

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Ralph Moore, Superintendent  
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Dear Mr. Moore:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) addressing the Swikshak Patrol Cabin Replacement. 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 Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Coastal and Ocean Management.

We support the Service's proposal to replace the existing Swikshak patrol cabin. We appreciate the Service intends to allow general public use of the facility's outhouse as well as limited public use of this administrative cabin during emergency situations. Given the unpredictable weather patterns and extensive visitor use on the outer Katmai coast, the availability of emergency shelter is an important consideration.

As noted in the EA, the cabin site was originally developed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) for administrative purposes to support monitoring of fish and wildlife resources within the area. We request the decision document recognize that ADF&G may also use the cabin for future administrative activities, on a scheduled or emergency basis.

We also appreciate the decision to allow limited, temporary use of motorized equipment to aid in the construction of the cabin, which will decrease the time work crews will need to be present at the site, reducing both construction costs and impacts to the area's wilderness character.

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

Sincerely,



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