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Tom Banks  
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Dear Mr. Banks:

The State of Alaska reviewed the July 24, 2013 scoping notice for the Proposed Action to rehabilitate and relocate the Windfall Harbor Shelter, which is located within the Kootznoowoo Wilderness on Admiralty Island. The following are consolidated State agency comments.

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act recognized the need to construct and maintain public use cabins and structures in designated wilderness as necessary for the protection of public health and safety. Cabins and shelters are essential in Alaska's wilderness areas, which are remote and subject to harsh and unpredictable weather events. We note that based on its use rating the shelter was recommended for continued use in the Recreation Facility Analysis – 5 Year Action Plan.

The scoping notice indicates moving the shelter closer to the shoreline will "...*improve its visibility, aid in its preservation, improve conditions for wildlife and improve visitor safety...*" We support proper siting of cabins to reduce unnecessary impacts to wildlife and habitat while providing for continued public use in the area. Please contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game area biologist, Phil Mooney, at 907-747-5449 or by email [phil.mooney@alaska.gov](mailto:phil.mooney@alaska.gov) regarding wildlife-related issues.

We look forward to reviewing the forthcoming Environmental Assessment. Please add me to your project distribution list. If you have any questions, please contact me at (907) 269-7529.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Magee".

Susan Magee  
ANILCA Program Coordinator

cc: Lynn Humphrey, Regional Wilderness Coordinator  
Bill Tremblay, Tongass Wilderness Coordinator

