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Dear Mr. Contor:

The State has completed its review of the **Kisaralik** River Draft Wild and Scenic River Study. We concur with the proposed alternative (no action) presented in the draft. This alternative is particularly suitable since the question of navigability is still unresolved. The following technical corrections or comments are offered for your use in preparation of the final river study document.

Page 7, paragraph 2: The Bristol Bay Cooperative Management Plan is being prepared by the State of Alaska and the U. S. Department of the Interior, not just the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Page 21, Table 6: This table can be improved by centering the "moose" column with its corresponding data, and by deleting the asterisk from the last row of the "grizzly bear" column.

Page 22, paragraph 1: "whistling swans" are now referred to as "tundra swans" by the American Ornithological Union.

Page 25, paragraph 2: As you know, the Kisaralik River was at one time under study for hydroelectric potential with which to supply the Bethel region. It appears, however, that the outlet of Chikuminik Lake on the Allen River is a better site from which to supply the region. Conclusions are not yet final and development of the Kisaralik River remains a possibility for the future.

Page 27, paragraph 4, last sentence: Local contacts report that many Bethel residents use the river frequently for sport fishing as well as hunting.

Page 30: The two parcels referred to as possible state disposal (Gold Lake and North Fork Lake) are no longer recommended for sale as a result of the Bristol Bay Cooperative Management Plan.

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Page 45: Joe Wehrman works for the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry.

Finally, should Congress elect to include any portion of the Kisaralik into the Wild and Scenic River system, National Park Service should recognize its responsibility for any additional enforcement that might be necessary as a result of any designation. The Alaska Department of Public Safety has noted that they will not be able to provide this service.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this draft river study. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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