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Regional Director
Attention: Daryle R. Lons
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1011 Tudor Rd.
Anchorage, AK 99503

Re: Proposed Regulations for the Administration of Special Use Permits on National
Wildlife Refuges in Alaska

Dear Mr. Lons:

The State of Alaska has reviewed the above-referenced document. This letter represents the consolidated comments of the State's resource agencies.

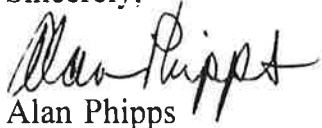
At 36.41(e)(1), we suggest that the discretionary authority to issue non-competitive permits on a one-time, short-term basis to accredited educational institutions and non-profit environmental organizations be broadened to include other nonprofit organizations with permit needs for legitimate organizationally-related activities.

At 36.41(e)(4) and (5), we ask that the Fish and Wildlife Service consult with the State of Alaska, guides/outfitters, and other interested members of the public when developing the selection criteria and scoring system to be used to evaluate proposals.

At 36.41(i)(1), the appeal process under ANILCA should also be referenced.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 269-7476.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Phipps". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alan" and last name "Phipps" clearly distinguishable.

Alan Phipps

Project Review Coordinator

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