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The Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Ted:

This is in reply to your letter of June 20 requesting comments on Assistant Secretary Glasgow's letter to you on Swan Lake, Sitka.

It appears that Dr. Glasgow has reached a conclusion similar to ours, which is that the fishery enhancement work has been completed to the extent feasible. Also, that further "full-scale" development would best be pursued through the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965.

For your further information, our rehabilitation on Swan Lake appears to be successful in that subsequent checks have failed to disclose any fish life that may have missed the toxicant. The lake is still slightly toxic, but we expect this to disappear by the end of July. At that time we will restock with rainbow trout which are being held in the Fire Lake Hatchery near Anchorage.

Sincerely yours,


Augie Reetz
Commissioner

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