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Dear Mr. Decker:

RE: Section 305(b) Water Quality Assessment Report

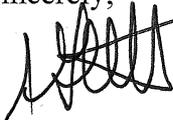
We have reviewed the draft Section 305(b) Water Quality Assessment Report and appended candidate Section 303(d)(1)(A) and (B) list dated January 29, 1996.

It is our understanding that ADEC has initiated action to delist Fish Creek (ID No. 40506-008) from the impaired waterbody list (Appendix II). We encourage ADEC to proceed with this action. Construction of the Fort Knox Mine freshwater dam and reservoir in 1995 permanently prevents upstream pollutant sources (non-point sedimentation from historic placer mining) from impacting lower Fish Creek.

Bons Creek, located near the Red Dog Mine, should be considered for inclusion on the suspected waterbody list (Appendix 1). Water quality degradation of an unknown source has been noted by the ADF&G since 1994. A water quality assessment data collection form detailing these observations is enclosed.

These comments represent the opinion of the Fairbanks Regional Office, Habitat and Restoration Division. Additional comments may be forthcoming from our Southcentral and Southeast Regional Offices. If there are any questions regarding our comments, please contact Al Townsend at 459-7284.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure (1)

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