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I neglected to identify myself for the record – Steve Winker, Juneau Alaska. Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Chairman Burch & Committee Members,

As drafted, I oppose SB51- Water will not be managed as an outstanding natural resource until a designated has been made ---- even though it may qualify as Tier III.

- 1) What occurs during the interim between nomination & designation?
- 2) How long is the period between nomination & designation?
- 3) Uses should be put on hold until a designation decision is made. Delaying a nomination for designation indefinitely – while it is not managed as a Tier III water- is not acceptable
- 4) What is the process that would be in place to review designation decisions?
- 5) With reduced travel, staffing, funding and resources, how will there be enough resources to invest in these nominations?

Certainly, if projects are simply approved to proceed before designation --- the project itself may influence the water-way character. The Department of Natural Resources has fairly recently been chastised by the court for its delay in water related applications. Protecting water resources is vitally important to Alaska's future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment