CHAPTER 5: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION



Glaucous-winged gull banded at South Marble Island.



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5.1 HISTORY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The scoping period began September 18, 2006 with publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an LEIS in the *Federal Register* (71 FR 54687). The NOI invited Alaskan Natives, government agencies, environmental groups and the general public to comment on areas of interest or concerns related to the action being proposed. In September 2006, the NPS published two brochures providing basic information about the LEIS and the NEPA process, and inviting the public to participate in the scoping process. One brochure was distributed to all HIA tribal members, and the second brochure was distributed to more than 500 individuals, agencies, and organizations.

The NPS received written comments from the State of Alaska and the National Parks Conservation Association during the scoping period. Both organizations supported the concept of authorizing traditional harvest activities. The NPS also received one comment from a private citizen.

5.2 TRIBAL AND AGENCY CONSULTATION

NPS staff began tribal government consultation with the Hoonah Indian Association (HIA) in early 2006 to identify potential impact topics, discuss the preliminary alternatives, and describe potential impacts. Tribal representatives were informed throughout the process as alternatives were developed and initial analysis completed.

The NPS initiated informal consultation with the NOAA Fisheries under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. NOAA Fisheries will complete an analysis of the effects of the proposed action on the threatened and endangered stocks of the Steller sea lion following review of this document. NOAA's assessment will be incorporated in the final LEIS.

The State of Alaska, under the management authority of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) has the primary responsibility of protecting fish and wildlife species within the state. The NPS met with ADF&G staff during the scoping period to discuss the range of alternatives and identify any potential impact topics and/or effects of proposed activities.

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National Park Service, Washington Office

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Alaska Federation of Natives

Alaska Native Brotherhood

Aukquan Traditional Council

Cape Fox Corporation

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Huna Heritage Foundation

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Organizations

Alaska Center for the Environment

Alaska Conservation Alliance

Alaska Conservation Foundation

Alaska Environmental Lobby

Alaska Marine Conservation Council

Alaska Natural History Association

Alaska Oceans Network

Alaska Outdoor Council

Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition

Alaska Rainforest Campaign

Alaska Travel Industry Association

Alaska Wilderness Rec. and Tourism Assoc

Alaska Wildlife Alliance

Alaska Wilderness League

Defenders of Wildlife

Earthjustice Legal Defense Fund

Friends of Glacier Bay

Nature Conservancy of Alaska

National Audubon Society

National Parks Conservation Association, Alaska Regional Office

National Park Foundation

Natural Resource Defense Council

National Wildlife Federation, Alaska Office

Pacific Region Oceana

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Southeast Conference

The Ocean Conservancy

The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council

The Wilderness Society

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Wilderness Watch

Wildlife Conservation Society

Educational Institutions

Alaska State Library

Gustavus Public Library

Hoonah Library

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