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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, Geological Survey
Director, Minerals Management Service
Director, National Park Service

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance {Lead}

Subject: Review of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Crab Fisheries
(ER 04/226)(Agency wait period ends: **October 4, 2004**)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has provided the Department with one copy of the Final EIS for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Crab Fisheries.

The Department provided no comments on the Draft EIS. Further comment by Interior is not required unless the document is found to have a serious omission or deficiency in areas where we have jurisdiction or special expertise. The Final EIS is available on the NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region website at: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/crab/eis/default.htm>. Since there is only one paper copy, it will be retained by this Office. Bureaus lacking internet access may borrow the file copy for review if necessary. Additional printed or CD copies of the Final EIS may also be ordered from the NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region website.

Comments, if any, should be transmitted through channels to arrive in this Office by **September 24, 2004**.

Please supply all signed paper comments, comments on disk, or comments being submitted electronically to this Office.

/s/ 9/2/04
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