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Joel Hard, Superintendent
Lake Clark National Park and Preserve
240 West 5th Avenue
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Dear Mr. Hard:

The state of Alaska reviewed the environmental assessment (EA), in which the Service is considering a land exchange in Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. The following consolidated state agency comments were compiled by the State's Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Implementation Program and cover issues relative to ANILCA and other state interests. Any correspondence or response pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act and the Alaska Coastal Management Program must be provided separately by the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management.

The State generally supports land exchanges that afford mutual benefit to both parties as provided by ANILCA. Based on the information provided, this exchange appears to be mutually beneficial for both Tanalian, Inc. and the Service. Some of the benefits noted in the EA include:

- provides for appropriate public uses
- allows for development rights for future sand and gravel extraction to benefit community-based projects
- aligns with ANILCA management purposes and the General Management Plan for Lake Clark National Park and Preserve

We appreciate the recognition in Section 1.3 (page 7) of certain authorities that could apply to the potential future development projects identified in the EA. We note a 401 Water Quality Certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation may also be required if wetlands are affected; however, since these projects are only conceptual at this stage, permit requirements may change depending on the project proposal. The State is available to assist the proponent in determining state permitting requirements for any future proposed projects.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please contact me at (907) 269-7529 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Magee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the last name being a large, prominent "M".

Susan E. Magee
ANILCA Project Coordinator

cc: Sally Gibert, ANILCA Program Coordinator