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

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

Subject: Review of the Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Revision of Steller Sea Lion Protection Measures for the Pollock and Pacific Cod Fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska

(ER 04/707)(Agency wait period ends: **October 21, 2004**)

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has published a proposed rule that would adjust Steller sea lion protection measures for the Pollock and Pacific cod fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska in the *Federal Register* dated **September 21, 2004**. You may access the rule for availability on the Internet at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html. Copies of the Environmental Assessment/Regulatory Impact Review (EA/RIR), Biological Opinions prepared for the proposed rule may be obtained from the NMFS Alaska Region website at www.fakr.noaa.gov.

Please review the proposed rule from your particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide your comments to this Office by **October 14, 2004**.

This Office will prepare the Department's comments by **October 21, 2004**.

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

/s/ 9/22/04
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