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January 26, 1990

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The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT: Support for Environmental Protection Agency/U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers Memorandum of Agreement Concerning
Wetlands "No Net Loss" Goal

Vice-Chair

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Dear President Bush:

The Association of State Floodplain Managers is a nonprofit organization made up of approximately 800 state, local and federal employees whose primary goal is the wise and prudent use of this nation's floodplains. As such, our organization has long supported linking of flood loss reduction and the protection of natural values in those floodplains.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act is an important element of a coordinated federal/state/local effort to restore and maintain the integrity of the nation's waters and to reduce future flood losses. The Memorandum of Agreement is essential in order to coordinate these federal efforts.

We therefore strongly urge you to support this important effort to implement a no net loss goal for wetlands.

Sincerely,

Robert Cox

Robert Cox, Chair

RC/dcl

Secretary

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA FISH COMMISSION

P.O. Box 1673
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105
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January 26, 1990

Harry H. Miller
The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Memorandum of Agreement on Wetlands Mitigation

Dear President Bush:

The Pennsylvania Fish Commission is an independent administrative commission of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with jurisdiction over the protection and management of Pennsylvania's fisheries and aquatic resources. The Fish Commission's mandate is to "protect, conserve and enhance" the water resources of Pennsylvania for present and future generations of anglers and boaters.

The protection of wetlands is vital to the aquatic resources of Pennsylvania. For this reason, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission strongly supports the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers setting forth the Clean Water Act Section 404 Mitigation Policy. The MOA is an important step forward in the protection of important wetlands resources in that it includes recognition by the Corps of Engineers of EPA's longstanding sequential mitigation policy.

Please do not permit further delays in implementation of this important Memorandum of Agreement.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Miller
Executive Director





COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA FISH COMMISSION
BUREAU OF EDUCATION AND INFORMATION
P.O. BOX 1673
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-1673

January 26, 1990

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was extremely concerned to learn that action on the wetlands agreement has been further suspended until at least January 31. We can no longer afford such delays.

I respectfully request that you order John Sununu to reinstate the memorandum of agreement on wetlands mitigation NOW. Please keep to your promise of "No net loss of wetlands."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl K. Riley
Cheryl K. Riley
Director

CKR/cg





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STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

ST. PAUL 55155

RUDY PERPICH
GOVERNOR

January 29, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I encourage you to implement the Memorandum of Agreement between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Army on wetlands mitigation. The Agreement is an important step towards translating the policy of "no net loss" of wetlands into action.

The State of Minnesota recognizes that this matter affects the projects and programs of many state and local governments. Our own Department of Transportation has raised concerns about the implications of the MOA for highway construction. However, we know that an effective program can be implemented because MnDOT has managed such a mitigation program for several years in close cooperation with state and federal regulatory agencies.

In review of the MOA, we believe that it is a clarifying document to improve interagency cooperation. As such, it is not the same as a new rule. Implementation need not be delayed for further debate and deliberation.

We are pursuing state legislation to establish a "no net loss" policy framework for Minnesota wetlands. If we are successful in our proposal, we will work with appropriate federal agencies in an attempt to eliminate dual regulations which have been a source of frustration to the regulated public.

Thank you for your consideration of our views. Minnesota will assist in working to implement effective programs for the management and protection of our valuable resources.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Rudy Perpich in dark ink.
RUDY PERPICH
Governor

hanny Griffith
State of Wisconsin109903
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCESCarroll D. Besadny
Secretary

January 30, 1990

BOX 7921
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53707

File Ref. 3500

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush,

I am writing to express my strong support for the recent Memorandum of Agreement on wetland mitigation policy between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corps of Engineers, as well as my concern over the continued delay in its implementation.

Our experience in dealing with federal agencies on matters affecting wetlands has shown the importance of having a consistent, and appropriately sequenced, policy on mitigation of wetland losses resulting from regulatory decisions. Many problems, including delays in regulatory decisions and strains in our working relationship with the Corps, have resulted from the manner in which mitigation has been used in the Section 404 permit program in Wisconsin. I personally find it significant, and also reassuring, that EPA and the Department of the Army have been able to reach an agreement on the mitigation issue.

I ask that you maintain your strong position on wetlands protection by allowing the EPA-Army agreement to proceed without modification.

Sincerely,

C. D. Besadny
Secretary

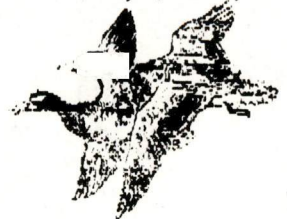
cc: Governor Tommy Thompson
Honorable Robert Page
Honorable William Reilly
Honorable John Sununu
Honorable Nancy Malloy

Wisconsin Congressional Delegation
Honorable George Mitchell
Honorable Quentin Burdick
Honorable Glenn Anderson

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE RESOURCES

DON R. MCCORMICK, COMMISSIONER

January 30, 1990

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The Honorable George Bush -
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Memorandum of Agreement Between the
Environmental Protection Agency and the
Department of the Army Concerning the
Determination of Mitigation Under the
Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1)
Guidelines.

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to you in support of the recently signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) referenced above. This MOA is a significant step towards the preservation of our nations wetlands and the accomplishment of your stated goal of "no net loss of wetlands". Any modification of this MOA or postponement of its enactment could result in additional significant losses to one of our most valuable fish and wildlife habitats with significant impacts to the users of that resource.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky has experienced significant losses in wetlands since the 1950's. It has been estimated that we have lost over 60% of our wetlands at a rate of 3,600 acres per year. While that may not be as great a loss as other states, it must be recognized that Kentucky only had an estimated 273,000 acres of wetlands in 1954. Therefore our percentage of loss is as great as any other region of the nation.

Not only are wetlands one of the most important habitats for fish and wildlife resources, but they provide many benefits to the general population of the United States. Such benefits as floodwater storage, groundwater recharge, water quality enhancement, and sediment storage provide many economic benefits to a majority of the people without their knowledge. Without our nation's wetlands it is difficult to imagine how much additional flood damage would have occurred or how many people would have degraded drinking water supplies. Additionally, the use of wetlands for fishing, hunting, and general recreational results in millions of dollars of revenue being generated every year that is beneficial to the local and national economy. Therefore,

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President George Bush
January 30, 1990

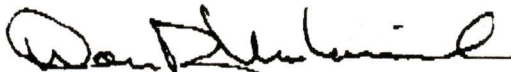
the continued loss of wetlands can result in severe economic damage to a large segment of the general population.

The above-referenced MOA provides a systematic and comprehensive methodology to protect our nation's wetlands and to provide for mitigation and compensation whenever impacts to wetlands are unavoidable. The MOA does not prevent economic development, rather it encourages the compatible development of our economic resources with the local natural resources for the mutual benefit of all of the citizens of the nation.

On behalf of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, I strongly support the immediate implementation of the above-referenced MOA in its current form to help protect the nation's wetlands.

We appreciate your continued concern regarding our nation's fish and wildlife resources.

Sincerely,



Don R. McCormick
Commissioner

DRM/WLD/blg

cc: Peter W. Pfeiffer, Director, Division of Fisheries
Edwin F. Crowell, Asst. Director, Division of Fisheries
Lauren E. Schaaf, Director, Division of Wildlife
Honorable John Sununu, Chief of Staff, The White House
Ms. Nancy Malloley, Office of Policy Development
Honorable William Reilly, USEPA
Honorable Robert Page, Department of the Army
Honorable George Mitchell, U.S. Senate
Honorable Quentin Burdick, U.S. Senate
Honorable Glenn Anderson, U.S. House of Representatives
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**Department of Fish and Wildlife****OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

506 SW MILL STREET, P.O. BOX 59, PORTLAND, OREGON 97207 PHONE (503) 229-5406

January 29, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wishes to express our strong support of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for sequential mitigation for waters of the United States. We strongly urge you to implement the MOA immediately and follow through on your commitment to "no net loss" of wetlands. As a hunter and an angler, we know you understand the importance of wetlands and other water habitats to fish and wildlife.

Recently the State of Oregon adopted statutes adopting the EPA's sequential definition of mitigation in which avoidance of an adverse impact was the first step. These statutes were developed by a task force including state agencies, local governments, developers and conservationists. The state adopted EPA's definition of mitigation to be consistent with the federal government.

As the agency responsible for the management and protection of fish and wildlife in Oregon, the Department of Fish and Wildlife strongly urges you to be consistent to your commitment to the nation's wetland resources by implementing the MOA between the Corps and EPA. Thank you for your commitment to one of our nations great natural resources, its fish and wildlife.

Respectfully yours,

Randy Fisher
Director

c: The Honorable John Sununu, Chief of Staff
Ms. Nancy Malloley, Associate Director for Environment,
Energy and Natural Resources
The Honorable William Reilly, Administrator, U.S. EPA
The Honorable Robert Page, Assistant Secretary - Civil Works
The Honorable George Mitchell, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Quentin Burdick, U.S. Senate

The Honorable George Bush
January 26, 1990
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The Honorable Glen Anderson, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Bob Packwood, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Les Aucoin, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Robert F. Smith, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Ron Wyden, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Peter Defazio, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Denny Smith, U.S. House of Representatives
Gaile Achterman, Assistant for Natural Resources

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 2/02

TO: ANDY CARD

FROM: ~~ANDY CARD~~ LYNN LAWSON

As I am sure you are aware, Nancy Maloley in Policy Development has several hundred MOA/wetlands letters. From her supply, I have pulled those from local elected officials.

I intended to notify Linda of this in case you wanted Nancy's letters as well, but she had left for the day. Alas, I pass this on to you for whatever help it may be, as I was not certain if you wanted to see correspondence only from elected officials or a full sampling.

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STAFF PRESIDENT BUSH
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NAME LYNN CHRYSTAL
TITLE MAYOR
ORG CITY OF VALDEZ
STREET POST OFFICE BOX 307
ADDR VALDEZ AK 99686
SUBJECT URGES THE PRESIDENT TO RESCIND THE PROPOSED
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 ARMY CORPS REGARDING WETLANDS PRESERVATION
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STAFF PRESIDENT BUSH
PRBUSH
NAME MR. GEORGE PATTON
TITLE CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORG FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION
STREET 200 COURTHOUSE SQUARE
ADDR FAYETTEVILLE GA 30214
SUBJECT EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT THE FEDERAL POSITION
ON WETLANDS PROTECTION MAY PREVENT FAYETTE
COUNTY FROM SUPPLYING THEIR RESIDENTS WITH
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PRBUSH
NAME MS. KATHY SFERRA
TITLE CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION
ORG CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ADDR BELCHERTOWN MA 01007
SUBJECT URGES THE PRESIDENT TO IMPLEMENT THE
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN THE
ARMY CORPS AND EPA REGARDING SECTION 404 OF
THE CLEAN WATER ACT TO PRESERVE WETLANDS
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 STAFF PRESIDENT BUSH
 PRBUSH
 NAME MS. LILLIAN V. NORTH
 TITLE CHAIRMAN
 CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 ORG TOWN OF IPSWICH
 ADDR IPSWICH MA 01938
 SUBJECT URGES REINSTATEMENT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
 AGREEMENT ON WETLANDS MITIGATION
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STAFF PRESIDENT BUSH
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NAME MR. FRED D. MONREAN
TITLE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
ORG CITY OF KETCHIKAN
STREET 334 FRONT STREET
ADDR KETCHIKAN AK 99901
SUBJECT INFORMS THE PRESIDENT THAT THE EPA AND ARMY
CORPS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON THE
DETERMINATION OF WETLANDS MITIGATION HAS
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 NAME THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. DORR
 TITLE COALITION CHAIRMAN
 ORG NATIONWIDE PUBLIC PROJECTS
 COALITION
 STREET ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE, SUITE 300
 1360 S. CLARKSON STREET
 ADDR DENVER CO 80210
 SUBJECT URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DEFER THE EFFECTIVE
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 THE EPA AND ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGARDING
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 COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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STAFF PRESIDENT BUSH
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NAME MR. ERIC L. STONE
TITLE CHAIRMAN
ORG INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
TOWN OF BETHANY
STREET TOWN HALL
40 PECK ROAD
ADDR BETHANY CT 06525
SUBJECT URGES REINSTATE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
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PRBUSH
NAME MR. WILLIAM B. ELLIS
ORG MCSWEENEY, BURTCH & CRUMP
STREET POST OFFICE BOX 1463
ADDR RICHMOND VA 23212
SUBJECT WRITES ON BEHALF OF JAMES CITY COUNTY,
VIRGINIA REGARDING THE MOA BETWEEN EPA AND
ACE REGARDING WETLANDS MITIGATION
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NAME THE HONORABLE MARGARET CARPENTER
TITLE MAYOR
ORG CITY OF THORNTON
STREET POST OFFICE BOX 291220
ADDR THORNTON CO 80229
SUBJECT CPPOSES THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
 THE EPA AND ARMY CORPS ON WETLANDS MITIGATION
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NAME THE HONORABLE ALBERT E. APPLETON
STREET 1601 THIRD AVENUE, 14FW
ADDR NEW YORK NY 10128
SUBJECT REGARDING PROPOSED EXEMPTION FOR ALASKA
WETLANDS FROM THE EPA AND ARMY CORPS OF
ENGINEERS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON WETLANDS
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CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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FROM

LYNN LAWSON

(Mayor)

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JOHN E. BOURNE, JR.
Mayor

City of North Charleston
SOUTH CAROLINA

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January 22, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to you in opposition to the agreement entered into by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency now before the White House.

I write from the perspective as Mayor of the third largest city in South Carolina and one who is presently serving on Governor Campbell's Wetlands Forum. Serving with very active environmentalists, developers, foresters, and elected officials, has been a very meaningful experience for me. As we have gone through a very exhausted process, I believe we have reached several distinct conclusions.

First of all, I believe all of us would qualify as environmentalists in that we are not despoilers of all that is good and we recognize the value of wetlands. We also recognize the fact that "all wetlands are not created equally". That is to say that while many and in fact most wetlands are valuable, there are many that have virtually no value and the federal agencies, especially the EPA, have not been able to understand that.

Summing it up, I would say that because of the federal agencies' reckless and high-handed manner in which they have tried to impose the regulations, are there own worst enemy and that is the reason there is so much skepticism over this joint agreement.

Let me again register my objections to the joint agreement and cancel on the side of rules and regulations that are more compatible with growth and economic development.

Sincerely,

John E. Bourne, Jr.
Mayor

JEBjr/crw

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 13, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. SCOTT A. BURGESS

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. 90-5 URGING
THAT ALASKA NOT BE SUBJECTED TO A BLANKET
NATIONAL POLICY OF "NO NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 14, 1989

Dear Mr. Burgess:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for forwarding Resolution 90-5 of the Alaska Municipal League. I have taken the liberty of sharing this information with the appropriate officials in the Administration for their consideration and review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Canary, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

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B. Canary
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Alaska MUNICIPAL League

217 SECOND STREET, SUITE 200
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801

December 7, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

I understand the Domestic Policy Council is developing a "no net loss" wetlands policy and will be making its recommendation to you in the near future. In advance of the Council's recommendation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Corps of Engineers signed a mitigation memorandum of understanding last month on Section 404(b)(1) permitting guidelines for wetlands under the Clean Water Act. In advance of your receiving and ruling on the recommendations of the Domestic Policy Council, and in light of the possible changes in key federal agency interpretation of the Clean Water Act and wetlands regulation in the absence of such approved policy, I wanted to express my concerns as they relate to changes in wetlands policies and regulations and the potential impacts on Alaska and its municipalities.

I have enclosed Resolution No. 90-5, **A Resolution Urging That Alaska Not Be Subjected To A Blanket National Policy of "No Net Loss" Of Wetlands.** Resolution 90-5 was passed by the Alaska Municipal League membership at its annual business meeting in Juneau, November 17, 1989. On behalf of the Alaska Municipal League, please give the League's concerns careful consideration when developing and approving a national wetlands policy. Also, do not allow changes in regulation or interpretation beyond existing law and in advance of an approved "no net loss" wetlands policy that recognizes and provides for the unique characteristics of Alaska and the other 49 states.

The Alaska Municipal League is a non-profit, non-partisan statewide organization representing 123 municipalities of the 162 local governments in Alaska. I believe the resolution clearly states Alaskan local governments' concerns regarding the development and protection of wetlands and the significant negative effects a blanket national policy could have on economic and community development in Alaska.

The Honorable George Bush
December 7, 1989
Page 2

Alaskans do not oppose the Clean Water Act nor do they deny the importance of wetlands and their protection; however, the natural environmental and geographic conditions and the degree of man-made alterations in Alaska are significantly different than those in other states. Please consider AML Resolution 90-5 in your decisions as to the appropriateness and applicability of any new national wetlands policy and in future executive directives to your federal agencies such as the EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott A. Burgess", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott A. Burgess
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Governor Steve Cowper
Senator Ted Stevens
Senator Frank Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
Alan Beals, NLC
John Thomas, NACo
AML Board of Directors

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Resolution of the Alaska Municipal League

Resolution No. 90-5

A RESOLUTION URGING THAT ALASKA NOT BE SUBJECTED TO A BLANKET NATIONAL POLICY OF "NO NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS

WHEREAS, the Domestic Policy Council is considering advancing for Presidential approval a national "no net loss of wetlands" policy, and

WHEREAS, federal agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have not yet adopted this policy in their regulations and programs, and

WHEREAS, the perceived need for a "no net loss" policy is caused by wetlands loss in the continental United States, not Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the original concept of wetlands has become increasingly expanded since the Clean Water Act was implemented, and

WHEREAS, 88 percent of the total land mass of Alaska is still owned by the federal or state government, which already exercises strict control over its development, and

WHEREAS, Alaska's wetland areas cover approximately 170 million acres and only 80,000 acres (.05 percent) of Alaska's wetlands have been altered since 1867, and

WHEREAS, Alaska's wetlands are not endangered from a quantity or quality perspective, and

WHEREAS, most coastal communities in Alaska are undertaking port and harbor development and expanding marine repair facilities and most rely on the water for transportation (e.g., the Marine Highway System), fishing, processing, recreation, and tourism, and

WHEREAS, said port facilities and other infrastructure will be built to some degree on wetlands, and

WHEREAS, local communities have been actively attempting to diversify their economies away from the petroleum sector and such diversification is extremely dependent on the aforementioned infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, Alaska is actively trying to attract more business to support its rich fisheries and bring them ashore, supporting the home fleet and creating value-added jobs to build its economy, and

WHEREAS, if adopted as a decisional requirement in federal programs applicable to Alaska, a "no net loss" policy will effectively halt even temporary conversion of wetlands in Alaska, including native corporation-owned and other wetlands, and

WHEREAS, local communities in Alaska have already undertaken responsible management of wetlands resources through development of coastal management programs which are incorporated into the overall Alaska Coastal Management Program and approved in accordance with the requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) in addition to the Alaska Corps of Engineers Section 404 permitting program, and

WHEREAS, through creation of vast National Conservation System Units and various other regulatory programs, Congress has put in place for Alaska wetland protection programs unparalleled in the "Lower 48" states for their severity, already placing serious restraints on development in the few places where private property exists in Alaska, and

WHEREAS, an absolute prohibition on any further "loss" or "use" of wetlands is inappropriate in relatively undeveloped Alaska and will be an onerous detriment to the coastal communities of Alaska without producing any beneficial effect on the wetlands situation in the continental United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Municipal League respectfully requests that President Bush, in coping with wetlands problems in other states, consider the negative effects a "no net loss" policy will have on vital economic development in Alaska and avoid subjecting Alaska to a blanket policy which portends so much potential harm to its local communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal agencies should revise their wetland protection programs for Alaska to concentrate on classification and protection of productive wetlands that actually provide fish, wildlife, and water quality benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal agencies operating in Alaska should work cooperatively with Alaska municipalities to decide where development should and should not occur in wetlands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that municipal governments in Alaska should join in a well-informed alliance to effectively reshape the federal wetlands policy to conform to the realities and needs of Alaska and its citizens.

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

PR012-02

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 11, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. PAUL CHIZMAR

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF RESOLUTION REGARDING
WETLANDS, AND URGES THAT ALASKA BE EXEMPTED
FROM THE "NO NET LOSS" POLICY

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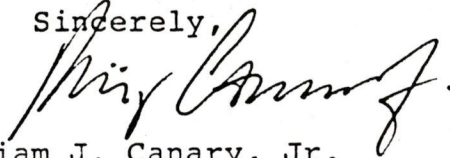
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1989

Dear Mr. Chizmar:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for forwarding the resolution dated November 9, 1989 of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. I have taken the liberty of sharing this information with the appropriate officials in the Administration for their consideration and review.

Sincerely,



William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Paul Chizmar
Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly
809 Pioneer Road
P.O. Box 1267
Fairbanks, AK 99707



Fairbanks North Star Borough

Silver Anniversary

December 5, 1989

B.Canary

The Honorable George Bush
President, United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear President Bush:

The Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly adopted the enclosed resolution regarding wetlands and the forthcoming national policy for "No Net Loss" of wetlands at its meeting of November 9th.

This "No Net Loss" of wetlands would seriously affect the State of Alaska because of the fact that most of the non-mountainous areas of Alaska would be considered "wetlands" under the proposed definitions. With this new policy neither the State of Alaska, any municipality, private enterprise, nor native corporation would be able to do any road construction, military expansion, mineral development, pipeline development, or as a matter of fact any construction. It must be realized that the State of Alaska is unique in that most of our low areas are wetlands and are the only areas in which development can take place.

I urge you to exempt Alaska from the "No Net Loss" policy, or at the very least, develop guidelines for Alaska which would allow for development of our State while still protecting specific identified wetland areas.

Sincerely,

Paul Chizmar, Presiding Officer
Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly

By: Harold Gillam
Introduced: 11/09/89
Adopted: 11/09/89

RESOLUTION NO. 89-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH
REGARDING WETLANDS AND THE FORTHCOMING NATIONAL POLICY FOR
"NO NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS

WHEREAS, the National Wetlands Policy Forum, in November 1988, released recommendations designed to: "establish a national wetlands protection policy to achieve no overall net loss of the nation's remaining wetlands base as defined by acreage and function, and to restore and create wetlands, where feasible, to increase the quality of the nation's wetlands resource base"; and

WHEREAS, this policy was embraced by President Bush during his campaign and is now under study by the President's Domestic Policy Task Force on Wetlands; and

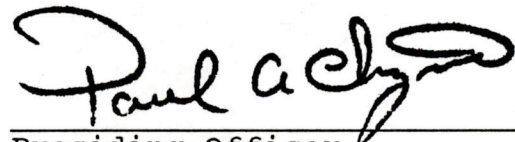
WHEREAS, in the contiguous United States there are approximately 100 million acres of wetlands; and

WHEREAS, under the existing definition of wetlands over 45% or 170 million acres of Alaska is classified as wetlands in contrast to the other states where only a small percentage of the area is classified as wetlands; and

WHEREAS, over 155 million acres of Alaska are already protected in federal conservation units, of which over 56 million acres are wilderness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairbanks North Star Borough urges the congressional delegation to recognize that Alaska is truly different and that the definition of wetlands should be changed to recognize the effect of permafrost and the fact that there are vast areas of nonproductive wetlands in Alaska and Alaska should be excluded from the "No Net Loss Policy".

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1989.



Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Assembly

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

PR012-02

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 05, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. LINDA E. CONLEY

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. R-90-11-1
REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF ALASKA NOT BE
SUBJECT TO A BLANKET NATIONAL POLICY OF "NO
NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS

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MANAGEMENT.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1989

Dear Ms. Conley:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for forwarding Resolution #R-90-11-1 of the Nome Common Council. I have taken the liberty of sharing this information with the appropriate officials in the Administration for their consideration and review.

Sincerely,



William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Ms. Linda E. Conley
City Clerk
P.O. Box 281
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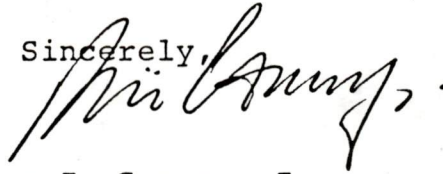
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WASHINGTON

December 6, 1989

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William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Ms. Linda E. Conley
City Clerk
P.O. Box 281
Nome, AK 99762



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CITY OF NOME

P.O. BOX 281 - NOME, ALASKA 99762
TELEPHONE (907) 443-5242

B. Conley
November 28, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

At their November 27, 1989 regular meeting, the Nome Common Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. R-90-11-1, "A Resolution Requesting that the State of Alaska Not Be Subject to a Blanket National Policy of "No Net Loss" of Wetlands". A copy of the resolution is enclosed for your review and information.

Thank you for your consideration of the City of Nome's request.

Sincerely yours,

Linda E. Conley
Linda E. Conley
City Clerk

Enclosure

cc: U.S. Senator Ted Stevens
U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski
U.S. Representative Don Young
Resource Development Council for Alaska, Inc.

Presented By:
City Manager
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CITY OF NOME, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. R-90-11-1

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE
OF ALASKA NOT BE SUBJECT TO A BLANKET
NATIONAL POLICY OF "NO NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS.

WHEREAS, the Domestic Policy Council is considering advancing for Presidential approval a national "no net loss of wetlands" policy; and,

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WHEREAS, 88 percent of the total land mass of Alaska is still owned by the federal or state government which already exercises strict control on its development; and,

WHEREAS, Alaska's wetland areas cover approximately 170 million acres and only 80,000 acres (.05 percent) of Alaska's wetlands have been altered since 1867; and,

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WHEREAS, Alaska is actively trying to attract more business to support its rich fisheries and bring them ashore, supporting the home fleet and creating value-added jobs to build its economy; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nome Common Council of Nome, Alaska, respectfully requests that President Bush, in coping with wetlands problems in other states, will consider the negative effects a "no net loss" policy will have on vital economic development in Alaska and will avoid subjecting Alaska to a blanket policy which portends to much potential harm to its local communities.

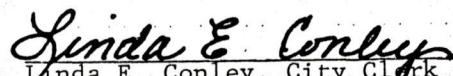
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APPROVED and SIGNED this 27th day of November, 1989.


John K. Handeland, Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda E. Conley, City Clerk

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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NR 004

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 19, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT VAN BROCKLIN

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES RESOLUTION 89-111 ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF CORDOVA IN OPPOSITION TO
ALASKA BEING SUBJECTED TO A BLANKET NATIONAL
POLICY FOR "NO NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS

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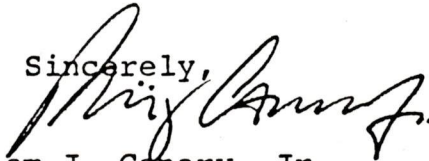
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1989

Dear Mayor Van Brocklin:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for forwarding Resolution #89-111. I have taken the liberty of sharing your resolution with the appropriate officials in the Administration for their consideration and review.

Sincerely,



William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Robert Van Brocklin
Office of the Mayor
602 Railroad Avenue
P.O. Box 1210
Cordova, Alaska 99574

CITY OF CORDOVA



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B. Carney
December 12, 1989

Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

Attached is a Resolution 89-111 which was adopted by the City Council of Cordova, Alaska, in opposition to Alaska being subjected to a blanket national policy for "No Net Loss" of wetlands.

Sincerely,

CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA

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Robert Van Brocklin
Mayor

Enclosure: Resolution 89-111

CITY OF CORDOVA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 89-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA,
ALASKA, RELATING TO ALASKA NOT BEING SUBJECTED TO A BLANKET
NATIONAL POLICY FOR "NO NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS

WHEREAS, the Domestic Policy Council is considering advancing for Presidential approval a national "no net loss of wetlands" policy; and

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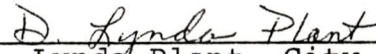
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cordova, Alaska, hereby respectfully requests that President Bush, in coping with wetlands problems in other states, will consider the negative effects a "no net loss policy" will have on vital economic development in Alaska and will avoid subjecting Alaska to a blanket policy which portends so much potential harm to its local communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 6 DAY OF December, 1989.



Mayor Robert Van Brocklin



D. Lynda Plant, City Clerk

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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NR004

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 30, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MS. MARY LORENCE

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF RESOLUTION NO. 89-23
RELATING TO ALASKA NOT BEING SUBJECTED TO A
BLANKET NATIONAL POLICY FOR "NO NET LOSS" OF
WETLANDS

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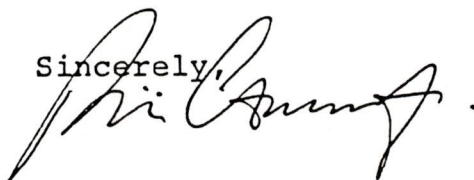
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1989

Dear Ms. Lorence:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for forwarding Resolution #89-23 of the Southeast Conference. I have taken the liberty of sharing this information with the appropriate officials in the Administration for their consideration and review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Canary", with a stylized flourish at the end.

William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Ms. Mary Lorence
Interim Director, Southeast Conference
P.O. Box 22286
Juneau, AK 99802

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SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

P.O. Box 22286

Juneau, Alaska 99802

Bill Canary

November 24, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President, United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

Enclosed is Resolution #89-23 that was passed by the Southeast Conference, an organization comprised of municipalities and businesses in Southeast Alaska, at its September 22, 1989 annual meeting. The Conference is requesting that you consider the negative effects of a "no net loss of wetlands policy" on economic development in Alaska. Local communities in Alaska have developed coastal zone management plans, which incorporate responsible wetlands policies. Since Southeast Alaska is relatively undeveloped most coastal communities are currently expanding port and harbor facilities. All Southeastern communities rely on water-based transportation for our marine highway system, fishing, processing, recreation and tourism. To stop further use of our wetlands would severely hinder the economic development of our region.

If you have further questions or need additional information our office would be happy to discuss this with you or one of your staff. Please feel free to contact me a call at (907)463-3445.

Thank you for your consideration of this important resolution.

Sincerely,

Mary Lorence

Mary Lorence
Interim Director

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Enc: Resolution #89-23

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

P.O. Box 22286

Juneau, Alaska 99802

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE RESOLUTION #89-23

RELATING TO ALASKA NOT BEING SUBJECTED TO A BLANKET NATIONAL POLICY FOR "NO NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS

WHEREAS, the Domestic Policy Council is considering advancing for Presidential approval a national "no net loss of wetlands" policy; and

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WHEREAS, an absolute prohibition on any further "loss" or "use" of wetlands is inappropriate in relatively undeveloped Alaska and will be a onerous detriment to the coastal communities of Alaska without producing any beneficial effect on the wetlands situation in the continental United States.

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Adopted by the Southeast Conference this 22nd day of September, 1989.



William B. Privett, President

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

NR004

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 27, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE FREDERICK L. SHIELDS

SUBJECT: REQUESTS RESCINDING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT (MOA) WHICH RESTRICTS LOCAL CONTROL
AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF UNDEVELOPED
WETLANDS IN THE HAINES BOROUGH

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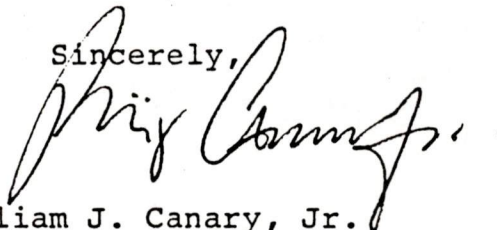
January 4, 1990

Dear Mayor Shields:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the wetlands in the Haines borough.

Your views on these matters will be shared with the appropriate officials within the Administration for their consideration and benefit. Your input is highly valued and we appreciate your taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Canary, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Frederick Shields
Office of the Mayor
P.O. Box 1209
Haines, Alaska 99827



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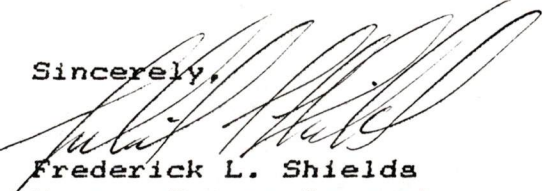
George Bush
President, U.S. of A.
Washington, D.C. 20500

12-13-89

Dear Mr. President:

The Haines Borough, like most Alaskan communities, has large areas of mostly undeveloped wetlands. I feel that the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) restricts local control and future development in the Haines Borough. I respectfully request that you rescind the MOA. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Frederick L. Shields
Mayor, Haines Borough

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

NR004

DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 22, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM C. NOLL

SUBJECT: FORWARDS SEWARD, ALASKA RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE RESOLUTION RELATING
TO NOT BEING SUBJECTED TO A BLANKET NATIONAL
POLICY FOR "NO NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS

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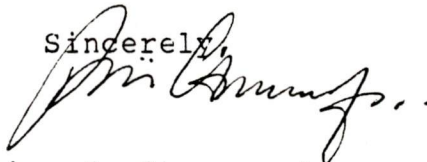
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1989

Dear Mayor Noll:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for forwarding Resolution #89-137 of the Seward City Council. I have taken the liberty of sharing this information with the appropriate officials in the Administration for their consideration and review.

Sincerely,



William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable William C. Noll
Office of the Mayor
P.O. Box 167
Seward, AK 99664

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B. Canary
November 14, 1989

THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH
PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington D. C. 20500

"NO NET LOSS" OF WETLAND POLICY

At its regular meeting of November 6, 1989, the Seward City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 89-137, in support of the Southeast Conference Resolution relating to the State of Alaska not being subjected to a blanket national policy for "NO NET LOSS" of wetlands.

We urge you to strongly consider the negative effect this would have on Seward and other coastal communities in the State of Alaska. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA

William C. Noll
P.S.
William C. Noll
Mayor

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Sponsored by: Schaefermeyer

CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 89-137

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF SEWARD, ALASKA, IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
RESOLUTION RELATING TO NOT BEING SUBJECTED TO A BLANKET
NATIONAL POLICY FOR "NO NET LOSS" OF WETLANDS

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CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 89-137

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WHEREAS, an absolute prohibition on any further "loss" or "use" of wetlands is inappropriate in relatively undeveloped Alaska and will be an onerous detriment to the coastal communities of Alaska without producing any beneficial effect on the wetlands situation in the continental United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA, that:

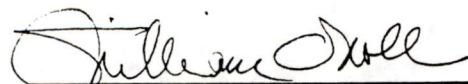
Section 1. The City of Seward supports the efforts of the Southeast Conference and respectfully requests that President Bush, in coping with wetlands problems in other states, will consider the negative effects a "no net loss policy" will have on vital economic development in Alaska and will avoid subjecting Alaska to a blanket policy which portends so much potential harm to its local communities.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to President Bush, the Domestic Policy Council, and Alaska's Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Seward, Alaska, this 6th day of November, 1989.

THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA



William C. Noll, Mayor

AYES: Burgess, Dunham, Noll, Sieminski, Simutis
NOES: None
ABSENT: Hilton, Meehan
ABSTAIN: None

CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 89-137

ATTEST:

Patricia J. Jones
Patricia J. Jones
Acting City Clerk

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Perkins Coie, Attorneys for the
City of Seward, Alaska

Gordon J. Taur
Fred B. Arvidson
City Attorney

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 17, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DAN KECK

SUBJECT: REQUESTS CONSIDERING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS A
"NO NET LOSS POLICY" WILL HAVE ON VITAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ALASKA

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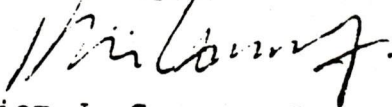
Dear Mayor Keck:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the "No Net Loss" of wetlands Policy.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Intergovernmental Affairs Office at the Environmental Protection Agency. You should be hearing from them shortly.

I sincerely appreciate your bringing your concerns to the attention for the Administration.

Sincerely,



William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Dan Keck
Office of the Mayor
City and Borough of Sitka
304 Lake Street
Sitka, AK 99835



City and Borough of Sitka

304 LAKE STREET. SITKA, ALASKA. 99835

November 9, 1989

President George Bush
and
Domestic Policy Council
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: Proposed Nationwide Policy for "No Net Loss" of
Wetlands.**

Dear Mr. President:

Sweeping changes in wetlands management have been proposed by the National Wetlands Policy Forum, organized in 1987 to develop recommendations aimed at curbing the loss of wetlands due to urban and industrial uses. The recommendations may have some merit in states where the majority of the wetland base has been altered or destroyed by erosion.

However, that problem does not exist in Alaska. Alaska is one state which does not contribute to the alarming loss of wetlands in America. Even with recent world-class developments on the North Slope and elsewhere in Alaska, even while producing 25% of America's domestic supply, 99.95% of Alaska's wetlands are intact.

Approximately 45% of Alaska is covered by wetlands. In fact, wetlands account for 74% of Alaska's non-mountainous area. The result is that wetlands of many types and descriptions form the bulk of the developable land in the state. Therein lies the problem. The broad definition of wetlands, combined with the emerging federal policy of "no net loss," would place most lands and development projects in a precarious situation. It would be almost impossible for an area surrounded by wetlands to expand and develop.

President George Bush and
Domestic Policy Council
"No Net Loss" of Wetlands
November 9, 1989
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Since oil and gas, minerals, fisheries, timber and tourism are the mainstays of Alaska's economy, community development opportunity must not be overlooked in wetlands policies. In a state with such limited overland transportation routes, each of these sectors and most communities rely heavily upon the use of coastal and inland waterways. Surrounding or adjacent wetlands must be available for infrastructure and other support facilities.

Mr. President, in coping with wetlands problems in other states we ask you to consider the negative effects a "No Net Loss Policy" will have on vital economic development in Alaska and please avoid subjecting Alaska to a blanket policy which portends so much potential harm to its local communities.

Sincerely,



Dan Keck
Mayor
City & Borough of Sitka

Enclosure: Southeast Conference
Resolution No. 89-23
Adopted September 22, 1989

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

P.O. Box 22286

Juneau, Alaska 99802

SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE RESOLUTION #89-23

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Adopted by the Southeast Conference this 22nd day of September, 1989.



William B. Privett, President



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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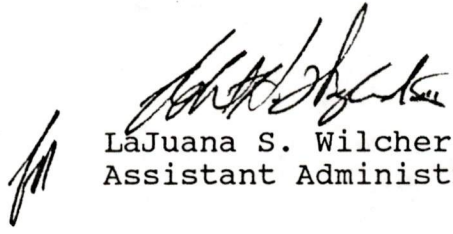
SUBJECT: Letter from the Mayor of Sitka, Alaska

TO: Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
The White House

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In accordance with arrangements established by Nancy's Office, her staff handles responses to letters received regarding the President's "no net loss" goal. Therefore, we request that you forward Mayor Keck's letter for Nancy's attention.

Thank you.


LaJuana S. Wilcher
Assistant Administrator

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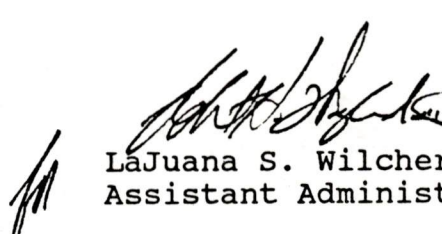
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REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 28, 1989

TO: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
ATTN: PEGGY KNIGHT

ACTION REQUESTED:
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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1989

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE DAN KECK
MAYOR OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH
OF SITKA
304 LAKE STREET
SITKA AK 99835

SUBJECT: REQUESTS CONSIDERING THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS A
"NO NET LOSS POLICY" WILL HAVE ON VITAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ALASKA

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 22, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. STEVEN NARVESON R.S.

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE EPA AND ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGARDING
WETLANDS MITIGATION UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT

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Steven Narveson

Zoning Administrator
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January 17, 1990

President George Bush
White House
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Memorandum of Agreement Between E.P.A. and Army Corps of Engineers -
Mitigation Under Clean Water Act.

Dear Mr. President:

I have reviewed the memorandum and want you to know I and this department strongly support the agreement. This department, on a local level, regulates Wetland Program provisions and are appalled at the loss and degradation of this most valuable asset. While the memorandum will not solve all the problems, it should improve the coordination of the agencies and require the development of a logical and consistent mitigation policy. I urge you to support this memorandum as well as its quick implementation.

I could give facts, figures, photographs or a long explanation of what the problems are, why this coordination is necessary and how these changes will improve the situation, but you should already have had "experts" advise you of those concerns. My letter is to emphasize 1. the concern that Wetland loss and degregation is occurring at a much too rapid rate and 2. that development of a sound and consistent federal policy regarding Wetland Mitigation and agency coordination, needs to be implemented to protect the remaining Wetlands.

Please support the quick implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement between E.P.A. and the Army Corps of Engineers concerning mitigation under the Clean Water Act Section 404 (b) (1) guidelines.

Regards,



Steven Narveson, R.S.
Environmental Health Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

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DATE RECEIVED: APRIL 26, 1989

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. J. ROY FOGLE

SUBJECT: FORWARDS NEUSE RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION CONCERNIN THE WETLANDS ISSUE AND
MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS

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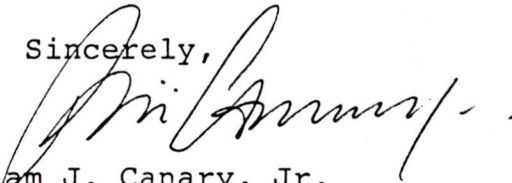
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1989

Dear Mr. Fogle:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for forwarding the Neuse River Council of Governments' resolution regarding the wetlands issue. I have taken the liberty of sharing your resolution with the appropriate officials in the Administration for their consideration and review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bill Canary, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

William J. Canary, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. J. Roy Fogle
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Dear President Bush:

On Monday, March 13, 1989, during the monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Neuse River Council of Governments, the attached resolution was adopted.

We are confident that you will extend our concern over the wetlands issue and the three primary recommendations attached.

We strongly request your support in resolving a dilemma that so directly affects our nine county region.

Sincerely,

J. Roy Fogle
Executive Director

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LT.LEG.WETLANDS

NEUSE RIVER COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WETLANDS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS - There presently exists no single, clear definition of wetlands used consistently throughout all designation reviews, and

WHEREAS - There exists no designation of a single lead regulatory agency charged with the interpretation of that single and consistent definition, and

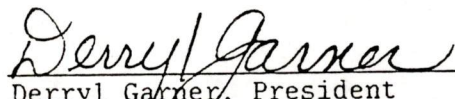
WHEREAS - There is a dire need for a comprehensive educational effort specifically targeted toward the real estate buying public information the real estate consumer of the wetlands issue and the impact of wetlands designation on any given tract of land, and

WHEREAS - The wetlands dilemma is of graven concern to the residents of the State of North Carolina as well as to the citizens of the United States of America, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT - The Neuse River Council of Governments requests that the Governor of the State of North Carolina, the legislative delegation of Region "P" and the United States congressional representatives of this district support a single lead regulatory agency for wetlands designation, a clear definition of wetlands and an educational program encompassing wetlands designation for the real estate consumer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED - That the aforedefined request be delivered to the President of the United States of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF - We have hereunto set our hand this 13th day of March, 1989.



Derryl Garner, President
Neuse River Council of Governments
Board of Directors

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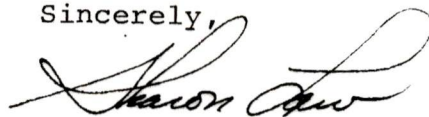
Dear President Bush,

Please order your Chief of Staff, John Sununu to keep your promise of no net loss of Wetlands and to reinstate the memorandum of agreement on Wetlands mitigation.

We, in West Bloomfield, have a strong Wetlands and Woodlands Ordinance and take great pride in protecting our environment.

Your immediate attention to the above will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Sharon A. Law
Township Clerk

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January 22, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

I recently received information that indicated the EPA/Corps of Engineers Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been delayed for implementation until January 30, 1990. I urge you to continue your support for the MOA as written. To do otherwise would compromise your commitment to achieve "No Net Loss of Wetlands".

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation supports the basic policy outlined in the MOA that specifies that impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands, must be first avoided, then minimized or, as a last alternative, compensated through creation or restoration of similar aquatic resources. In addition, implementation of the MOA as written will ensure a consistent interpretation and application of an existing mitigation policy for waters of the United States, including wetlands.

In Oklahoma, we are presently involved in protection initiatives that include acquisition, easement and development of wetlands and development of a State Wetland Conservation Plan. The MOA would complement these efforts and through our agencies involvement in the 404 permit process, provide a valuable tool for protecting Oklahoma's dwindling wetland resource.



AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and your
past support of wetland protection.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Wallace
For - Steven Alan Lewis
Director

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cc: The Honorable John Sununu
Ms. Nancy Malloley
The Honorable William Reilly
The Honorable Robert Page
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The Honorable Quentin Burdick
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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 22, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE GERALD W. WINEGRAD

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO IMPLEMENT THE
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EPA AND
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGARDING WETLANDS
MITIGATION UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT

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SENATE OF MARYLAND

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GERALD W. WINEGRAD
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January 16, 1990

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CHESAPEAKE BAY COMMISSION

The Honorable George Bush
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

This letter is to request that you act to implement the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency regarding wetlands mitigation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This Memorandum of Agreement is one of the many essential steps in achieving your commitment to no net loss of wetlands in America.

The original MOA was signed on November 14, 1989 and now has been delayed twice by your office. The MOA would establish a nationwide mitigation policy for the first time but does not establish a new wetlands policy. Some Corps regional offices, the EPA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been using the same policy for years. The MOA was developed over a number of years and should not be delayed because of the work of the Domestic Policy Council Task Force.

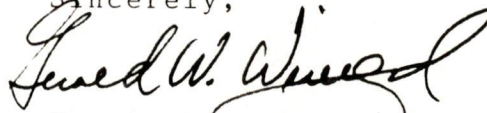
Alaska is a great land. As a member of a delegation from the Environment Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, I toured Alaska from Prudhoe Bay and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Valdez and Prince William Sound. Mitigation of wetland losses in Alaska is as important as mitigation in Maryland. Every State has to work to protect our Nation's wetlands. Dredging or filling Alaska's North Slope wetlands directly impacts waterfowl nesting and summering there. Some tundra swans spend summers in Alaska but winter in Maryland. Filling wetlands in Alaska can cause declines in migratory species in the lower 48 States.

President Bush
January 16, 1990
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Maryland acted in 1970 to prevent the loss of tidal wetlands. In 1989, Bill Reilly was instrumental in convincing a reluctant Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates to support our pending Non-tidal Wetlands Act. The Act passed and we now have one of the strongest wetland protection programs in the Nation. It includes a full mitigation policy very similar to that in the delayed MOA.

I respectfully request that you fulfill your commitment to no net loss of wetlands and not weaken or further delay the MOA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerald W. Winegrad", written in a cursive style.

Gerald W. Winegrad

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 26, 1990

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE LLOYD JONES

SUBJECT: INFORMS THE PRESIDENT THAT INSTITUTING THE
PRESENT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON "NO NET
LOSS OF WETLANDS" WILL BE A DISASTER FOR THE
FUTURE OF ALASKA

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Senator Lloyd Jones

January 24, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Re: "No Net Loss of Wetlands"

Dear Mr. President:

Alaska's "wetlands" cover approximately 170 million acres and only 80,000 acres (0.05%) of Alaska's wetlands have been developed. Institution of the present Memorandum of Agreement on "No net loss of Wetlands" will be a disaster for the future of Alaska and the United States. The MOA will restrict Oil and Gas development as well as severely limit future access the untapped mineral resources of the United States. This policy could profoundly affect Alaska's ability to extract oil, gas, and coal.

Much of Alaska's future relies on the ability to develop tourism, fishing, recreation, timber, and seafood processing as well as our transportation system. This will impact areas defined as "wetlands." Even Defense Department projects like the Back Island Trident Submarine Testing Facility near Ketchikan may be impacted by the present memorandum of agreement.

Alaska and the Federal government have set aside vast areas of Alaska in parks and wilderness areas. Much of these areas are "wetlands" and they are being protected. Alaska is willing to help negotiate a solution to the present dilemma if an exception to the MOA cannot be achieved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lloyd Jones".

Lloyd Jones
Alaska State Senate

cc: Samuel Skinner, Secretary of Transportation

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Official Business

November 13, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
President
United States of America
The White House
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

This letter is written in opposition to the land management changes proposed for inclusion in the Wetlands No Net Loss Act of 1989. I understand recommendations of the National Wetlands Policy Forum offer no consideration for Alaska's unique land circumstances. This spells great potential for harm to Alaska along with the absence of solutions to the problem this legislation attempts to address.

Alaska offers a geological perspective quite different from other states. Wetlands cover almost half of Alaska and three-fourths of its non-mountainous areas. A mere 0.05 percent of our 170 million acres of wetlands have been used for public or private development. This contrasts greatly with the 54 percent of wetland development in the contiguous United States. Restoration of the already disturbed 50,000 acres of wetlands in Alaska would offset the loss of wetlands in the lower 48 states only by a mere 0.07 percent.

Consideration of land ownership presents another unparalleled circumstance. The majority of Alaska's wetland is in state, federal or Native corporation ownership. The exchange of wetlands for development with other wetlands for non-development would most probably necessitate the purchase of land out-of-state to meet the set aside criteria of the current proposals. This would be cost-prohibitive as well as creating a political quagmire in the establishment of value-for-value land assessment between states.

The nature of Alaska's wetlands vary greatly from what is considered comparable land in other states. Particularly pointed is the situation in my senate district where a vast portion of wetland area lies above the Arctic Circle. A low rainfall level throws us oddly into the atmospheric criteria of a desert. However due to subsurface permafrost, what water does fall lies on the land surface due to lack of drainage capability. Correspondingly the terrain's ecological balance functionally serves quite a different purpose in meeting nature's needs. The land for the most part hosts waterfowl and wildlife on a seasonal or transient basis rather than year-round habitation. So little of the area has been developed that alternatives readily exist for waterfowl and wildlife to flourish despite development. This scenario is well proven in the case of North Slope oil and gas activity and mineral development.

The Honorable George Bush
November 14 1989

The current infrastructure of rural Alaska emphasizes the deleterious effects that the "no net loss" proposals threaten. For the most part, regional hubs with populations of three to five thousand are surrounded by smaller outlying communities of 25 to 500 people. The population growth rate boasts one of the highest rates nationwide. However, available land for expansion is at a minimum. There are many cases of having to sacrifice the rules for lack of land alternatives. For example, public roads often cross airport runways or solid waste disposal sites exist closer adjacent to residential areas. Many of these communities are on the verge of coming to grips with economic development and searching for ways to lessen their dependence on state and federal subsidy. Some initiatives involve land use for agricultural or mineral development. The no net loss policy could well preclude the ability of the public and private sector to accommodate growth and begin steps toward economic independence.

The Native corporations, major land holders in rural Alaska and whose shareholders predominantly populate the area, stand to be undermined by the proposed policy also. The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act purported an exchange of 44 million acres of land and financial compensation to, among other things, provide a means of establishing economic viability for the Native people in this state. The Native regional corporations use and will continue to use the lands transferred via ANCSA as a corporate asset for development. The no net loss policy could well cripple further development and the financial standing of these corporations now and in the future.

Existing procedures for land use permits often bring developers face to face with at least 10 different state, federal and local oversight agencies. The permitting process can be both expensive and time-consuming yet each of those agencies offers a protective perspective critical for land protection. It is my understanding that current proposals call for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to become the wetland permitting authority rather than the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. To my knowledge the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has little experience in matters of this sort. I also suspect their slant would not be one of working with or for land development, but working against it.

Designers of the Wetlands No Net Loss Policy Act should address the vast incongruities between Alaska and other states via the grant of an exemption. Not doing so would be just as ridiculous as requiring the rest of the 49 states to establish building standards that accommodate the cold climate which Alaska experiences.

Your consideration of this very serious matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Senator Al Adams
Senate District L

cc: **U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski**
U.S. Senator Ted Stevens
U.S. Representative Don Young
Walter Stieglitz, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Alaska Governor Steve Cowper
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House of Representatives

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November 21, 1989

The Honorable George Bush
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Dear President Bush:

Unless the Wetlands No Net Loss Policy Act addresses the uniqueness of Alaska through an exemption it will create severe hardships for most Alaska residents. As Senator Adam's letter of November 14, 1989 does an excellent job of pointing out, because of climactic conditions, virtually all of the habital area of Western Alaska will be classified as wetlands.

As a native of Alaska I resent the reactionary interests in the contiguous states that wants to deny Rural Alaskans the right to develop their own state to the point that they enjoy a standard of living at least equal to that of third world counties. It is easy for a Doctor or Lawyer from a metropolitan areas to contribute to saving the world's wilderness by locking up Alaska. They don't live in one of our villages where there are no roads, no safe sources of drinking water, no way of safely disposing of sewage and garbage and where tuberculosis, hepatitis and other communicable diseases affect a substantial portion of the population.

Rural Alaska is a century behind in economic development. Congress in establishing the Native corporations under ANSCA recognized the need for economic development that would make Alaska Natives less dependent upon the State and Federal aid. The private sector of the state is only now beginning to develop a long-term economic base. Strict application of the policy of "No Net Loss" can only spell impossible bureaucratic red tape and a total loss for the residents of Alaska. The Federal Government hasn't yet been able to supply enough money to substitute for economic development, nor has the oil wealth of the State of Alaska.

In closing I would urge you to consider the State's need for economic development and for land where our growing population population can live.

Exempt Alaska from the Wetlands No Net Loss Policy Act since it has not even begun to develop let alone deplete its wetlands. I would further urge that permitting authority not be transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. They are charged with maintaining wildlife and habitat should not be asked to provide an unbiased review. Their role is to represent fish and wildlife interests before a third party which has review authority.

Alaskans are very conscience of their environment. More than any other people in our nation they depend upon maintaining an environment that will support subsistence. Allow us to responsibly develop into something more than a Third World Colony.

sincerely,


Rep. Richard Foster
House District 23

CC U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski
U.S. Senator Ted Stevens
U.S. Congressman Don Young
Alaska Governor Steve Cowper

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Mary M. Clure
MEMBER

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January 5, 1990

The Honorable George Bush
President - United States of America
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Dear President Bush:

Subject: Memorandum of Agreement re National Wetlands Issue

Your White House Domestic Policy Council has been working on a National Wetlands Policy through the National Wetlands Forum. We strongly support the work the Forum has been doing, and Alaskans are united in our desire to work with this Forum to implement policy that is fair and workable for all of us.

Unfortunately, through a Memorandum of Agreement between the Corps of Engineers and the EPA, the work being done by the National Wetlands Forum appears to have been circumvented. The MOA, as presently stated, will be extremely detrimental to the State of Alaska. The MOA circumvents the public analysis process and does not allow Alaska a role in the decisions affecting our own future. This is not right, and we seek your intervention.

We are grateful for the time extension granted on putting the MOA into effect. Our goal is to seek an exemption to this agreement. We understand that the "no net loss" concept is not yet law or policy, and the federal agencies have not formally adopted this policy in their regulations and programs. We respectfully urge that this not become policy in Alaska.

Institution of the MOA will place severe limitations and restrictions on all future development in Alaska and may prevent future energy and economic development in the State. At the present time, Alaska supplies 25% of the domestic daily consumption of oil in our nation and has vast, untapped coal reserves. This wetlands policy revision could seriously affect Alaska's contribution to the nation's energy supply, thus our national security.

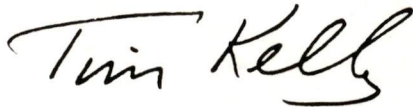
Alaska certainly has valuable wetlands that we are dedicated to protecting. The application of wetland standards developed for the lower 48 states, however, combined with the low evaporative rate and frozen ground caused by the Alaskan climate results in millions of acres that are improperly classified and lack the crucial wetland functions of ground water recharge, flood control, and water quality maintenance. Our wildlife and fish habitats also function differently in these far north "wetlands".

The new federal policy must be modified to conform to the realities and needs of the North. Presently, over 99.95% of Alaska's wetlands remain intact even after nearly a hundred years of mineral and energy development. Our wetlands are not endangered from either a quantity or quality perspective.

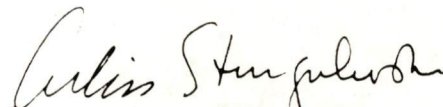
We support your proposal for a responsible national wetlands policy, but we need one that will provide flexibility for Alaska's unique conditions. We will be more than willing to work together to formulate and support a balanced public policy which will protect valuable wetlands while allowing for continued responsible economic development in Alaska. An agreement must be reached that will not sacrifice Alaska's future.

Thank you for your personal consideration on this matter, which is so critically important to Alaska. We want to emphasize once again a willingness to help with the development of a sound policy that we can all support and that will reflect positively on your Administration.

Sincerely,



Senator Tim Kelly
President
ALASKA STATE SENATE



Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
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TO: Honorable George Bush
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FROM: Senator Steve Frank
Alaska State Legislature

DATE: January 12, 1990

RE: Alaska State Legislature Resolution related to
Wetlands and Opposing the Memorandum of Agreement
between the Environmental Protection Agency and
the Corps of Engineers

Please call Rick Solie at 907-465-3709 if there are any
problems with transmission. Thankyou.

5 WHEREAS Alaska has land characteristics that are unique to the state
6 and require special consideration in a wetlands policy for the nation; and

7 WHEREAS 88 percent of the total land mass of the state is owned by the
8 federal and state governments, and the state is committed to protecting and
9 preserving highly valued wetlands; and

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Relating to the "no net loss of wetlands" policy and opposing the Memorandum of Agreement of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the Domestic Policy Council, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and other federal agencies are advancing a new wetlands policy for the nation; and

WHEREAS the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the vital importance and value of wetlands to the State of Alaska and the nation; and

WHEREAS the November 15, 1989, Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Corps of Engineers and the United States Environmental Protection Agency fails to distinguish Alaska's fundamentally different wetlands from those of the other states; and

WHEREAS the "no net loss" policy stems from the 54 percent wetlands loss in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS the definition of wetlands has expanded significantly since the Clean Water Act was originally implemented; and

WHEREAS under the existing definition of wetlands, up to 170,000,000 acres of Alaska are wetlands in contrast to the other states where only a small percentage of the area is wetlands; and

WHEREAS the "no net loss wetlands" Memorandum of Agreement fails to recognize the unique nature of permafrost in the state as well as the vast areas of the state that cannot be developed; and

WHEREAS the subjection of the state to a "no net loss" policy conceived without an understanding of Alaska's unique characteristics would prevent the reasonable, responsible, and appropriate development of wetlands in Alaska; and

WHEREAS the future development and extraction of Alaska's natural resources and diversification of the state's economy would be deleteriously affected by subjection to a "no net loss" policy that did not consider Alaska's unique circumstances; and

WHEREAS the wetland areas of the state cover up to 170,000,000 acres and only 80,000 acres, approximately 0.05 percent of the wetlands, have been altered since 1867;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that George Bush, President of the United States, is respectfully requested to rescind the application to the state of the wetlands Memorandum of Agreement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the President of the United States to determine that application of a "no net loss" policy to wetlands in Alaska that does not consider Alaska's unique circumstances would not be in the best interest of the state or nation; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President direct federal agencies to account for the unique circumstances and needs of the State of Alaska in developing and implementing national wetlands policy; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the President direct the White House Domestic Policy Council to propose a wetlands conservation strategy that recognizes

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the role of the states and provides resources for them to plan wetlands conservation strategies, allows for regional diversity, allows the national goal to be pursued through individual state wetlands management programs, and provides flexible approaches that recognize the uniqueness of Alaskan wetlands.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United States; Lieutenant General Henry J. Hatch, Chief of Engineers, Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; William K. Reilly, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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