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Ms. Leslie Kerr
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Dear ~~Ms.~~ Kerr:

This letter is to clarify the section of the state's July 17, 1987, comments on the Kanuti final Comprehensive Conservation Plan entitled Fish and Wildlife Management, specifically, the first paragraph and accompanying proposed language. After further discussion about this comment, we believe the following statement more accurately portrays the state's concerns.

Alternatives A, B, and C each contain new management objectives regarding fisheries management which did not appear in the draft CCP for this refuge. Specifically, these alternatives contain new intent to manage the Koyukuk River and its tributaries under "wild and commercial wild concepts" (pages 141, 146, and 150). According to the CCP, these concepts are directed toward long term management of sport and commercial fisheries and may require harvest regulations, both of which involve responsibilities of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (DFG).

Since DFG has not been consulted regarding these management goals or their implementation, the state requests that the ROD specifically recognize that fisheries on the refuge, including those to which the wild and commercial wild concepts apply, will be managed in cooperation with DFG. Since a general statement regarding cooperation with DFG already appears on page 117 of the final plan, we request that the ROD simply reference that the management intent on pages 141, 146, and 150 will be conducted cooperatively with DFG consistent with statements on page 117.

In light of the more specific comments in this letter, you may disregard the proposed insert on this general subject that appears at the bottom of page 2 of our July 17 letter.

Ms. Leslie Kerr

July 28, 1987

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. The state hopes that the upcoming Record of Decision will address this issue. Please contact Len Vining at DFG, or myself if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sally Gibert".

Sally Gibert
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cc: Len Vining
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