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Dear Interested Citizens, Agency or Organization:

Enclosed is the Final Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) on the Harvest of Glaucous-winged Gull Eggs by the Huna Tlingit in Glacier Bay National Park. The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to authorize the limited harvest of glaucous-winged gull eggs in Glacier Bay National Park under a management plan to be cooperatively developed by the NPS and the Hoonah Indian Association, the federally recognized tribe of the Huna Tlingit. Glacier Bay is the traditional homeland of the Huna Tlingit who traditionally harvested eggs there prior to park establishment. The practice was curtailed in the 1960s as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and federal regulations prohibit it. The LEIS responds to the Glacier Bay Resource Management Act of 2000 [P.L. 106-455] in which Congress directed NPS to determine whether egg harvest could occur in the park without impacting gull populations.

The LEIS was completed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1508.9).

A 30-day no-action period follows the release of the Final LEIS. The NPS decision, including any mitigation measures and the rationale for the decision, will occur after this time and will be documented in a record of decision scheduled for release in the summer of 2010.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Cherry Payne
Superintendent

