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Dana J. Seagars
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Dear Mr. Seagers:

The State of Alaska has reviewed the January 1993 Draft Management Plan for the Pacific Walrus in Alaska. This letter supplements the comments have been prepared by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The State of Alaska owns tidelands, shorelands, submerged lands and watercolumns in Alaska. In many cases, Pacific walrus, their habitat, and any related human use or development are already covered by guidelines in the state land plans. These land plans are developed and adopted by state law.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should use care in preparing this plan to avoid overstepping state jurisdictions or implying that it has authority to manage state land or water or to control public use on state land or water when managing Pacific walrus. For the benefit of the public, the plan should acknowledge state land and water management authority and state land plans.

The Department of Natural Resources, as manager of state land and waters, is willing to work with the Service to coordinate authorities and activities regarding management of Pacific walrus.

If you have any questions concerning state land and water management, please contact Alice Iliff, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land, at 762-2660. Thank you for the opportunity to comment to this draft plan.

Sincerely,

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