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Mr. Alex Panamaroff, Jr. President Larsen Bay Tribal Council P.O. Box 35 Larsen Bay, Alaska 99624

Dear Mr. Panamaroff:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of your resolution and comments on the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) to me.

As you may be aware, the State of Alaska also reviews draft plans prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Division coordinates the review of these plans by concerned state agencies. Several of the issues which you raised were also raised by the state in its comments on the draft Kodiak CCP (enclosed). For example, the state is concerned about several of the restraints proposed in the CCP on economic development. state opposes the FWS's proposed prohibition on the establishment of new permanent commercial fishing support facilities, unless the FWS can demonstrate that new facilities would in fact be inconsistent with the purposes of the refuge. The state has also asked that the FWS not preclude development of small hydroelectric facilities within the refuge, but evaluate any proposals on a case-by-case basis. In addition, we are working to ensure that the FWS provides adequate opportunities for state and public involvement in all phases of the refuge planning process.

I am forwarding a copy of your comments regarding wildlife management to the Division of Boards of Fisheries and Game, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and to the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee. The Boards of Fisheries and Game have the authority to establish subsistence hunting areas and to open and close seasons and areas to protect subsistence hunting. These actions are generally based upon the recommendation of the Department of Fish and Game, the majority vote of affected local advisory committees, or written petition by interested residents of affected areas. You may find it helpful to provide additional information regarding the issues addressed in your comments to the Division of Boards of Fisheries and Game, P.O. Box 3-2000, Juneau, Alaska 99802-2000 or to the Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee, Box 1161, Kodiak, Alaska 99615.

I want to thank you again for providing a copy of your comments. Your participation in the FWS planning process is essential to the development of federal plans that meet the intent of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act -- the protection of nationally-recognized conservation system units, while providing for the continuation of traditional uses by Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Grogan

Director

## Enclosure

CC: Mayor Jerome Selby, Kodiak Island Borough
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