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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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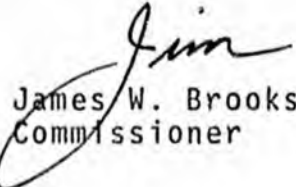
The Honorable Nels A. Anderson, Jr.
Chairman, House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Nels:

The Department of Fish and Game presently has no written policies or regulations regarding Refuges, Sanctuaries, or Critical Habitats. We manage these areas in accordance with legislative intent at time of passage, and in accordance with local public needs and desires. Recently we have encouraged that Refuge bills contain a more thorough statement of purpose than previously.

In addition, we feel that the Refuge, Sanctuary, and Critical Habitat Statutes would benefit from early re-drafting to clarify the generic purposes of each and to require that more detailed regulations be promulgated. We intend to produce a suggested re-draft for the 10th Legislative Session.

Sincerely,


James W. Brooks
Commissioner



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