?

Support: 60%  
Oppose: 30%  
No opinion: 10%



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Column %	ANCHORAGE	BALANCE
<b>Support</b>	30%	24%
<b>Oppose</b>	65%	71%
<b>No opinion</b>	5%	5%

Table 1. Q1 by DMA - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Support</b>	42%	7%	26%
<b>Oppose</b>	52%	86%	69%
<b>No opinion</b>	7%	6%	5%

Table 2. Q1 by PARTY

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Support</b>	19%	37%
<b>Oppose</b>	74%	58%
<b>No opinion</b>	7%	5%

Table 3. Q1 by GENDER

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Support</b>	42%	20%	19%
<b>Oppose</b>	52%	74%	75%
<b>No opinion</b>	6%	6%	5%

Table 4. Q1 by IDEOLOGY



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Q2: A new proposal would allow trappers to catch wildlife using leghold traps with serrated, toothed, and spiked jaws on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. Do you support or oppose this proposal to allow trappers to use these traps on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge?

Column %	ANCHORAGE	BALANCE
Support	27%	28%
Oppose	68%	65%
No opinion	6%	7%

Table 5. Q2 by DMA - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
Support	39%	13%	25%
Oppose	53%	82%	69%
No opinion	9%	4%	6%

Table 6. Q2 by PARTY

Column %	Female	Male
Support	19%	37%
Oppose	74%	57%
No opinion	7%	6%

Table 7. Q2 by GENDER

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Support	41%	20%	21%
Oppose	50%	75%	74%
No opinion	9%	5%	5%

Table 8. Q2 by IDEOLOGY



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Column %	ANCHORAGE	BALANCE
<b>Support</b>	29%	29%
<b>Oppose</b>	67%	66%
<b>No opinion</b>	4%	5%

Table 9. Q3 by DMA - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Support</b>	38%	23%	27%
<b>Oppose</b>	59%	71%	68%
<b>No opinion</b>	3%	6%	5%

Table 10. Q3 by PARTY

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Support</b>	26%	34%
<b>Oppose</b>	69%	62%
<b>No opinion</b>	5%	4%

Table 11. Q3 by GENDER

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Support</b>	39%	24%	27%
<b>Oppose</b>	56%	73%	67%
<b>No opinion</b>	6%	4%	5%

Table 12. Q3 by IDEOLOGY



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Q4: Currently trapping is prohibited within one mile of public roads, campgrounds, road accessible trailheads on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. This prohibition helps reduce the risk of family pets or even people from accidentally getting caught or killed in traps set for wildlife. However, a new proposal would remove this one-mile buffer zone – allowing traps to be set closer to public recreation areas. Do you support or oppose removing this one-mile trapping buffer zone?

Column %	ANCHORAGE	BALANCE
<b>Support</b>	15%	16%
<b>Oppose</b>	82%	78%
<b>No opinion</b>	4%	6%

Table 13. Q4 by DMA - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Support</b>	21%	11%	15%
<b>Oppose</b>	74%	83%	81%
<b>No opinion</b>	5%	6%	4%

Table 14. Q4 by PARTY

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Support</b>	11%	22%
<b>Oppose</b>	84%	74%
<b>No opinion</b>	5%	4%

Table 15. Q4 by GENDER

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Support</b>	21%	14%	12%
<b>Oppose</b>	74%	82%	82%
<b>No opinion</b>	5%	4%	5%

Table 16. Q4 by IDEOLOGY



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Q5: Over the past few years, laws have been overturned that prohibited certain methods of killing Alaska’s wildlife – such as killing wolf and coyote pups at their dens, using artificial light to kill hibernating bears, or baiting black and brown bears with pet food, grease, rotting game or fish and other high calorie foods. Overturning these rules allowed these practices to resume on millions of acres of Alaska’s national preserves and national wildlife refuges. Do you support or oppose allowing these practices on federal public lands in Alaska?

Column %	ANCHORAGE	BALANCE
<b>Support</b>	26%	22%
<b>Oppose</b>	68%	70%
<b>No opinion</b>	6%	8%

Table 17. Q5 by DMA - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Support</b>	34%	7%	24%
<b>Oppose</b>	57%	85%	69%
<b>No opinion</b>	9%	8%	7%

Table 18. Q5 by PARTY

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Support</b>	15%	34%
<b>Oppose</b>	78%	57%
<b>No opinion</b>	7%	9%

Table 19. Q5 by GENDER

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Support</b>	38%	17%	17%
<b>Oppose</b>	52%	77%	77%
<b>No opinion</b>	10%	7%	6%

Table 20. Q5 by IDEOLOGY





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Q6: Wildlife watching brings in a significant amount of revenue to the State of Alaska – nearly five times that of hunting. Do you support or oppose the government prioritizing preserving Alaska’s iconic wildlife – such as bears and wolves – so that wildlife watching can continue bringing economic benefit to the State?

Column %	ANCHORAGE	BALANCE
<b>Support</b>	60%	60%
<b>Oppose</b>	29%	31%
<b>No opinion</b>	11%	9%

Table 21. Q6 by DMA - Categorical

Column %	Republican	Democrat	Non-Partisan
<b>Support</b>	52%	78%	58%
<b>Oppose</b>	34%	15%	32%
<b>No opinion</b>	14%	7%	10%

Table 22. Q6 by PARTY

Column %	Female	Male
<b>Support</b>	65%	54%
<b>Oppose</b>	24%	36%
<b>No opinion</b>	11%	10%

Table 23. Q6 by GENDER

Column %	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
<b>Support</b>	50%	64%	66%
<b>Oppose</b>	37%	25%	25%
<b>No opinion</b>	13%	10%	9%

Table 24. Q6 by IDEOLOGY



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## DEMOGRAPHICS

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	%
<b>ANCHORAGE</b>	70%
<b>BALANCE</b>	30%

*Table 25. DMA - Categorical*

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	%
<b>Republican</b>	34%
<b>Democrat</b>	18%
<b>Non-Partisan</b>	48%

*Table 26. PARTY*

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	%
<b>Female</b>	51%
<b>Male</b>	49%

*Table 27. GENDER*

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	%
<b>Conservative</b>	36%
<b>Moderate</b>	43%
<b>Liberal</b>	21%

*Table 28. IDEOLOGY*