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Mr. Robert Gilmore
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Dear Mr. Gilmore:

The State of Alaska has reviewed the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Ugashik Narrows/The Triplets land exchange. This letter is submitted on behalf of state agencies and represents a consolidation of department concerns and comments.

The state has no objection to the proposed land exchange as long as 1) public access along the Ugashik Narrows and 2) existing recreational, commercial and subsistence fisheries in the vicinity of the Triplets are maintained.

To protect public access, the state requests the establishment of a 25-foot publicly-owned buffer between the four-acre Ugashik tract and the high water line of the Ugashik Narrows. In the event that only an easement can be provided, we request that it allow docking of boats and aircraft, as well as linear pedestrian access. We further request that the buffer or easement be entered on the plat for this four-acre subdivision and identified with signs on either end.

Regarding the Triplets, we note that virtually all types of shellfish and finfish fisheries common to Kodiak take place in close proximity to the Triplets, including a very near-shore commercial and recreational fishery for rockfish. We assume that acquisition of the Triplets by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would not affect the status quo relative to these fisheries.

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On behalf of the State of Alaska, thank you for the opportunity to review this proposed land exchange. If we can be of any assistance in clarifying these comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Sydeman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Michelle Sydeman
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