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Mary Beth Moss, Project Manager  
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Dear Ms. Moss:

The State of Alaska reviewed the Notice of Intent to prepare a Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) on Gull Egg Harvest by the Huna Tlingit in Glacier Bay National Park. The following scoping comments represent the consolidated views of State resource agencies.

The State is familiar with the proposal due to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) participation in the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-management Council (AMBCC). We generally support the development of the LEIS to allow a gull egg harvest providing the effort is coordinated with both AMBCC and the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). If allowed, the use would expand a gull egg harvest currently conducted on adjacent US Forest Service administered lands under USFWS regulations. The State is aware of the following Service-sponsored studies regarding the traditional harvest and use of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit and believes the documentation is sufficient for development of an LEIS and to carefully consider authorizing this customary and traditional use in Glacier Bay National Park:

- A Study Of Traditional Use Of Birds Eggs By Huna Tlinget. Eugene S. Hunn, Darryll R. Johnson, Priscilla N. Russell and Thomas F. Thornton. Technical Report NPS/CCSOUW/NRTR-2002-02. NPS D-113. National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit. College of Forest Resources, PO Box 352100, Seattle, WA 98195-2100.
- Hunn et al, 2003. Huna Tlingit Traditional Environmental Knowledge, Conservation, and the Management of a "Wilderness" Park. Current Anthropology 44, Supplement: S79-S103.

The State looks forward to reviewing and commenting on the full LEIS when it is available.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Magee', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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