
CHAPTER 5: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION



Photograph by Stephani Zador.

Glaucous-winged gull banded at South Marble Island.

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5.1 HISTORY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The initial 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 this initial scoping period. Both organizations supported the concept of authorizing traditional harvest activities. The NPS also received one comment from a private citizen who requested that NPS consider a fourth alternative.

Following publication of the Notice of Availability on December 19, 2008 in the *Federal Register* (73 FR 77837) and associated release of the Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement, NPS held public meetings in four Alaska communities: Anchorage, Juneau, Gustavus, and Hoonah. NPS presented background information on the range of alternatives and effects of each alternative and gathered input from Alaska Natives, government agencies, environmental groups, and the general public at these meetings. Notices of public meetings were placed in the Anchorage Daily News and the Juneau Empire and were posted in the communities of Hoonah and Gustavus. Public service announcements were released by Anchorage and Juneau radio stations.

NPS mailed copies of the DLEIS to approximately 150 individuals, agencies, and /or organizations; sent letters notifying additional organizations and entities of its availability; and posted it electronically on the Glacier Bay website. NPS notified the public that comments could be mailed directly to Glacier Bay National Park headquarters, emailed to the Project Manager, electronically submitted via the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) electronic system, hand carried to Glacier Bay headquarters or Hoonah Indian Association headquarters, or provided orally and tape recorded to the project manager. NPS received 27 public comments during the public comment period which opened on December 19, 2008 and closed on March 6, 2009. NPS incorporated comments into the revised LEIS or responded to comments in Chapter 6 of this document.

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.

On November 23, 2009 the NPS initiated informal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (Appendix 5). On February 3, 2010 the NMFS completed an analysis of the effects of the proposed action on the threatened and endangered stocks of the Steller sea lion. The NMFS concluded that the proposed action will, at most, have an insignificant effect on Steller sea lions in the area.

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.

The NPS determined that no historic properties would be affected by the undertaking and received concurrence from the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer on December 11, 2009.

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Native Corporations and Organizations

Alaska Federation of Natives
Alaska Native Brotherhood
Aukquan Traditional Council
Cape Fox Corporation
Central Council, Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska
Chilkoot Indian Assoc.
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Haida Corporation
Hoonah Indian Association
Huna Heritage Foundation
Huna Totem Corporation
Kake Tribal Corporation
Ketchikan Indian Community
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Klawock Cooperative Association
Klukwan, Inc.
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Native American Rights Fund
Native Voice Communications
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City of Gustavus
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Klawock Cooperative Association
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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
Resource Development Council

Sierra Club Alaska
Southeast Conference
The Ocean Conservancy
The Southeast Alaska Conservation Council
The Wilderness Society
Trustees for Alaska
Wilderness Watch
Wildlife Conservation Society

Educational Institutions

Alaska State Library
Gustavus Public Library
Hoonah Library
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