



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1997

Mr. Tim Richardson
Kodiak Brown Bear Trust
4104 Denfeld Avenue
Kensington, Maryland 20895

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Thank you for joining with me last week to share your interest in conservation issues. The President and I are committed to protecting habitat, water quality and expanded opportunities for hunting and fishing.

As you know, abundant populations of fish and wildlife are an integral part of the social, cultural, and economic well being of our nation. America's hunters and anglers serve as a major force for conservation all across the country; and as we move into the next century, we must work together to ensure that our natural resource heritage is protected for future generations.

Again, thank you for a productive meeting. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Al Gore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "A" and "G".

Al Gore

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KODIAK WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION QUOTATIONS

"The protection of these lands will ensure the preservation of one of the nation's most productive and unique ecosystems."

EVOS Trustee Council Resolution, November 2, 1994

"The wildlife resources in the Kodiak refuge are among the nation's most spectacular. Congress, along with the sporting community, should preserve this remarkable natural treasure."

*Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus Co-Chairs,
Rep. Don Young & Rep. Bill Brewster*

"The majestic Kodiak bear can be seen as a symbol of this great state, a symbol of Alaska's courage, strength of character, and determination to endure."

Alaska Governor Walter J. Hickel

"Kodiak is perhaps the most important totally intact ecosystem in the United States."

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt

"There really isn't any other place that exceeds the rank of Kodiak Island as a conservation priority."

Kathryn S. Fuller, President - World Wildlife Fund

"Perhaps no creatures on earth inspire greater awe than the majestic wild bears that roam Alaska's Kodiak Island."

Gil Grosvenor, National Geographic Society

To Tim Richardson,

Thank you for your commitment to the Kodiak Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project. Your assistance in achieving success for this spectacular conservation accomplishment will help ensure that critical habitat in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge, the Alutiiq culture and heritage, the rural Alaskan way of life in this region, and key Kodiak fisheries resources will be protected forever.

Sincerely,



Ralph Eluska, President
Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc.



Emil Christiansen, President
Old Harbor Native Corporation

*In recognition of contributions
to protect and preserve
Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge*

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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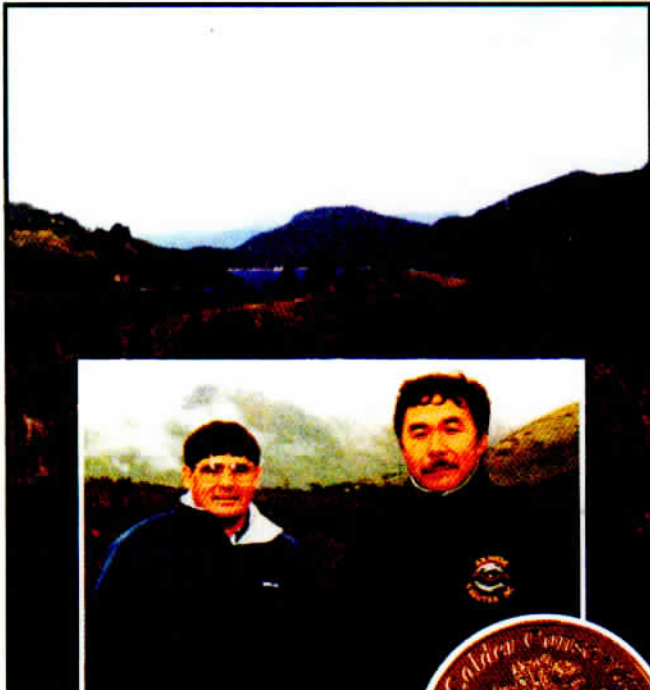
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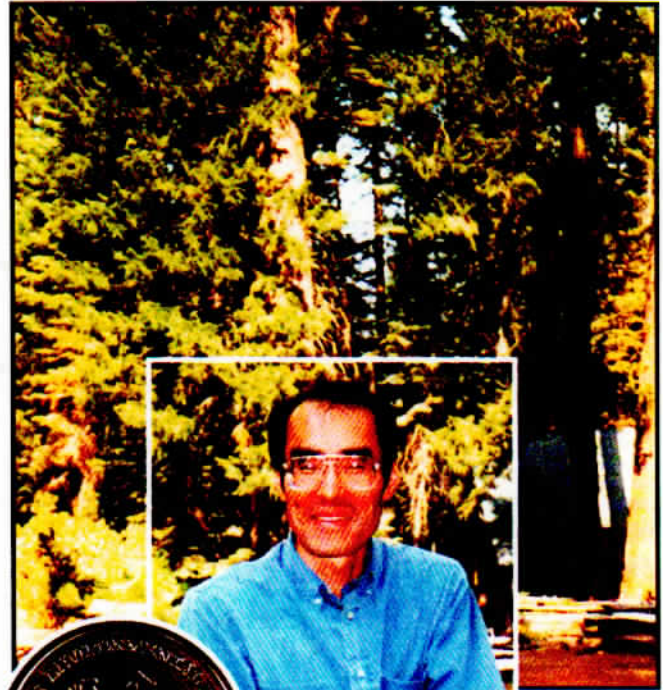


Emil Christiansen and Ralph Eluska



THE CALDER AWARD

Through the leadership of two men, 200,000 acres of natural habitat for brown bears, Pacific salmon, bald eagles, sea birds and marine mammals have been protected on Kodiak Island, Alaska. **Emil Christiansen**, President of Old Harbor Native Corporation, and **Ralph Eluska**, President of Akhiok Kaguyak, Inc. helped forge complex land agreements between their Alaska native corporations and the federal and state governments. The net result: wilderness is preserved for the public to enjoy while providing for the Kodiak commercial fishery and the needs of residents and visitors in this world class area. Congratulations to the winners of our ninth Calder Award.



Gary Nakamura



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Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 22, 1993

Honorable Sidney Yates
Chairman, Interior Appropriations Subcommittee
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Sid:

The Senate version of the Department of Interior Appropriations Bill contains provisions to acquire two parcels in the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. As Co-chairman of the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus, we urge you to support these provisions.

The parcels at Karluk Lake and Aklaura Creek are critical brown bear and fisheries habitat within the Kodiak Refuge. They are owned by Alaska Native Corporations who are willing sellers.

These inholdings are the highest land acquisition priority in Alaska for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (F&WS). They were recommended for acquisition by former F&WS Director John Turner and enjoy the support of Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

The Kodiak Refuge is one of the nation's oldest and most famous refuges yet it faces challenges to its public access and management integrity. Foremost among threats to the Refuge are loss of public access to the most prized sport hunting and fishing areas, as well as commercial development of prime bear habitat.

The Clinton Administration has supported the use of EXXON VALDEZ Settlement Funds for Kodiak Refuge acquisitions. In addition, this proposal has received support from sportsmen's groups like the National Rifle Association, Boone and Crockett Club, Safari Club International and the Federation of Fly Fishers, as well as environmental groups, including the World Wildlife Fund. Private philanthropic organizations have also pledged to play a role in making the Refuge whole.

Alaska Native Corporations own most of the critical habitat in question and have pledged to cooperate with the F&WS and Alaska Department of Fish and Game in a comprehensive solution that will make the Refuge whole while meeting several public policy objectives and stimulating public and commercial use of these outstanding wildlife resources.

We feel that Congress should play a proactive role by funding the Kodiak Refuge Land and Water Conservation requests.

Among the benefits the Sportsman's Caucus hopes to achieve are these;

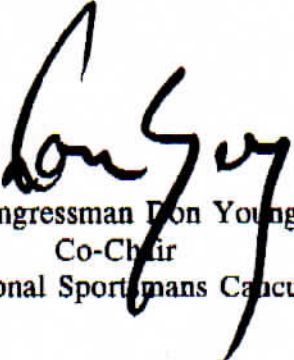
- Provide greater public access to lands now closed to access for both consumptive and non-consumptive uses;
- Consolidate management of the Refuge and salmon streams by the F&WS and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game;
- Conserve in perpetuity Kodiak brown bear and other wildlife habitats;
- Stimulate economic growth through hunting related tourism in areas where such growth should take place for the benefit of Natives and non-Natives alike.

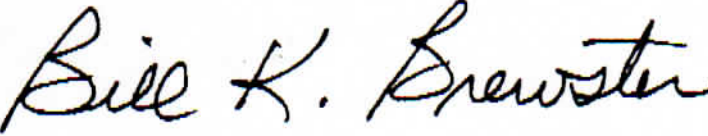
It should be noted that any appropriation of funds is not intended to affect claims by the State of Alaska to ownership of submerged lands underlying navigable waters, pursuant to the Submerged Lands Act of 1953 and the Alaska Statehood Act of July 7, 1958.

The wildlife resources in the Kodiak Refuge are among the nation's most spectacular. Sportsmans groups played a role in convincing President Franklin Roosevelt to create the Kodiak Refuge in 1941, and we feel that the Congress along with the sporting community should help preserve this remarkable natural treasure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Congressman Don Young
Co-Chair
Congressional Sportsmans Caucus


Congressman Bill Brewster
Co-Chair
Congressional Sportsmans Caucus

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April 12, 1993

Mr. Tim Richardson
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Dear Mr. Richardson:

Thank you for your letter of April 5, 1993, addressed to David Rockefeller, Jr., and regarding the Kodiak Refuge Media Project. Mr. Rockefeller is very pleased that funds have been committed for the preservation of the bear refuge and for the Native corporation. He is deeply concerned that the Alaskan natural and cultural environments be preserved and will continue to work on their behalf.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Carolynn E. Townsend
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July 28, 1999

Mr. Tim Richardson
6707 Old Stage Road
North Bethesda, MD 20852-4329

Dear Tim:

On behalf of The Conservation Fund, we are pleased to bring you our *1998 Year in Review*. In 1998, we protected nearly 250,000 acres of wildlife habitat, wetlands, forests, river corridors, recreational areas, and historic sites across the nation. Since the Fund began in 1985, we have preserved nearly 1.7 million acres – that's more than 500 acres a day!

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- Created cooperative learning opportunities for conservation professionals representing business, non-profit organizations and public agencies.

As we look toward the year 2000, we are renewing our commitment to provide an unmatched legacy of scenic beauty and wild places. We thank you for joining us as we take responsibility for the land and water resources that future generations will inherit.

Sincerely,



John F. Turner
President

JFT/kak

Enclosure

cc: Brad Meiklejohn, Alaska Representative

*Thanks friend for being
our partner in Alaska. Hope
you're enjoying a good summer*

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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September 15, 1994

Great Bear Foundation
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Dear Friends:

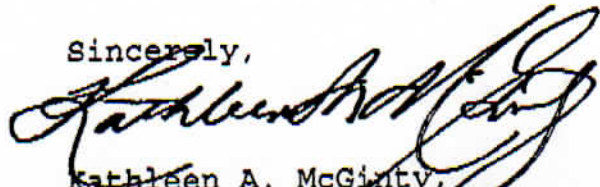
Thank you for your letter expressing support for the acquisition of private lands within Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge (Kodiak Refuge) in Alaska.

I want to assure you that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is responsible for all national wildlife refuges, and I share your concern for the future of the Kodiak Refuge and its wildlife. The Service has advocated priority use of the two Exxon Valdez Oil Spill (EVOS) funds to purchase private lands within Kodiak Refuge. These acquisitions would protect important habitat for Kodiak brown bears and other valuable fish and wildlife resources.

The Service has been pursuing a variety of funding sources for the acquisition of critical wildlife habitats on the Kodiak Refuge. These sources include the joint Federal and State EVOS Trustee Council, Congress, and a number of private organizations such as the Conservation Fund. In Fiscal Year 1994, Congress appropriated \$3 million for the Kodiak Refuge through the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and recently the Federal EVOS Trustees allocated \$15 million for Kodiak Refuge habitat acquisition. This has allowed the Service to begin an active land acquisition program. Parcels of land have already been purchased and additional acquisitions are forthcoming.

Again, thank you for supporting habitat protection on the Kodiak Refuge.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty,
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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SEAL BAY TIMBER CO.
P.O. Box 71
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May 29, 1992

The Honorable Walter J. Hickel
Third Floor, State Capitol
P.O. Box A
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Governor Hickel:

As president of Seal Bay Timber Company, a joint venture between subsidiaries of Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. and Old Harbor Native Corporation, I am writing to confirm that we support the provisions in SB 483, the Capital Appropriations Bill, regarding acquisition of timber rights on our Afognak Island property, as well as the consideration of proposed fish weir lease agreements as they relate to our lands.

We look forward to negotiating the details of the transaction with the Department of Natural Resources upon the enactment of this important legislation.

This letter represents the joint position of Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. and Old Harbor Native Corp.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Emil Christiansen
President, Seal Bay Timber Co.

cc: Ralph Eluska
Chairman, AKI



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5. May 1992

Dear Tim -

Thank you for sending the "Insufficient Funds" issue of the Busby Papers. I like to read Horace and had forgotten his style. And the gambling stuff interesting!

We move forward apace here on restoration endowments. In a suggestion to the Feds, the Governor was positive about the Kodiak idea.

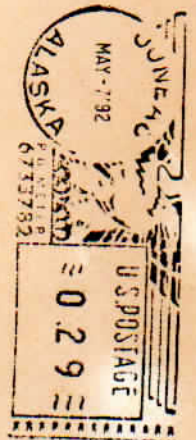
Good wishes to you.

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10/19/2001

Re: WWF support for proposed Old Harbor Native Corporation land exchange at Kiliuda Bay and Sitkalidak Island at Kodiak

Dear Ms. Fries,

World Wildlife Fund has been actively involved in conservation issues in the Kodiak Archipelago since 1991 and has supported large-scale habitat protection agreements that were part of Exxon Valdez oil spill restoration. The record of EVOS restoration in the archipelago is second to none in working out a comprehensive approach that benefits coastal and marine habitats and wildlife.

WWF's interest in the Kodiak Archipelago derives from the opportunity for ecosystem-scale conservation. Our global eco-region mapping process ranks the Kodiak Archipelago among the "Global 200" in terms of its biological distinctiveness and conservation importance to the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea ecoregions in particular.

With that context in mind we are pleased that Alaska Department of Natural Resources may complete a land exchange to bring the north coast of Kiliuda Bay into public ownership in exchange for State lands on Sitkalidak Island.

The coastal Kiliuda Bay lands have much higher fish and wildlife habitat values than the Sitkalidak lands. The documented salmon spawning systems on lands the State would receive are significant. During a visit to Kiliuda Bay in 1996, I personally saw a haulout of 80 harbor seals near lands the State will own, and I am aware of the bear density survey of that area which showed it to support Kodiak Island's second highest bear population.

Therefore on behalf of WWF's 1.2 million members, and in keeping with the admirable habitat protection record of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council, I strongly urge the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to complete the Kiliuda Bay - Sitkalidak Island land exchange.

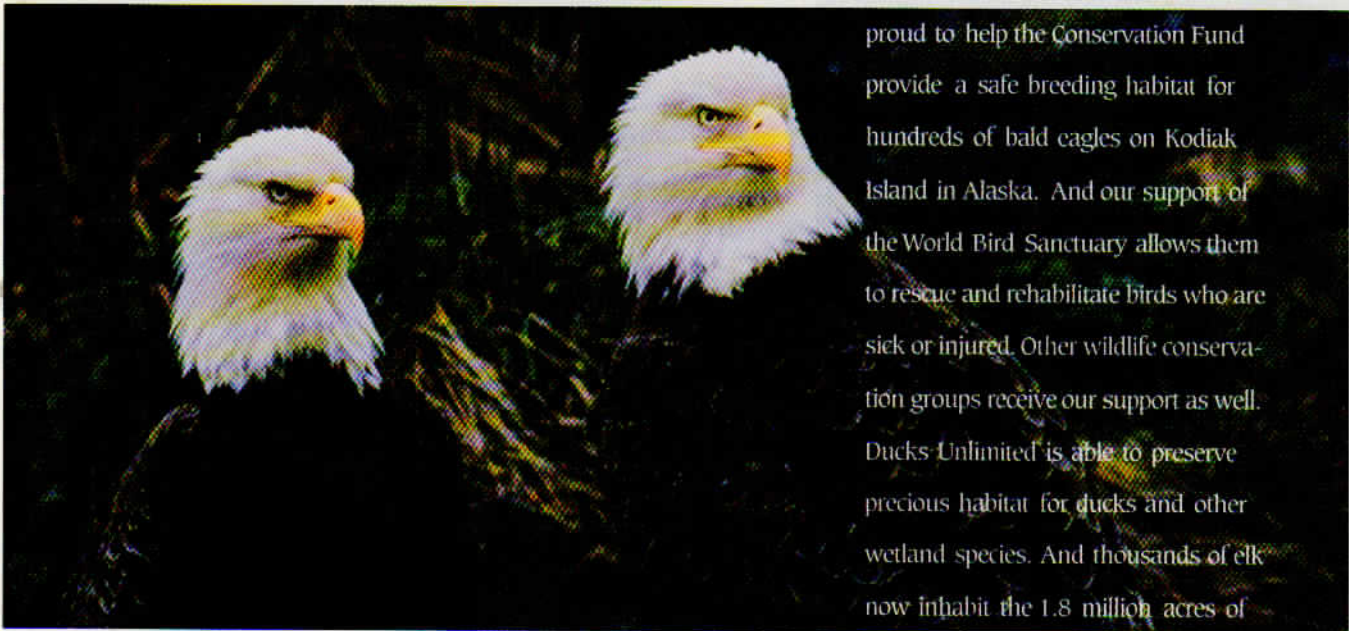
Sincerely,

Dominick DellaSala, Ph.D.
Director, WWF Klamath-Siskiyou Regional Office

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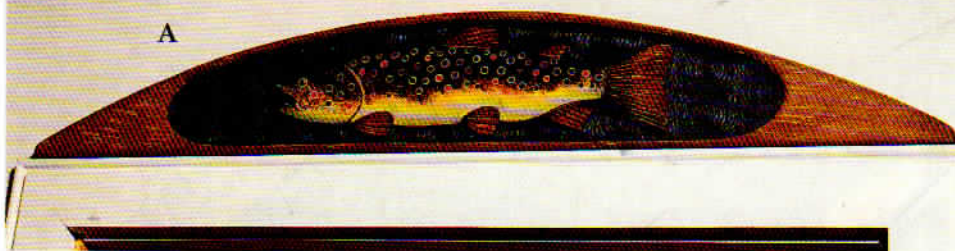
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Just as the island is coming under mounting pressure from commercial and recreational interests, an almost divine program has emerged to protect this unique resource forever. The Conservation Fund, working in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has reached an agreement to use \$90 million from the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Restoration Fund to purchase 340,000 acres that are being offered from three Alutiiq Native Holding Corporations. However, Valdez funds may not be used to save critical areas that aren't owned by Native Corporations. Interest in some of these other areas has been expressed by enterprises ranging from Sung Yun Moon to Korean cannery businesses.

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