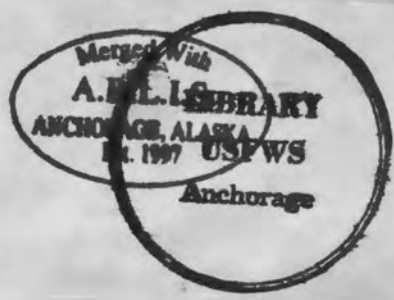


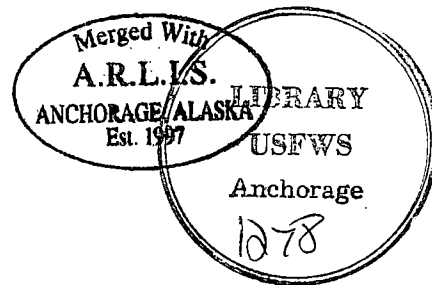
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SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA

WILDERNESS STUDY REPORT

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## PREFACE

The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge lies 100 miles southwest of Kodiak Island in the Western Gulf of Alaska. Refuge islands are characterized by precipitous shorelines, important as nesting habitat for millions of pelagic birds.

The nine named islands and small islets total 8,422 acres. In addition approximately 248,000 acres of surrounding submerged lands are included in the refuge.

The treeless islands are uninhabited by man and are covered with subarctic vegetation. Millions of murres, kittiwakes, puffins, fulmars, and other birds inhabit the area. The refuge supports one of the largest Pacific fulmar colonies in Alaska. Sea lions, hair seals, sea otters, and several species of whales inhabit off-shore waters. Commercial fishing for halibut and king crab in refuge waters is of substantial economic importance to American fishermen.

The area was established by Executive Order in 1932 for the protection of the pelagic bird colonies and other forms of wildlife. It is now being reviewed, as required by the Wilderness Act of 1964, for possible inclusion into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

# SEMIDI WILDERNESS STUDY

## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is located in the Gulf of Alaska near latitude 56°N and longitude 157°W. The remote, treeless refuge lies some 50 miles from the nearest Alaskan mainland and contains some of the greatest pelagic bird colonies in North America. The area was established as a refuge and breeding ground for its vast colonies of seabirds and other forms of wildlife, by Executive Order 5858 on June 17, 1932. It includes all islands, rocks, and reefs and underwater lands lying between parallels 55 degrees 57 minutes and 56 degrees 15 minutes north latitude, and meridians 156 degrees 30 minutes and 157 degrees longitude west. The refuge contains approximately 256,000 acres of which all but 8,422 acres are submerged lands (Figure 1).

The Semidi Islands are composed of nine major islands: Aghiyuk, Aghik, Anowik, Kiliktagik, Chowiet, Aliksemit, Suklik, Kateekuk, South, and numerous smaller islets and rocks. Islands range in size from 8 to 3,000 acres with Aghiyuk and Chowiet Islands the two largest in the group. The former is approximately six miles long and at its widest point is 2 miles in width. Its highest elevation is 1,024 feet. Chowiet Island is approximately 4 1/2 miles in length and 3 miles in width with the highest elevation 679 feet.

The shorelines of the islands are extremely precipitous with sheer rock cliffs rising 100 to 200 feet in many places. There are only a few suit-

able bays for vessel anchorages. The only extensive gravel beach in the island group is located on the east side of Aghiyuk Island directly west of Aghik Island.

There are no known shallow reefs within the refuge, except those adjacent to exposed rocky shorelines.

The marine waters within the refuge have not been charted in great detail. Water depths drop rapidly to 10 and 30 fathoms around the islands according to Coast and Geodetic Chart #8851 and 40 to 50 fathoms off-shore. A 100+ fathom trough occurs east of the refuge boundary.

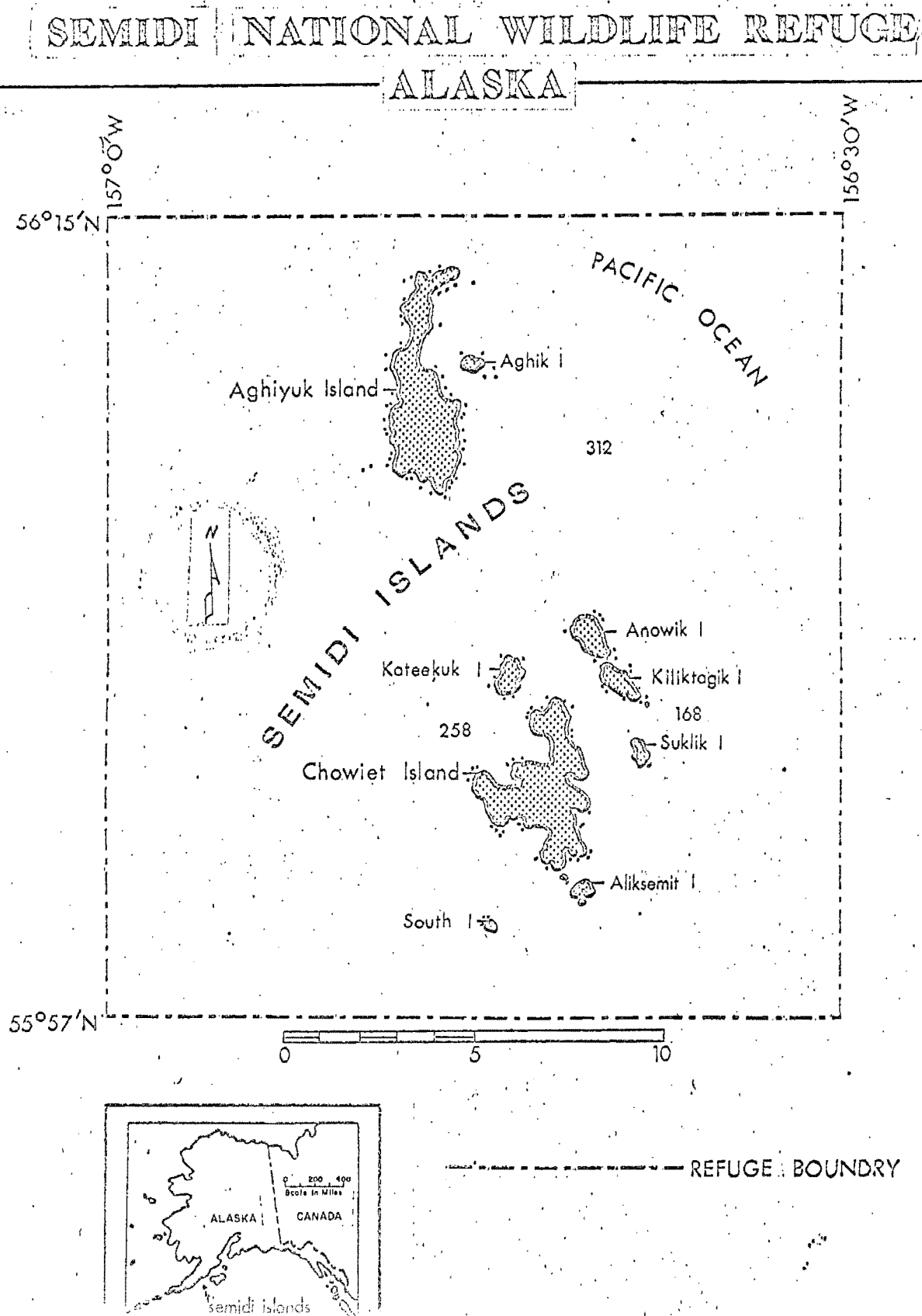
The islands are treeless, and support typical subarctic plant communities with prostrate shrubs, grasses and sedges predominate.

The Semidis are believed to have been glaciated during the Pleistocene and rise as an erosional remnant of a broad shoal on the Shumagin-Kodiak Shelf. They consist of biotite-rich granodiorite except in northern Aghiyuk Island, which contains fragments of dark siltstones and thin sandstones. Volcanic rocks are not exposed on these islands.

The refuge's climate is polar maritime, typical of the western Gulf of Alaska, with cool, cloudy summers, considerable fog, and mild winters. Storms are frequent and winds exceeding 80 knots per hour can be expected. The mean annual temperature is 40°F, with an average precipitation of about 60 inches. The Alaska Current which passes the islands in a southwesterly flow has a moderating effect on the regions climate. Pack-ice does not occur and the sea temperatures range from 55.0°F in summer to 37.5°F in winter.

Daily tides vary from a high of 10.9 feet to a low of -2.4 feet. The proposal lies in the Pacific earthquake zone. Severe earthquakes may cause tidal waves which in the past have caused considerable loss of life and property in adjacent regions.

Figure 1. Location and boundary of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.



## CHAPTER II

### STUDY AND REFUGE OBJECTIVES

The Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (Public Law 88-577), requires the Secretary of the Interior to review every roadless area of 5,000 contiguous acres or more and every roadless island within the National Wildlife Refuge System and, within ten years after the effective date of the Act, report to the President of the United States his recommendations as to the suitability or non-suitability of each such area or island as wilderness. In defining wilderness, the Act permits review of roadless areas of less than 5,000 acres that are of sufficient size to make preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practical.

As announced in the Federal Register (Volume 35, No. 80, April 24, 1970), the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge contains potential wilderness resources that meet the basic criteria contained in the Wilderness Act for detailed study to determine suitability or non-suitability as wilderness.

The principal objective of field investigations was to evaluate, at the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, the suitability or non-suitability of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, or a portion of the refuge, for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

In addition, field studies were designed to:

1. Clearly delineate and describe those areas within the refuge that were found to be suitable for consideration as wilderness.
2. Clearly delineate and describe those areas within the refuge that were found to be non-suitable as wilderness.

3. Determine whether classifying all or part of the refuge as wilderness would conflict with the purposes for which it was established and is administered as a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System.
4. Determine what conflicts or benefits there might be if all or part of the refuge were classified as wilderness by the Congress of the United States.

#### Refuge Objectives

A master plan has not been prepared on the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

The primary purposes of the refuge according to the current Refuge Objectives Statement is to preserve the breeding and feeding habitat of the pelagic birds and marine animals endemic to the area.

Because of the tremendous number of pelagic birds on the refuge the Semidis serve a vital role in the overall Alaskan refuge system.

## CHAPTER III

### HISTORY AND LAND STATUS

#### A. History

The Semidi Islands are thought to have been discovered in August 1741 by Vitus Bering who reportedly named them Tumannoi (Foggy) Islands. There does seem to be some question to the validity of this discovery as he reported, "high, large, wooded islands". It is now known the islands are not wooded, but during foggy weather and at a distance, an error in vegetation could have been made. Captain Cook sighted the islands on June 16, 1778. It is thought the present word Semidi stems from the Russian word "Sem" meaning seven.

Little history has been recorded on the islands since discovery although they probably have been visited by humans at various times. The lone spruce tree on Chowiet Islands was no doubt planted by man, and the remains of a barrel near a barbara found on Aghiyuk Island, indicates this occupancy was fairly recent.

#### B. Land Status

There are no known private tracts within the refuge nor is it subject to any Native land claims.

In recent years an agreement between the United States, Japan, and the Soviet Union designated the waters between 56° and 56°19' latitude as a loading zone for fishing fleets of the latter two countries operating on the high seas near this area. This loading zone covered most of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge marine waters. The agreement however was renegotiated with Japan in December 1972

and is no longer valid. It was cancelled primarily because of the possible detrimental effects a loading area might have on pelagic birds. The agreement will also be re-negotiated with Russia in February 1973. Similar decisions with Russia are expected.

It has been determined by the Regional Solicitor, and the Associate Solicitor, Territories, Wildlife and Claims, U.S. Department of the Interior, that the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has jurisdiction over all tidelands and submerged lands located within that area encompassed with the legal description in Executive Order 5858. These lands did not pass to the State of Alaska by the Statehood Act inasmuch as they were excluded by Section 6(e) of the Act. Navigable waters overlying these tidelands and submerged lands are, therefore, also within the refuge (Price, 1970).

Executive Order 5858, dated June 17, 1932 established the refuge and Presidential Proclamation 2416 dated July 15, 1940 changed the name of the refuge from Semidi Islands Wildlife Refuge to Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

## CHAPTER IV

### RESOURCES

#### A. Wildlife

1. Mammals: Ground squirrels are common on both Chowiet and Aghiyuk Islands. They are the only known land mammals present. It isn't known for certain whether these are endemic to the islands or were introduced by man in more recent times. The islands may have been used for fox-farming but records of such an enterprise are not known. No evidence of fox was noted in a 1972 survey.

Sea lions, hair seals, and sea otter inhabit adjacent marinewaters. A sea lion rookery containing approximately 500 animals is located on the southern tip of Chowiet Island. Most of these animals were hauled out on a large rock just south of Chowiet in May 1972. Another 100 were seen on the northern tip of Suklik Island. Gabrielson (1968) also reported about 500 sea lions off the southern tip of Chowiet in his 1940 visit to these islands.

Hair seals were scattered in May 1972 with approximately 60 hauled out on the northwest portion of Chowiet Island and another 75 in the gravel beach on the northeast side of Aghiyuk Island. An aerial survey on August 27, 1972 revealed several hundred hair seal on the northwest side of the latter island where none were noted in May. This may indicate greater populations of marine mammals use the area during other seasons than those recorded in May.

Sea otter are present but in low numbers. Those observed in May 1972 were single adults. The lack of kelp beds and shallow waters may be a factor in the low sea otter population. Various species of whales and porpoise inhabit

the refuge waters. The more common species are the Pacific killer whale, finback whale, sei whale, gray whale, sperm whale, and Dall porpoise.

2. Birds: The outstanding wildlife characteristic of the islands are the extensive pelagic bird colonies which are some of the largest in Alaska. Murres, kittiwakes, fulmars, and puffins fill the cliff ledges like squads of soldiers. Gabrielson (1968) described this scene in his 1940 visit, "Murres hung like necklaces about the cliffs, each ledge and flat spot having its quota standing shoulder to shoulder. It looked like millions of murres".

In cruising the shorelines there appears to be no end to the number of birds as they crowd the rock ledges, thousands of wheeling birds speckle the skies, and in places, the waters are black and white with feeding murres, kittiwakes, and fulmars.

The most abundant species present was the common murre with a lesser number of thick-billed murres. The largest colony was located on the northwestern side of Aghiyuk Island and the second largest on the west side of Chowiet Island (Figure 2). The only island in the group that did not contain murres was Kiliktaglik. The murre populations census taken in May 1972 recorded 1,549,000 birds. These counts should be considered minimum population figures as no attempts were made to census birds on nearby waters except for dense concentrations immediately below the rookeries. In addition, these spring counts were conducted prior to the entry of the current year's nesting production into the population. The figures were obtained by estimating blocks of birds on the cliffs as we cruised by and are considered estimates rather than precise numbers.

The second most abundant species censused in 1972 was the black-legged kittiwake with 420,000 recorded. Pacific fulmars were third with 386,000 and

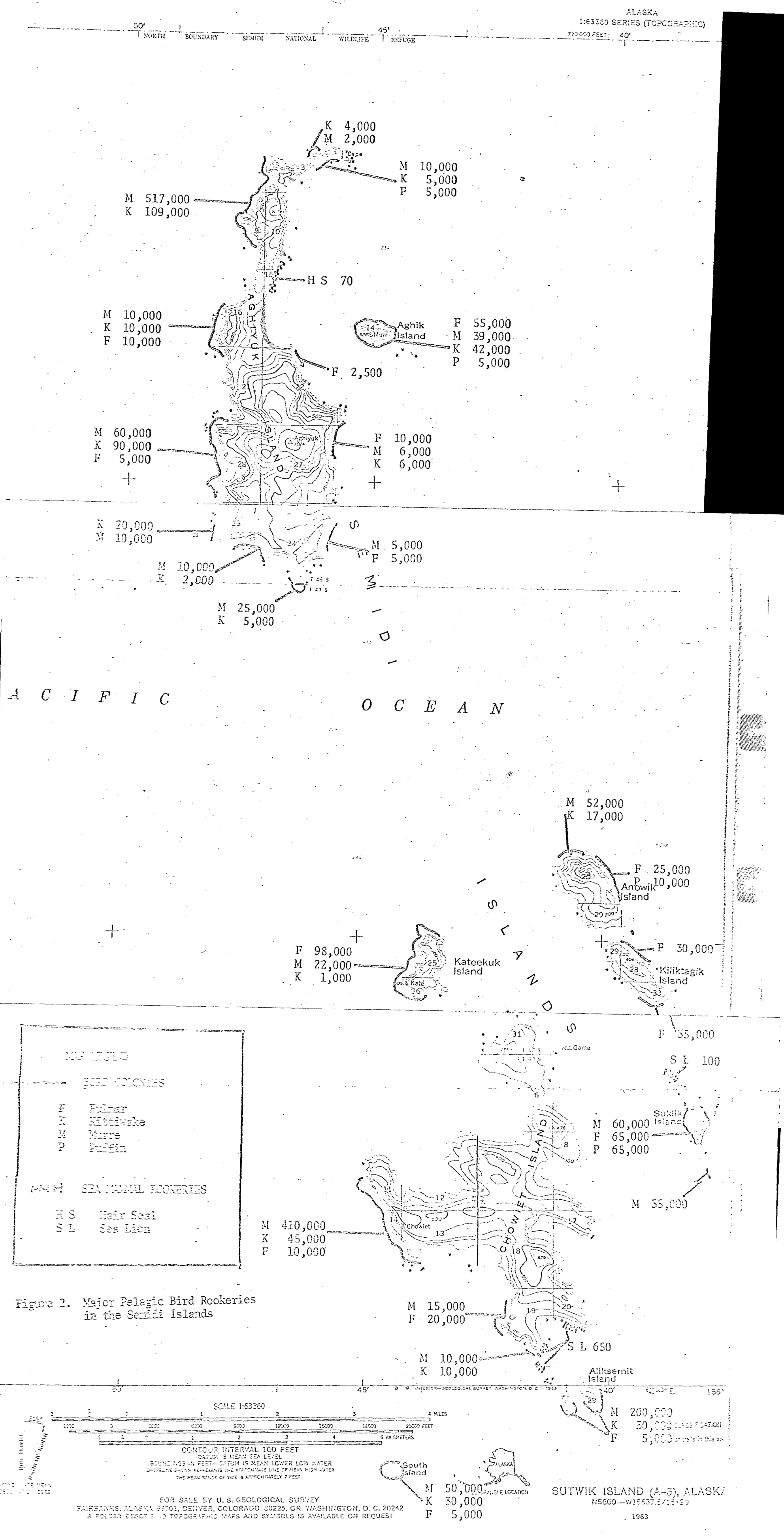


Figure 2. Major Pelagic Bird Rookeries in the Semidi Islands

tufted puffins fourth with 80,000 birds.

Kittiwakes were closely associated with the murre and often were mixed within the same rookeries; with kittiwakes occupying one ledge, murre the next, kittiwakes the next, etc. In general there is a much closer association of rookery use between kittiwakes and murre than with fulmars.

Fulmars are found on all the islands but seemed to prefer less precipitous slopes. Favorite nesting habitat are the canyons which indent the shoreline on some islands, and ledges containing tufts of grass. Since about 90 percent of the fulmars were of the dark phase variety, they blended extremely well with their habitat and no doubt our counts represent a smaller proportion of the actual population than of some of the other more visible species.

Puffins were only present on Aghik, Anowik, and Kiliktagik Islands. We accounted for 80,000 birds which were all of the tufted variety. Gabrielson (1968) in his 1940 survey indicated horned and tufted puffin were equally abundant. He also indicated many birds on both Chowiet and Aghiyuk Islands which we failed to see. Possibly the time of the visit, since he surveyed the area in August, may account for the difference.

Population estimates for the four species mentioned are given below by island:

<u>Island</u>	<u>Murres</u>	<u>Number of Birds</u>		<u>Puffin</u>
		<u>Kittiwakes</u>	<u>Fulmar</u>	
Aghiyuk	661,000	245,000	38,000	
Choweit	435,000	55,000	30,000	
South	50,000	30,000	5,000	
Suklik	95,000		65,000	65,000
Kateekuh	22,000	1,000	98,000	
Anowik	52,000	17,000	25,000	10,000
Aghik	39,000	42,000	55,000	5,000
Aliksemit	200,000	30,000	5,000	
Kiliktagik			65,000	
	1,557,000		386,000	80,000

Glaucous-winged gulls and red-faced cormorants were also numerous and the song sparrow was the most common passerine bird. Gabrielson (1968) reported the savannah sparrow the most common passerine. Three eagle nests were seen on Chowiet Island and juveniles were common. Eagles were seen on each island and the nesting population probably included at least a dozen pairs. Petrels were not apparent during the day, but wheeled and turned continuously around our anchor light at night. Two pairs of peregrin falcon were recorded and one pair occupied a nesting territory.

Gabrielson also lists the winter wren as a sub-species of the Semidi Islands and reports it as being resident to the islands.

A total of 33 species of birds, listed below, were identified during our May visit:

<u>Birds Seen</u>	<u>Status</u>
Yellow-billed loon	one
Red-necked grebe	four
Pacific fulmar	numerous
Fork-tailed petrel	common
Leaches petrel	common
Red-faced cormorant	common
Brant	12
Pintail	2 pair
Shoveler	one
Harlequin duck	common
Common eider	common
Surf scoter	a few
Common scoter	a few
Bald eagle	common
Peregrine falcon	2 pair
Oystercatcher	common
Ruddy turnstone	one
Parasitic jaeger	several pairs
Glaucous winged gulls	numerous
Black-legged kittiwake	numerous
Common murre	numerous
Thick-billed murre	common
Pigeon guillemot	common
Parakeet auklet	common
Tufted puffin	numerous
Raven	several
Water pipit	common
Gray-crowned night hawk	common

Savannah sparrow	common
Fox sparrow	several
Song sparrow	common
Winter wren	several
Lapland longspur	a few

In Gabrielson's 1940 and 1945 visits, he reported several species which we failed to see. These included:

- Pelagic cormorant
- Horned puffin
- Crested auklet
- Northern phalarope
- Snow bunting
- Yellow warbler
- Golden-crowned sparrow
- Pileolated warbler
- Hermit thrush
- Alaska longspur

Thus, a total of 43 species of birds have been identified. No doubt many others are visitors during migratory periods and also are residents.

The pelagic birds colonies such as these on the Semidi Islands numbering in the millions have a tremendous impact on their surroundings. This vast number of birds utilize tons of food obtained from the sea, and their excrement, rich in potash, returned to the sea is important to the growth and abundance of small marine organisms. These colonies have been called the fertilizer factories of the northern seas, and are an important link in the intricate ecology of the area. Thus off-shore waters within the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge are extremely important to the welfare of the birds. We are fortunate in having control of the surrounding submerged lands, a control which is lacking for most sea bird refuges in Alaska. The island actually would be of little importance if the vital marine food resources were destroyed through man-made influences.

Although this study did not permit researching the inter-relationships of the various species to each other and their environment, Tuck (1960) reported on such

studies for pelagic birds of the Atlantic Ocean. Fulmars and kittiwakes feed principally on surface macroplankton, while murre are predominately fish eaters and can dive to depths of 40 fathoms to obtain food. Tuck (1960) states, "Adaptation to different types of food by selection of feeding habitat is a marked characteristic of the sea birds of the sea-cliff nesting association. The Larus gulls feed close inshore, scavenge along the shoreline, and prey on eggs in the murre colonies. Along the coast are found cormorants and black guillemots; a little farther out gannets, razor-bills, puffins and murre; farthest out are fulmars, kittiwakes, and petrels."

"The impact of a seabird colony is felt not only in the sea but also on the cliffs, where a particularly rich and abundant growth of nitrophilous plants results from the accumulated excrement. The growth of grasses and such circumpolar northern plants as Oxyria and Cochlearia is more luxuriant there than elsewhere. This vegetation harbors an immense population of spiders, springtails, mites, and insects."..."In closely packed seabird colonies, the nitrogen concentration is so high that all the vegetation is scorched and the cliffs are completely bare and of a light grayish color".

It may then be speculated that such large bird numbers are a vital link to sea life and indirectly contribute to the welfare of the halibut, crab, and other fish of great commercial importance which have a direct monetary benefit to Alaskan fishermen.

During winter months many of the birds scatter over extensive areas of the Pacific Ocean, thus contributing immensely to the total ocean ecosystem.

B. Fish

Halibut is currently the major species sought. The refuge waters fall within Halibut Regulatory Area 3A and also within Statistical Area 30 as recorded by the International Pacific Halibut Commission. The 60-mile Statistical Area 30 includes all refuge waters but extends beyond the boundaries. The statistical catch data therefore includes some fishing outside the refuge waters. Halibut catches in Statistical Area 30 from 1967 through 1971 were 3,361,000; 3,978,000; 3,470,000; 3,915,000; and 2,134,000 pounds respectively. The number of halibut vessels fishing one or more days in Area 30 for the same years was 33,48,43,48, and 40 (Myhre, 1972).

Some king crab fishing also occurs, but again the statistical catch data for surrounding waters is not confined solely to refuge waters. The crab fishing is considered rather small, however, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game only recorded catches in 1968 and 1966 in their statistical sub-area surrounding the Semidi Islands. The catch for 1968 was 1,637 crabs and 130 in 1966. No catch has been recorded since 1968 (Powell, 1972).

Commercial fishery values in refuge waters are therefore believed significant, and should be treated as an important economic resource.

C. Water

No ponds or lakes are on the islands. Several small streams are located on the two larger islands which are capable of supplying fresh water for a small number of people that might use the area.

The off-shore waters, as already discussed, provide important habitat for the marine birds, mammals, and fish. There are no shallow lagoons, water depths

increase rapidly along the island shoreline. The marine waters support the food resources on which the pelagic birds are dependent. The constant stirring of the water from severe storms brings much of the macro-and micro-zooplankton to the surface, where it is available to the birds. The vital importance of these waters to the pelagic bird colonies is discussed under the bird section.

#### D. Vegetation

The vegetation of the islands is of the low heather and grass types. Calamagrostis and beach rye grass cover much of the islands with other grasses and sedges mixed in. The darker spring vegetation consists of an extensive coverage of crowberry mixed with prostrate willow and a small amount of lowbush cranberry. In a few wetter sites dense stands of willow are present, however, none of these are more than of knee height. Fireweed, cow parsnip, yarrow and anemone was also present. One lone spruce tree, about 15 feet in height was found on the south end of Chowiet. This was probably transplanted by man, since it was near some cabin remains.

#### E. Minerals

The Semidi Islands have no known minerals of commercial value. Grantz and Cobb (1968) state:

"No deposits of minerals subject to leasing under the mineral leasing laws have been found in or near the areas embraced by the Simeonof and Semidi National Wildlife Refuges except for some lignitic coal that underlies an area of 35 or 40 square miles on Unga Island (Atwood, 1911, p. 117-120), the largest of the Shumagin group. These coal-bearing rocks are entirely absent from Simeonof and the Semidi Islands. The

granitic rocks that make up Simeonof and the Semidi Islands and the rocks of Burk's Shumagin Formation which they intrude are types with which the minerals subject to the leasing laws are not associated".

The nearest reported mineral deposits are an oil seep near the mouth of the Aniakchak River and copper, lead, and silver locations on Nakchamik Island.

#### F. Public Use

Because of its remoteness, lack of suitable bays and anchorages, and adverse weather, the refuge has received little public use. A few commercial fishermen may at times anchor in its shallow bays. Several years ago one vessel spent several days in the area commercially hunting hair seal. A number of vessels use the refuge waters during the halibut fishing season as discussed under the "fish" section of this report.

The only recreational attraction that might be anticipated in the future is people traveling through the islands by boat to observe and photograph the tremendous bird rookeries. Most of this would be off-shore use rather than on-shore.

Possibly some scientific studies will be conducted in the area in the future. This would then result in at least some seasonal use of the area by scientific personnel. Of course birds produced on the island migrate to other areas of the world where they may be observed and provide aesthetic attraction of international value.

CHAPTER V  
MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

No developments on the island are planned in the immediate future. If scientific studies are undertaken on a seasonal basis, a small cabin or shelter may be required.

The area is not under active management at present. Any census and patrol activities would probably be conducted by aerial means or from a large vessel.

The refuge has always been managed as a wilderness; therefore wilderness status would not affect past management or change in present administration.

## CHAPTER VI

### SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATION

The islands, as mentioned previously, are rarely visited by man. Placing these into the National Wilderness System would not change the use present today. Suitable harbors and adequate fresh water supply are non-existent; therefore it is unlikely that any industry such as commercial canning operations for fishery resources would desire to locate in such an area.

Refuge waters do provide economic use by commercial fishermen, particularly halibut fishermen. If these waters were given wilderness status it would not affect these commercial fishing operations providing the use of motors was permitted. If, however, under wilderness status, motorboats were not permitted, then there would be an economic loss to the fishermen now using the area.

As mentioned previously, the area was a loading zone for Japanese fishing fleets and as of this writing still is for Russian fleets. Possible harmful effects to bird life could result from this type of activity and closure of the waters to such use should be considered.

There is no evidence of Native use in recent times and none of the area qualifies for Native selection. Therefore any action proposed regarding wilderness status would not affect Native land selection rights under terms of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

The nearest existing wilderness area is the 6,402 acre Tuxedni Wilderness, consisting of 2 small islands 210 miles to the northeast in Cook Inlet.

Proposals for 301,451 acres of wilderness on the Izembek Refuge and 25,140 acres on Simeonof Island were transmitted to Congress from the White House

in April 1971. Wilderness proposals are currently being developed for both the Aleutian Islands and Kodiak National Wildlife Refuges. In addition, the National Park Service has proposed that approximately 2.5 million acres of Katmai National Monument be designated as wilderness. Katmai lies about 130 miles northeast of the Semidi Islands on the Alaska Peninsula.

The village of Chignik with 83 residents is the nearest area of human settlement. It lies about 60 miles northwest of the Alaska Peninsula. The city of Kodiak with a population of about 3,800 is the largest community in the region. Anchorage, Alaska's largest city, is 430 miles to the northeast, and has a census division population of 124,542.

## CHAPTER VII

### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge lies in the Gulf of Alaska southwest of Kodiak Island. It was established by Executive Order 5858 on June 17, 1932, and contains 8,422 acres of surface lands and approximately 248,000 acres of submerged lands.

The refuge consists of nine small islands, numerous smaller rocks, and islets. The largest island is approximately 6 miles in length and 3,000 acres in size. The shoreline of the islands are extremely precipitous with many rock ledges rising 200 feet perpendicular above the sea. The sub-arctic vegetation consists primarily of crowberry, sedges, grasses, and prostrate forms of willow. The climate is maritime with frequent storms, fog, and rain.

Its major attractions are the extensive pelagic bird colonies with murre, kittiwakes, fulmars, and puffins the predominate species. It contains one of the largest Pacific fulmar colonies in Alaska waters. Bald eagles and peregrin falcons nest on the steep ledges as do a variety of less numerous birds.

Ground squirrels are the only land mammals present and sea lions, hair seals, and sea otters utilize the adjacent marine waters. Several species of whales, porpoises and other marine mammals inhabit the off-shore marine waters.

Halibut and some king crab fishing occurs in the waters of the refuge and the area is a loading and unloading zone for Russian fishermen by an international agreement. This agreement will be reconsidered in February 1973. The former Japanese agreement was cancelled in December 1972.

The surrounding submerged lands and marine waters within the refuge are of extreme

importance since the vast colonies of birds are dependent on the marine food resources for survival. They in turn through feeding habits and potash-rich excrement provide a vital link in the intricate ecology of the area.

The islands are uninhabited and are currently of wilderness character. Management plans are to retain the islands in a natural state as at present.

It is recommended that all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be placed into the National Wilderness Preservation System. The marine waters are utilized by commercial halibut and crab fishermen and since these vessels are equipped with motors and since this is an established use, it is further recommended that such motorized use be permitted to continue as provided for in the Wilderness Act.

Wilderness designation will provide additional protection to this vast marine ecosystem.

An alternative proposal could exclude the marine waters and only include the islands. The marine waters, however, are vital to the well-being of the wildlife and any detrimental effects to these waters could seriously jeopardize this wildlife. Wilderness protection would provide better assurance that possible detrimental uses of the marine waters and submerged lands, such as oil and mineral development, would occur.

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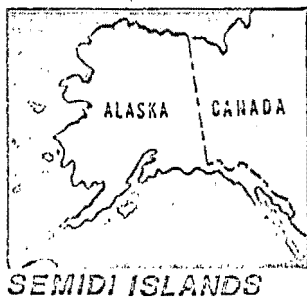
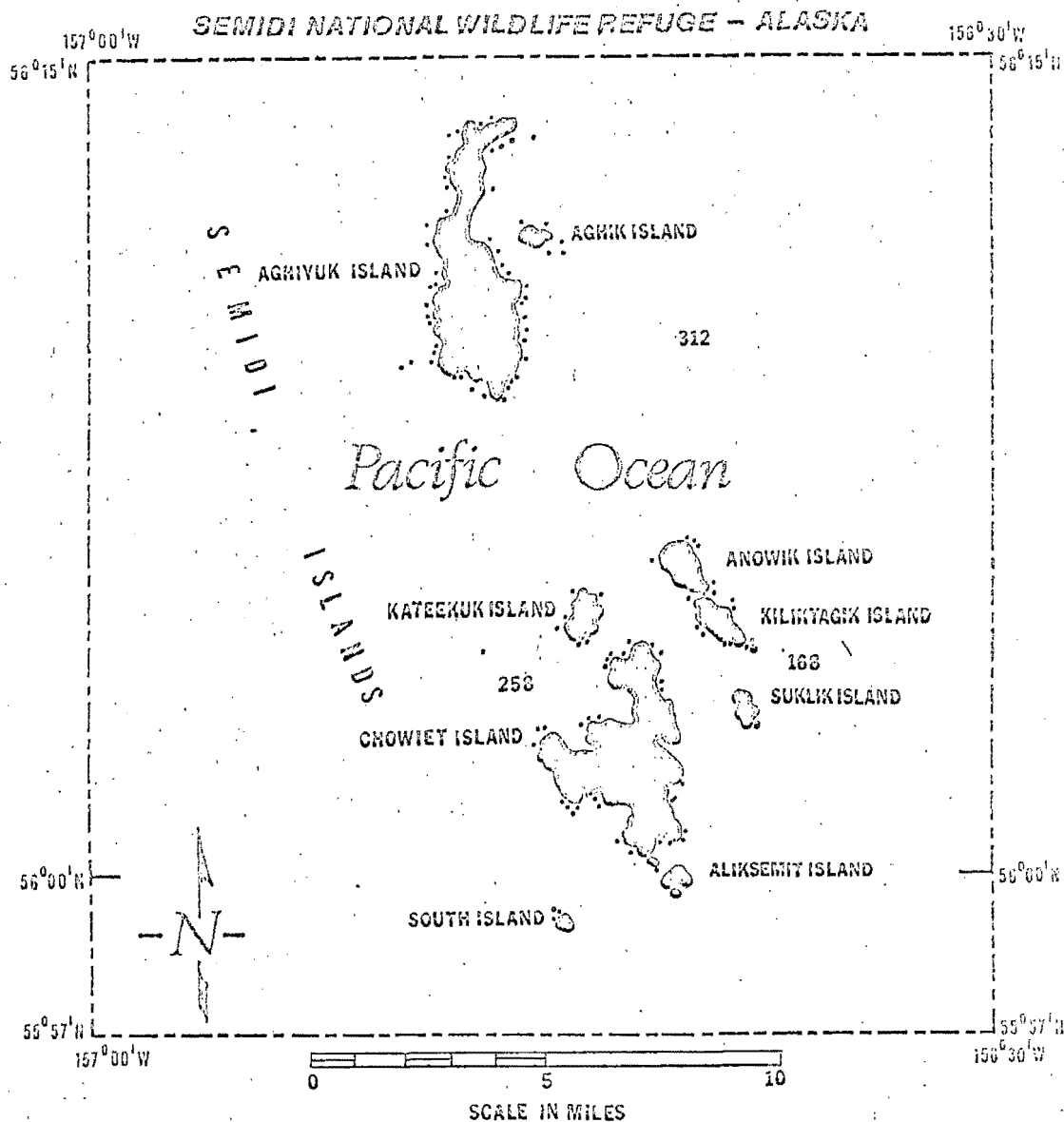


Figure 3. Proposed Semidi Wilderness Area.

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## APPENDIX

SECTION II. MINERAL APPRAISAL  
REPORT

## STUDIES RELATED TO WILDERNESS WILDLIFE REFUGES

The Wilderness Act (Public Law 88-577, Sept. 3, 1964) directs the Secretary of the Interior to review roadless areas of 5,000 contiguous acres or more, and every roadless island, within the national wildlife refuges and game ranges under his jurisdiction and to report on the suitability or nonsuitability of each such area or island for preservation as wilderness. As one aspect of the suitability studies, existing published and unpublished data on the geology and the occurrence of minerals subject to leasing under the mineral leasing laws are assembled in brief reports on each area. This bulletin is one such report and is one of a series by the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Bureau of Mines on lands under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Summary Report on the  
Geology and Mineral Resources  
of the Bering Sea, Bogoslof,  
Simeonof, Semidi, Tuxedni,  
St. Lazaria, Hazy Islands,  
and Forrester Island  
National Wildlife Refuges  
Alaska

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STUDIES RELATED TO WILDERNESS—WILDLIFE REFUGES

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are plastered against the steep north and east cliffs of Castle Rock and form an extensive terrace that slopes to the northeast. The youngest volcanic unit in the wildlife refuge is the dome formed in 1927 by the viscous extrusion of basalt at the westernmost bulge of Bogoslof Island.

Beaches composed of rounded cobbles and boulders as much as 6 feet in diameter extend southeastward from Castle Rock and both northeastward and southeastward from the rocky cliffs cut in the basalt dome. Sand makes up the beach east of the area underlain by ash and agglomerate and the beach at the southeastern spit of Bogoslof. Sand and gravel containing scattered cobbles and boulders border the salt-water lake on three sides and merge into the beaches.

### MINERAL RESOURCES

There are no deposits of minerals subject to leasing under the mineral leasing laws or to location in the Bogoslof National Wildlife Refuge. Isolation precludes any possibility of utilizing the volcanic rock or beach deposits as construction materials.

## SIMEONOF AND SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

By ARTHUR GRANTZ and EDWARD H. COBB

### SUMMARY

Granitic rocks and surficial deposits make up the islands and islets in the Simeonof and Semidi National Wildlife Refuges. No deposits of minerals subject to leasing under the mineral leasing laws or to location are known in either refuge.

### INTRODUCTION

This report is based on a 3-day reconnaissance of the outer Shumagin Islands by Grantz in June 1962, some of the results of which have been published (Grantz, 1963), and on other published reports.

Simeonof Island, the most easterly of the Shumagin Islands, is near lat 55° N. and long 159° W. and is about 330 miles from Kodiak, the nearest city and major supply center (fig. 1). The Shumagin Islands (fig. 4) were named by Vitus Bering for one of his sailors who died and was buried there in 1741 during Bering's second voyage, the exploration which discovered Alaska (Baker, 1906, p. 573). It is noteworthy that Georg Wilhelm Steller, who made the first recorded geologic observations in Alaska while serving as physician and naturalist for Bering on this voyage, recorded each major rock type in the outer Shumagins in his journal (Grantz, 1963, p. B106; Golder, 1925, p. 79). Simeonof was called Semenovskiye (Simon) by the Russians and has

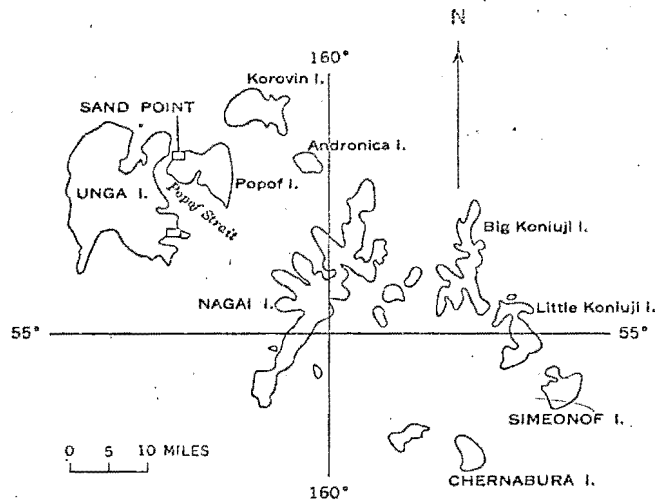


FIGURE 4.—Map of Shumagin Islands. From Grantz (1963).

been known since by that name, by the native name Tiakinak, and by variants of both (Baker, 1906, p. 576).

Simeonof Island (fig. 5) rises as an erosional remnant from a broad shoal on the Shumagin-Kodiak Shelf and is composed of two bedrock islands joined by a sand bar. The composite island is crudely equidimensional and has a total area of about  $17\frac{1}{2}$  square miles. Steep hills with bedrock at or near the surface occupy an aggregate area of about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  square miles; the hills are surrounded by a lake-dotted surface of low relief that is underlain by surficial deposits. The island can be reached by light plane, small- or medium-sized boat, or helicopter from Sand Point (fig. 4), a town with a population of about 225 that is served by a scheduled airline from Anchorage. Early in the 20th century Simeonof Island was used as a blue-fox farm (Baker, 1906, p. 576), and it has since been the site of a cattle ranch. In 1962 several dozen beef cattle and a few horses were on the island, but there were no permanent inhabitants, though at the head of Simeonof Harbor there was a modest ranchhouse, with outbuildings, that appeared habitable (fig. 5). Simeonof Harbor, which is on the west side of the island near its north end, is protected from winds, and the inner anchorage has 2 fathoms of water at low tide. Small airplanes having wheels can land on a beach near the harbor. Vegetation is restricted to a few trees planted near the ranch buildings and to low Arctic-type plants.

The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge comprises the Semidi Islands, which are near lat  $56^{\circ}$  N. and long  $157^{\circ}$  W. and lie about 50 miles from

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## EXPLANATION

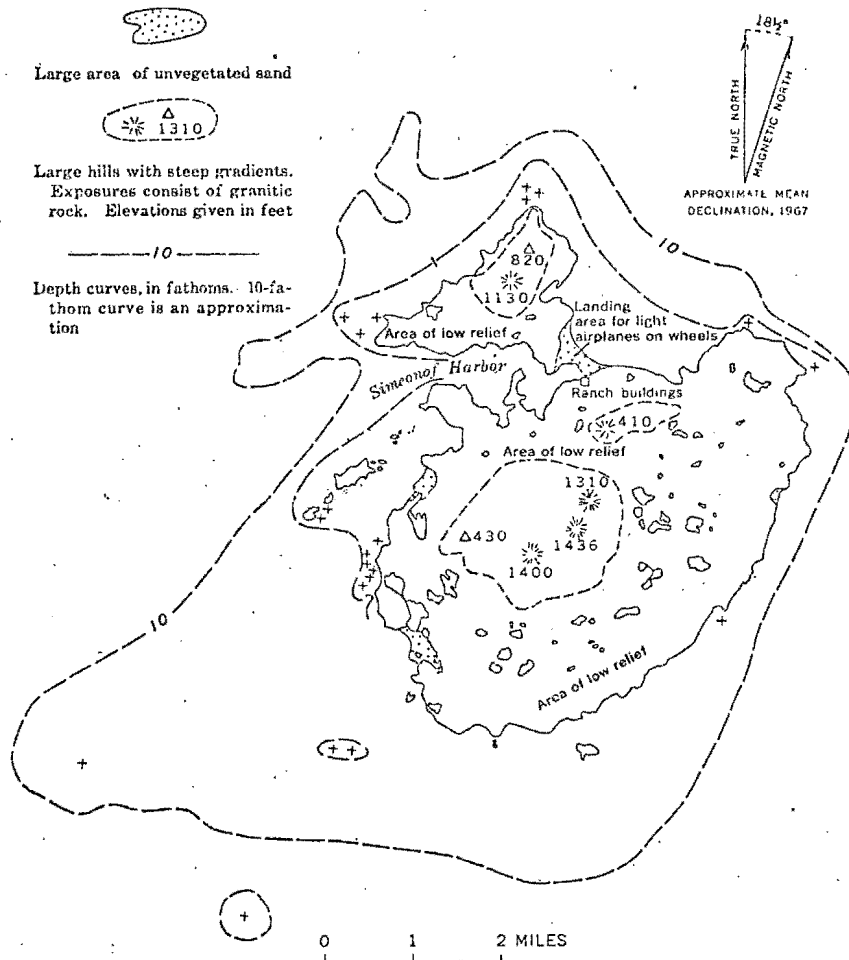


FIGURE 5.—Map of Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge.

the Alaska Peninsula between the Shumagin Islands and Kodiak Island (fig. 1). The Semidi Islands are a group of seven small islands, several islets, and offshore reefs and ledges with a total area of about 15½ square miles (fig. 6). Like Simeonof Island, they are erosional remnants on the Shumagin-Kodiak Shelf. The islands, bounded by steep and practically unscalable cliffs, rise to elevations of from 345 to more than 1,000 feet (U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1964, p. 131-132). The islands are thought to have been discovered by Bering in 1741. Because sem is Russian for the numeral seven (Baker, 1906, p. 561), it seems probable that the name refers to the seven islands of the group.

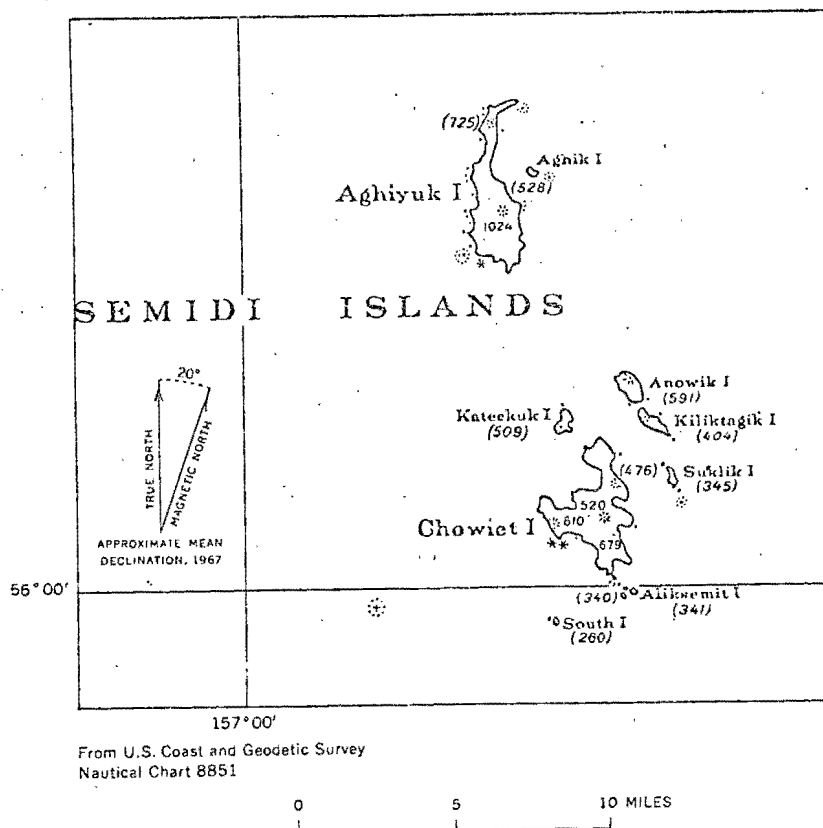


FIGURE 6.—Map of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

The islands are nearly inaccessible, but the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (1964, p. 131) lists three anchorages in the group. The south-central part of Aghiyuk Island is a grassy plateau from which the highest point in the group rises. The ridges on Chowiet Island are covered with grass and alders (U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, 1964, p. 131).

#### GEOLOGY

A thick sequence of dark-gray graywacke sandstone, black argillite and slate, and some conglomerate underlies a large part of the extensive Shumagin-Kodiak Shelf, including much of the outer Shumagin Islands and the Kodiak Island group. These rocks are part of the great "slate and graywacke belt" of coastal southern Alaska. They were named the Shumagin Formation by Burk (1965, p. 63-71) but have been variously called the Sunrise Series, the Valdez Group, and the Yakutat Group where they extend into the Kenai-Chugach-St. Elias Mountains of south-central Alaska. These rocks are intruded by

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many granitic plutons, one of which, the Shumagin batholith, is at least 30 miles in diameter and underlies Simeonof Island (Burk, 1965, p. 110; Grantz, 1963, p. B108). Another underlies the Semidi Islands (Burk, 1965, pt. 3). Fossils collected from Burk's Shumagin Formation on Nagai Island in the Shumagin group include an *Inoceramus*, which defines the age of the rocks only as Jurassic or Cretaceous (Burk, 1965, p. 66). On the basis of lithologic evidence, however, Burk (1965, p. 68) speculates that his Shumagin Formation may be of middle to Late Cretaceous age. Potassium-argon ages indicate that the Shumagin batholith, which intrudes the Shumagin Formation, is Paleocene (Burk, 1965, p. 110).

Plutonic rocks make up Simeonof and neighboring islands. Four samples are light-gray medium-grained biotite granodiorite; a fifth sample, from southern Nagai, is biotite adamellite, a closely related rock (Grantz, 1963, p. B108). The Semidi Islands consist entirely of biotite granodiorite with the possible exception of what may be argillaceous material in a shear zone on Aghiyuk Island (Burk, 1965, p. 110). On Simeonof Island, bedrock beneath the lake-dotted surface of low relief, a wave-cut platform, is overlain by unconsolidated deposits of variable thickness. In a few places, the thickness of these deposits probably exceeds a few tens of feet. In two places that were visited deposits consist of beach and windblown sand, but features observed on aerial photographs suggest that in other places they consist of glacially deposited material (D. M. Hopkins and D. S. McCulloch, oral commun., 1962). Other unconsolidated deposits are small areas of alluvium and colluvium next to steep-sided hills, inactive vegetation-covered sand dunes, and bare beach sand and active sand dunes. Examination of aerial photographs suggests that the small amount of unconsolidated material on the Semidi Islands consists mainly of thin soil and windblown material, a narrow steep beach at the head of a bight on the east coast of Aghiyuk Island, and a little bare sand at the head of small inlets.

### MINERAL RESOURCES

No deposits of minerals subject to leasing under the mineral leasing laws have been found in or near the areas embraced by the Simeonof and Semidi National Wildlife Refuges except for some lignitic coal that underlies an area of 35 or 40 square miles on Unga Island (Atwood, 1911, p. 117-120), the largest of the Shumagin group (fig. 4). These coal-bearing rocks are entirely absent from Simeonof and the Semidi Islands. The granitic rocks that make up Simeonof and the Semidi Islands and the rocks of Burk's Shumagin Formation which they intrude are types with which the minerals subject to the leasing laws are not associated. Lode deposits containing base and precious

metals have been found in rocks correlative with the Shumagin Formation in other parts of Alaska and in volcanic rocks on Unga and Popof Islands (fig. 4) (Atwood, 1911, p. 125-127). Volcanic rocks, however, are not exposed on Simeonof or the Semidi Islands, so that similar lodes will not be found on them. A little gold has been recovered from beach placer deposits near Sand Point on Popof Island (Atwood, 1911, p. 125). Although it is not impossible that some of the sands on Simeonof Island might be auriferous, no gold placers have been reported, and the distance from source lodes would make their presence highly unlikely. Under certain economic conditions, such as accessibility and proximity to markets, granitic rocks can be valuable for dimension stone, riprap, road metal, and similar uses, but the isolation of the islands would preclude the development of such mineral resources in the Simeonof and Semidi Wildlife Refuges.

### TUXEDNI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

By ALEXANDER A. WANAK

#### SUMMARY

Chisik Island, the site of the Tuxedni National Wildlife Refuge, is made up of sedimentary rocks of Jurassic age. Test wells drilled in the Tuxedni Group of rocks at Oil Bay, Dry Bay, and Fitz Creek about 40 miles southwest of Chisik Island have produced numerous oil and gas shows, but no commercial production. No test wells have been drilled on Chisik Island, but the absence of favorable structures and the fact that possible reservoir rocks are near the surface are not favorable indications for potential petroleum. No mineral deposits are known on the refuge and there is no record of mineral production.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Tuxedni National Wildlife Refuge includes all of Chisik Island, which is located at the mouth of Tuxedni Bay on the west side of Cook Inlet about 120 miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska (fig. 1). Chisik Island is roughly wedge shaped and has an area of approximately 9 square miles. It is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles long and about  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles wide across the north part of the island but narrows to less than one-fourth mile at its southernmost point. Tuxedni Bay is very shallow except for Tuxedni Channel which separates Chisik Island from the mainland approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 miles away. Most of Tuxedni Bay is dry at low tide, and even at high tide much of the bay is shallow. High winds and tricky tidal currents at the head of Tuxedni Bay make landing in the area by seaplane or boats quite hazardous. During the salmon season, a cannery, the Snug Harbor Packing Co., is in operation in the southern part of Chisik Island, where a safe harbor is available. There are no roads on the island except within the cannery site. A large colony of black-legged kittiwake and associated seafowl nest on Chisik Island.

SECTION III. REFUGEE OBJECTIVE  
STATEMENT

SEMIKI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

REFUGE OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
Cold Bay, Alaska  
November 1971

## PREFACE

The nine islands comprising the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge are planned for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The extremely isolated, rugged islands are administered by the Aleutian Islands Refuge with headquarters at Cold Bay, Alaska. No Bureau personnel or facilities are stationed at the refuge. The Semidi Islands best be preserved in their present completely undisturbed state. With the exception of biological research, no reasonable amount of additional funds will increase benefits produced by the refuge.

REFUGE OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

Nearest town  
or post office: Chignik

Region: Alaska Area

County: Alaska

Congressional District: 00

State: Alaska

Flyway: Pacific

I. BACKGROUND

A. Establishment authority

Executive Order No. 5858 signed by President Herbert Hoover on June 17, 1932, set aside the following islands to be reserved from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws: Aghiyuk, Chowiet, Kateekuk, Anowik, Kiliktagik, Suklik, Aghik, Aliksemit, and South Island.

B. Primary purposes

The area was set aside as a refuge and breeding ground for wild birds and game and fur animals, primarily cormorants, alcids, gulls, kittiwakes, Fulmars, guillemots, petrels, oystercatchers, and other land and sea birds. Protection also is afforded sea otters and other marine mammals. Extreme isolation and lack of good landfalls preclude general public use.

C. Special commitments

The executive order is subject to existing valid rights. Wilderness status is planned for the islands.

D. General aspects of the refuge

The Semidi Islands, located about 60 miles south of the Alaska Peninsula near Chignik, are a group of nine islands, several islets,

and offshore reefs and ~~WATER~~ with a total area of about 256,000 acres. The two largest islands are Aghiyuk and Chowiet. Aghiyuk has the group's highest peak, 1,024 feet. Chowiet's highest elevation is 810 feet, with three lesser hills rising to elevations of over 450 feet.

The Semidi Islands are bounded by steep cliffs overlooking narrow rocky beaches. Aghiyuk and Chowiet have grass-covered ridges and plateaus, and their higher elevations are covered by heath and scattered rocky outcrops. Alder is scattered over the treeless islands at various elevations, and wildflowers adorn them in summer. Song Sparrows, Winter Wrens, and Common Eiders inhabit the beach rye bordering rough beaches; Lapland Longspurs and Savannah Sparrows nest on the grassy hills and plateaus. Yellow and Wilson's Warblers, Fox and Golden-crowned Sparrows, and an occasional Hermit Thrush are found in alder thickets. Water Pipits and Snow Buntings probably nest at higher elevations. Large numbers of Fulmars, Black-legged Kittiwakes, Common Murres, Pelagic and Red-faced Cormorants, puffins nest along the cliffs. Gabrielson in Birds of Alaska describes the combined Fulmar colonies on Chowiet and Aghiyuk as one of the four largest in Alaska. Bald Eagles are common in the Semidis, and nests were discovered in May 1972. Glaucous-winged Gulls and Black Oystercatchers frequent the small islets. Arctic ground squirrels are abundant on Chowiet and Aghiyuk; harbor seals and sea lions are common throughout the islands, and some sea otters occur.

## II. QUALITATIVE OBJECTIVES

### A. Wildlife interpretation

The remoteness, lack of travel means to the islands, characteristic foul weather, and unsuitable landing areas preclude interpretative programs. Moreover, no facilities or personnel are contemplated for these rugged islands.

### B. Environmental education

No objectives are set for the same reasons as wildlife interpretation.

### C. Wildlife consumptive recreation

Hunting, fishing, and trapping are not permitted ( 50 CFR Part 32 and 22 and Executive Order 5858); neither are they refuge objectives.

### D. Wildlife non-consumptive recreation

#### 1. Wildlife observation

A unique experience of bird and marine mammal observations in a pristine setting beckons the few individuals able to reach the remote islands.

#### 2. Photography

Unusual and exciting photographic opportunities await those able to get there.

#### 3. Off refuge

It would be unwise to publicize on television, radio, or in newspapers a virtually inaccessible refuge where disturbance of colonial nesting sea birds would be deleterious. But the wildlife resources of these islands could be made known in "Alaska Magazine's" refuge series.

E. Non-wildlife oriented recreation

The extreme isolation plus anticipated wilderness status of the refuge preclude non-wildlife oriented recreation.

F. Professional services

1. Refuge publications and studies

The Semidi Islands with their huge sea bird rookeries have been very poorly documented. The only visit to the islands by refuge personnel was by a wilderness study team in May 1972. The extremely isolated islands provide a model study area of undisturbed habitats and populations.

2. Ecological monitoring

The extreme isolation of the area makes such activities impractical.

3. Banding

Banding is impractical on these remote islands.

G. Natural environments preserved

The main objective is to maintain the refuge's natural, undisturbed character as a designated wilderness area.

H. Wildlife

1. Peripheral species

Protection of the Red-faced Cormorant and other nesting pelagic birds is of primary concern.

2. Status undetermined species

The islands constitute the only home of the Semidi Winter Wren, making protection of this subspecies an important consideration.

3. National unique species

Preservation of the islands' sea otters will be assured.

4. Special recognition species

Semidi Islands Refuge will be maintained in its present natural condition to provide optimum habitat for grebes, loons, fulmars, petrels, terns, gulls, alcids, shorebirds, and all other birdlife found there.

5. Eagles

A few Bald Eagles nest on the islands.

6. Other raptors

The refuge will protect Peregrine Falcons and other birds of prey.

7. Wildlife diversity

Present indigenous species will be perpetuated.

8. Waterfowl maintenance

Wintering Emperor Geese and sea ducks frequent the islands.

9. Waterfowl production

Common Eiders nest on refuge beaches.

(This completes output capabilities for this refuge)

SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

RBU COMPUTATION

Current Outputs	Estimated Average Number	x	Estimated Number Days	x	RBU Value	=	Total RBU's
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Publications & Studies

Unpublished Refuge Oriented Studies by refuge personnel (wilderness study  
= 100,000 RBU)

Wildlife

Peripheral species

Red-faced Cormorant *	100		365		10		365,000
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Status undetermined

Winter Wren	1,000		365		10		3,650,000
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National unique species

Sea otter *	20		365		50		365,000
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Special recognition  
species

Cormorants *	200		365		0.5		36,500
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Grebes *	100		180		0.5		9,000
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Loons *	50		365		0.5		18,250
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Fulmars & Petrels *	400,000		100		0.5		20,000,000
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Gulls & Terns *	450,000		100		0.5		22,500,000
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Alcids *	1,700,000		100		0.5		85,000,000
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Oystercatchers *	20		365		0.5		3,700
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Plovers & Turnstones	200		60		0.5		6,000
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Snipe & Sandpipers	50		60		0.5		1,500
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Phalaropes *	50		60		0.5		1,500
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Jaegers	10		180		0.5		900
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Bald Eagle	20		365		5		36,500
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Other raptors	10		270		1		2,700
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SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

RBU COMPUTATION

<u>Current Outputs</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Average Number</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Number Days</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>RBU</u> <u>Value</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>RBU's</u>
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Waterfowl Maintenance

*Geese	100		180		1		18,000
*Ducks	500		180		1		90,000

\* Aforementioned data based on 8,422-acre land area. Total refuge with 2 to 10 miles of offshore waters (total area 256,000 acres) would increase use days of these species considerably. Use days for these species probably should be doubled in 1973 output reports.

SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

RBU COMPUTATION

<u>Current Outputs</u>	<u>Estimated Number of Young Fledged</u>	<u>RBU Value</u>	<u>Total RBU's</u>
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Waterfowl Production

Ducks - Group 3  
(Common Eider)

100

200

20,000

SEMI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

RBU COMPUTATION

OBJECTIVES

Wildlife non-consumptive  
recreation

Other published articles

"Alaska Magazine" (one article x 3,000 = 3,000 RBU)

Professional services

Refuge oriented studies published by refuge personnel

General avifauna (one study x 500,000 = 500,000 RBU)

Refuge oriented unpublished studies by refuge personnel

General avifauna (one study x 50,000 = 50,000 RBU)

Wildlife

Objectives RBU computation = current outputs.

BIRDS OF THE SEVETI ISLANDS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Common Loon  
Yellow-billed Loon  
Red-necked Grebe  
Fulmar  
Slender-billed Shearwater  
Fork-tailed Petrel  
Leach's Petrel  
Pelagic Cormorant  
Red-faced Cormorant  
Black Brant  
Emperor Goose  
Pintail  
Shoveler  
Oldsquaw  
Harlequin Duck  
Steller's Eider  
Common Eider  
White-winged Scoter  
Surf Scoter  
Common Scoter  
Bald Eagle  
Peregrine Falcon  
Black Oystercatcher  
Ruddy Turnstone  
Rock Sandpiper

Northern Phalarope  
Parasitic Jaeger  
Glaucous-winged Gull  
Black-legged Kittiwake  
Arctic Tern  
Common Murre  
Thick-billed Murre  
Pigeon Guillemot  
Cassin's Auklet  
Parakeet Auklet  
Crested Auklet  
Horned Puffin  
Tufted Puffin  
Common Raven  
Winter Wren  
Hermit Thrush  
Water Pipit  
Yellow Warbler  
Wilson's Warbler  
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch  
Savannah Sparrow  
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Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lapland Longspur  
Snow Bunting

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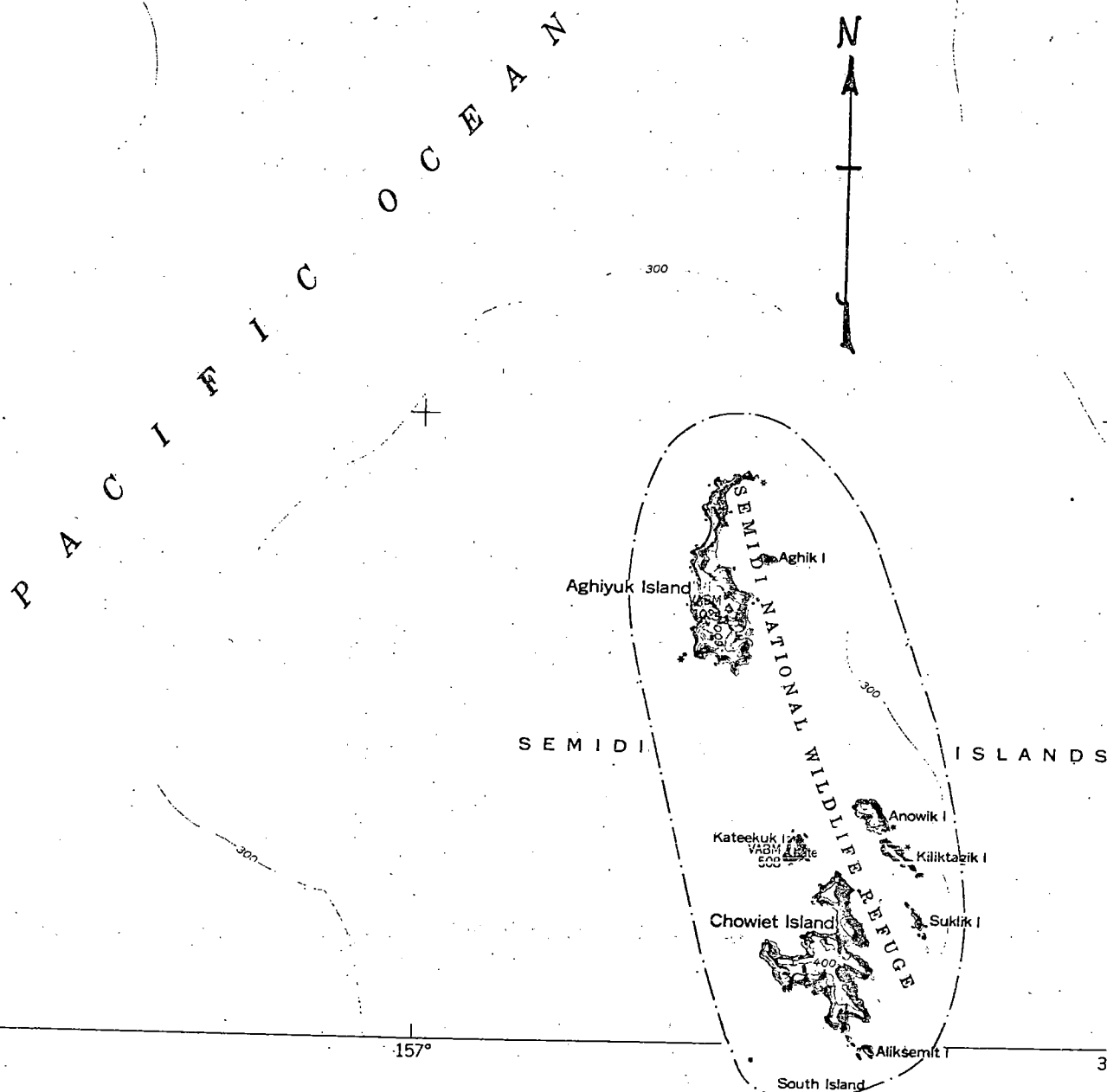
Steller sea lion  
Harbor seal  
Sea otter  
Arctic ground squirrel



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## SEMIDI

# NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CANDIDATE WILDERNESS AREA



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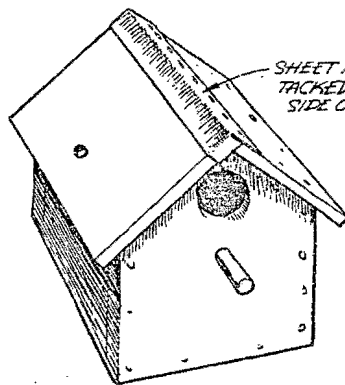
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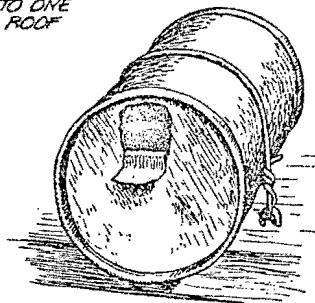
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620	Wilderness areas	acres	0	0	1	17,550			
701	Peripheral birds	U/D	36,500	365	36,500	365			
701	Status undetermined birds	"	365,000	3,650	365,000	3,650			
710	Sea otter	"	7,300	365	7,300	365			
720	Loons	"	18,250	9	18,250	9			
720	Grebes	"	18,000	9	18,000	9			
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720	Plovers, turnstones	"	12,000	6	12,000	6			
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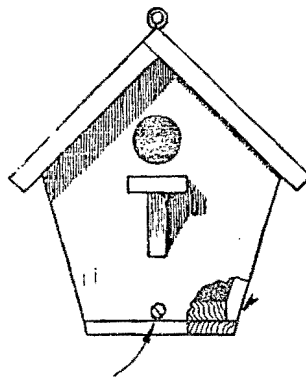
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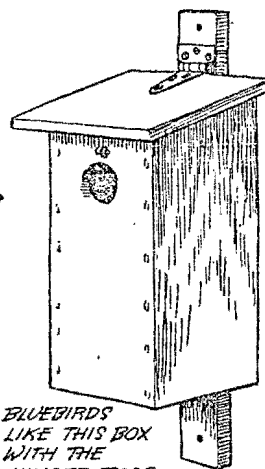
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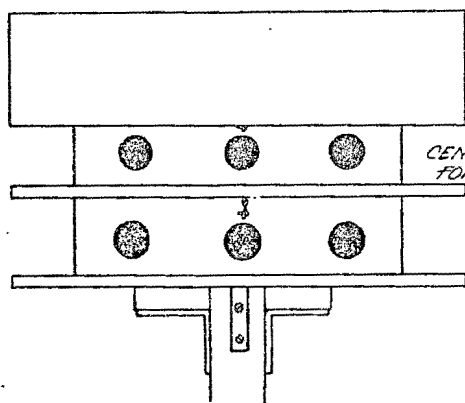
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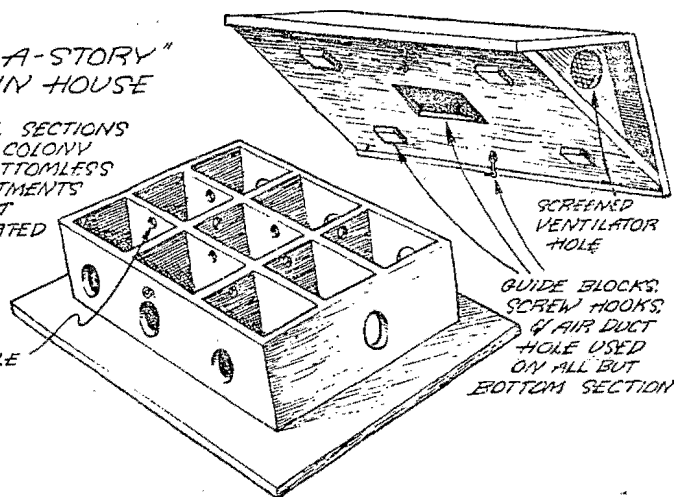
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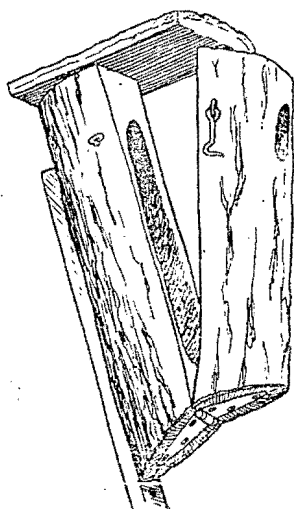
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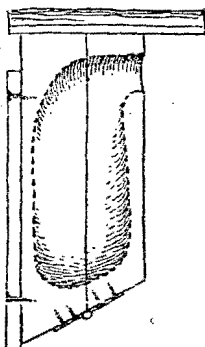


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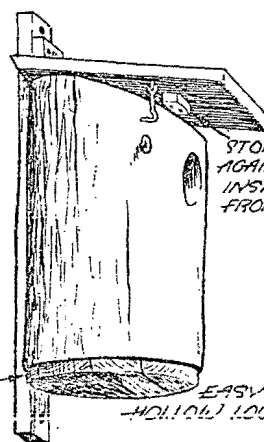
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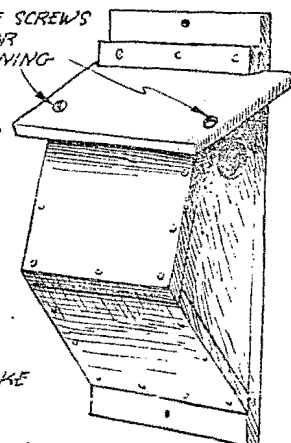
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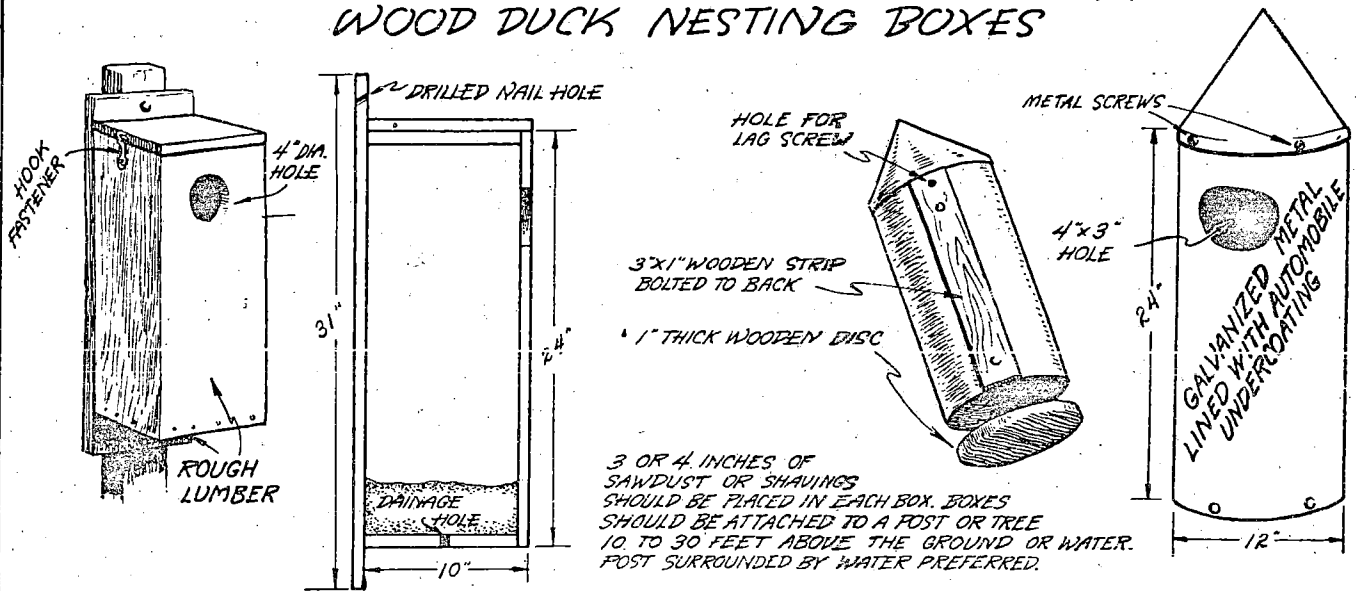
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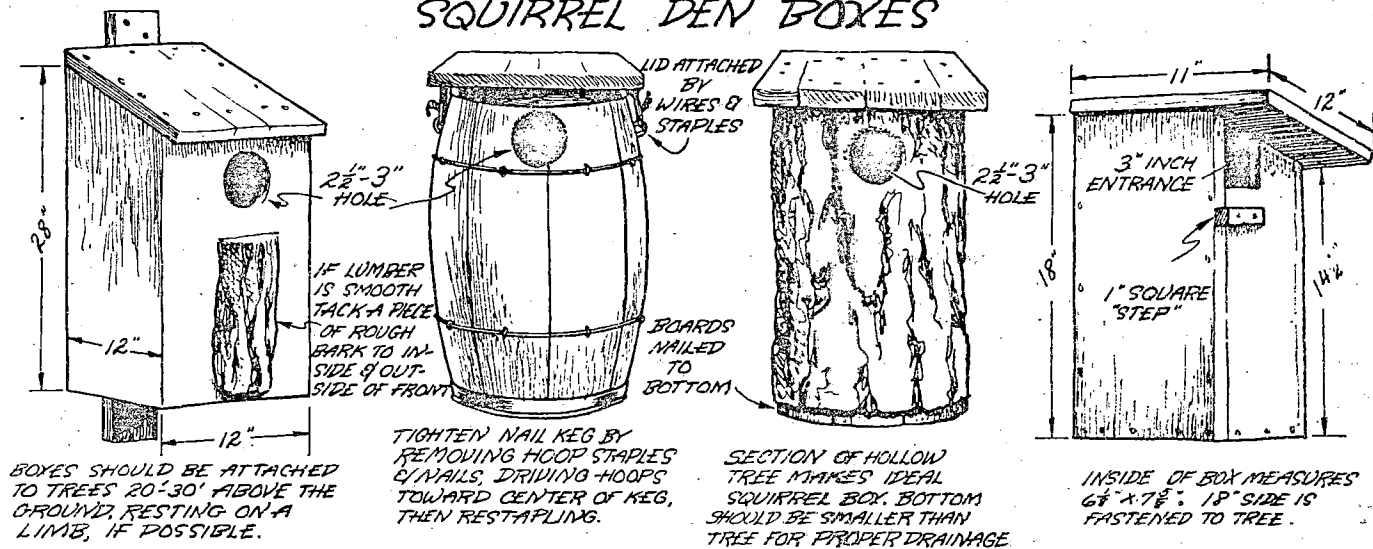
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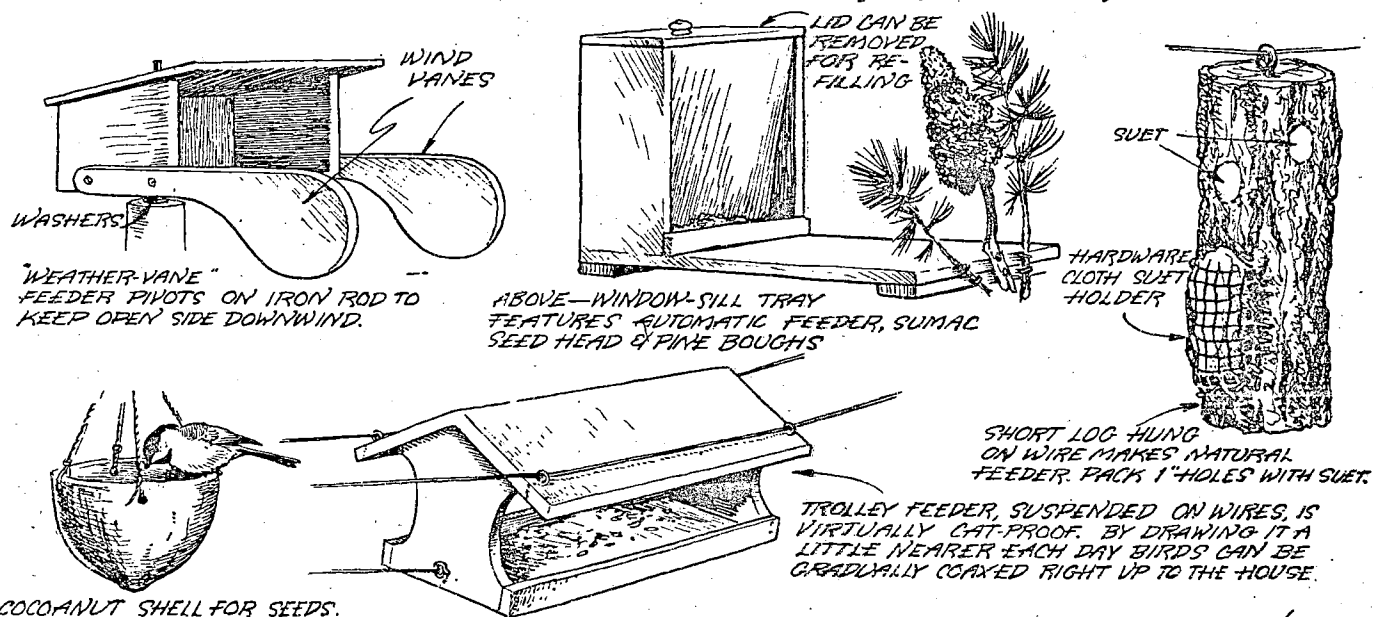
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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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## SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

### Wilderness Proposal: Cancellation of Public Hearing

Notice of the public hearing for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge wilderness proposal published on page 26743 of the December 15, 1972, issue of the FEDERAL REGISTER as Document 72-21597 is hereby cancelled.

SPENCER H. SMITH,  
*Director, Bureau of  
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JANUARY 5, 1973.

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## SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

### Notice of Public Hearing Regarding Wilderness Proposal

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A study summary containing a map and information about the Semidi Wilderness proposal may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Aleutian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Cold Bay, Alaska 99571; or from the Area Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 813 D Street, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Individuals or organizations may express their oral or written views by appearing at this hearing, or they may submit written comments for inclusion in the official record of the hearing to the area director at the above address by March 22, 1973.

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SECTION V. NEWS  
RELEASES

## Public Hearing Slated On Semidi

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fishermen by international agreement. The islands are rarely visited by man and are currently in a natural state.

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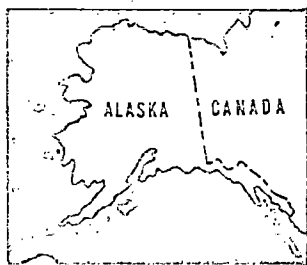
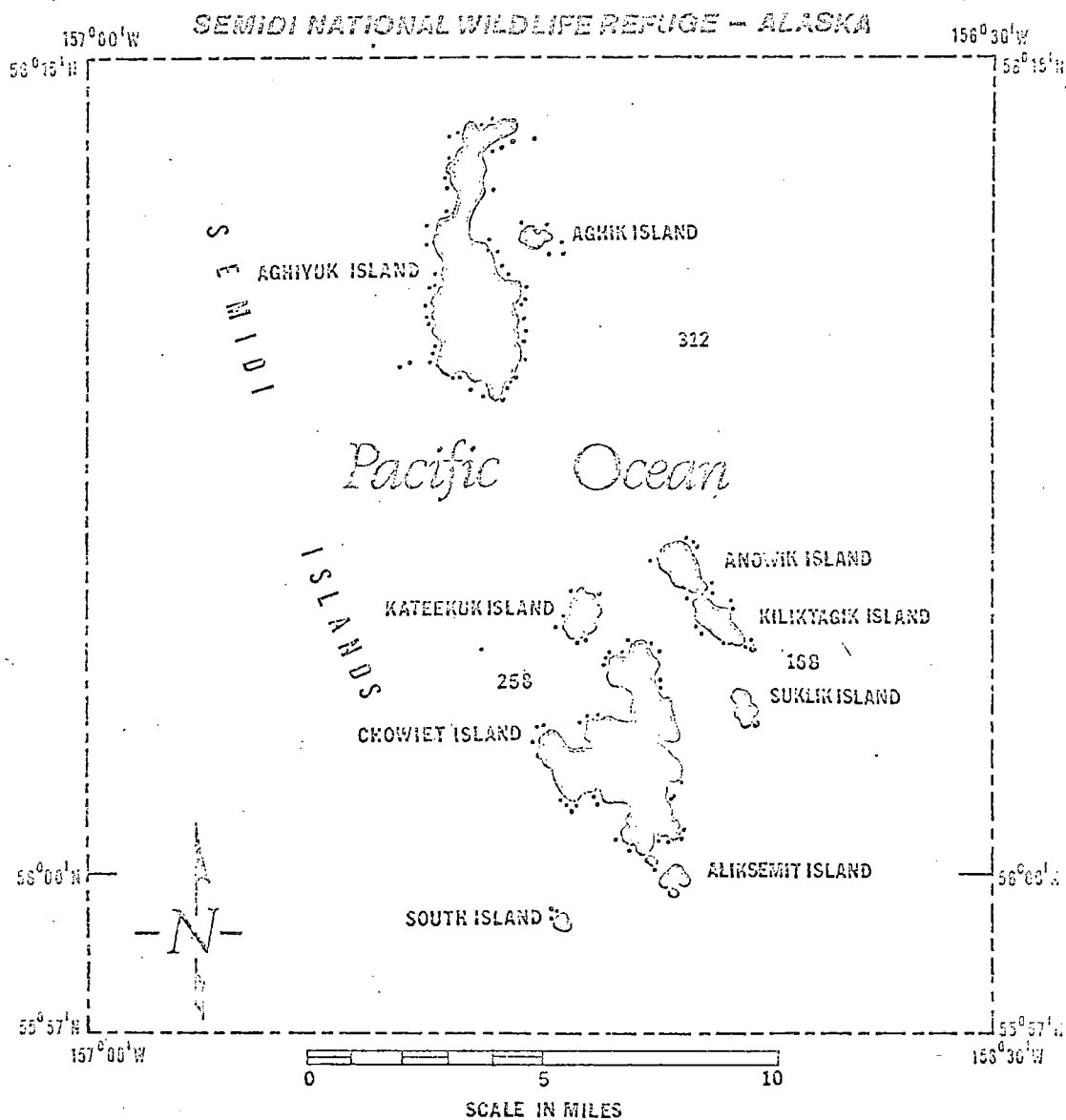
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Citizens are invited to express their views on this proposal pertaining to their public lands. Oral or written statements may either be presented at the public hearing or submitted in writing to the Area Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 813 D Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, by March 23, 1973, when the hearing record will be closed.

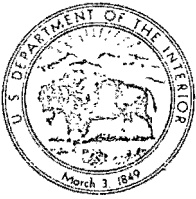


# SEMIDI WILDERNESS PROPOSAL



SEMIDI ISLANDS

OCTOBER-1972  
PRELIMINARY - SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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A PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to your attention a public hearing which will be held in the Loussac Library at Anchorage, Alaska, on February 20, 1973. The hearing concerns a wilderness proposal within the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. Copies of the public notice and wilderness brochure are enclosed.

Your views may be presented before, during, or after the public hearing. Your statement, if submitted after the hearing, must be submitted to this office at the above address by March 23, 1973, in order to become a part of the official hearing record.

If we may provide any assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director

Enclosure



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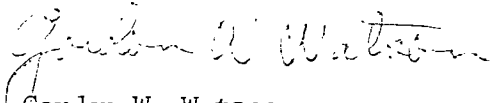
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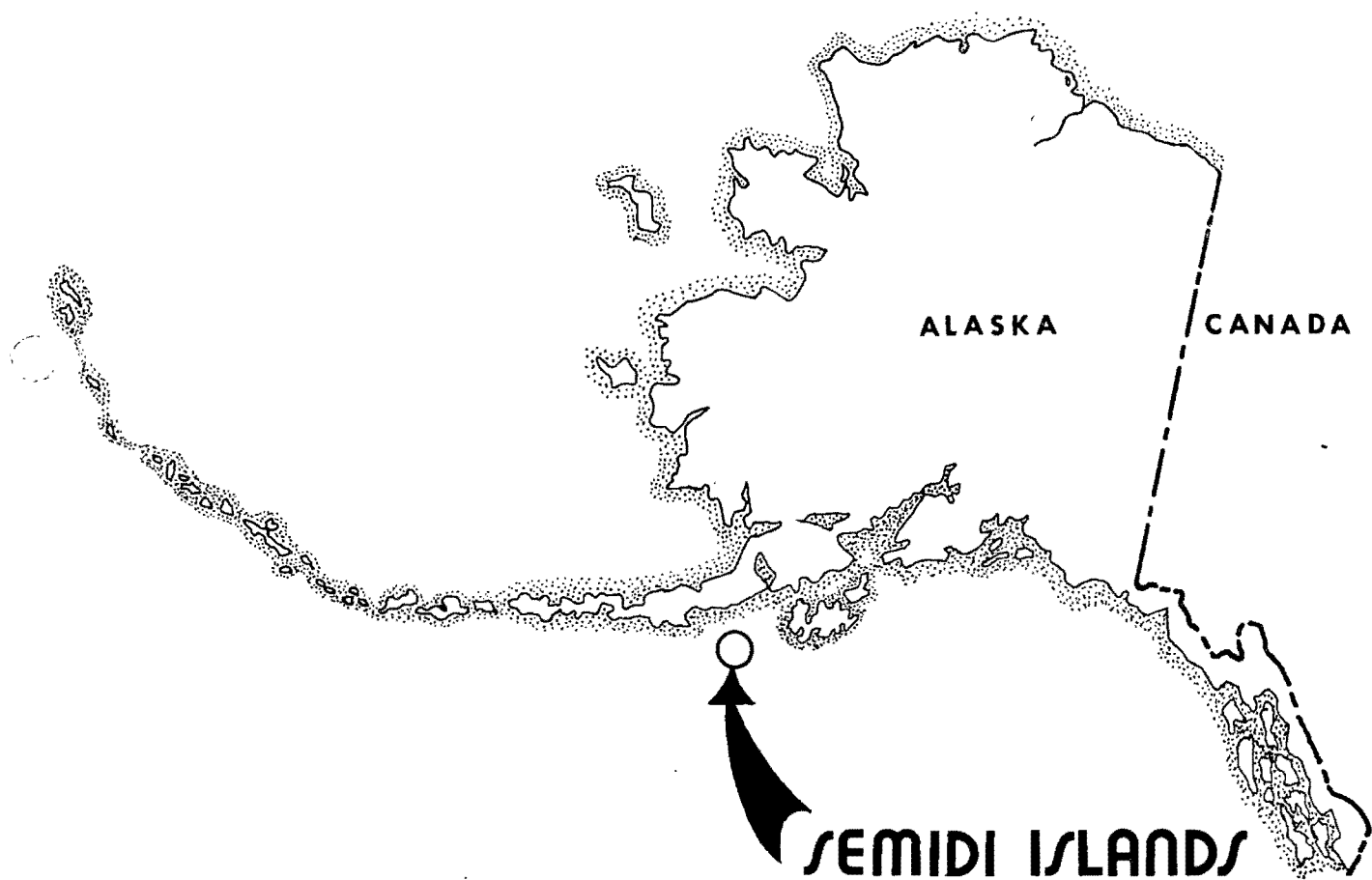
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*This report was prepared pursuant to the Wilderness Act, Public Law 88-577. Publication of the findings and recommendations herein should not be construed as representing either the approval or disapproval of the Secretary of the Interior. The purpose of this report is to provide information and alternatives for further consideration by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Secretary of the Interior, and other Federal agencies.*



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THE REMOTE SEMIDI ISLANDS



## PREFACE

This brochure summarizes the wilderness study conducted on the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife as directed by the Secretary of the Interior. Its aim is to assist the reader in forming an opinion of the desirability of including the refuge into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (Public Law 88-577), requires that the Secretary of the Interior review every roadless area of 5,000 contiguous acres or more and every roadless island regardless of size within the National Wildlife Refuge System within ten years after the effective date of the Act, and report to the President of the United States his recommendations as to the suitability or unsuitability of each such area or island for preservation as wilderness. A recommendation of the President for designation as wilderness does not become effective unless provided for by an Act of Congress.

In defining wilderness, the Act also included areas of fewer than 5,000 acres that are of sufficient size to make preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practicable.

Sections 4(a) and (b) of the Wilderness Act provide that: (1) the Act is to be within and supplemental to the purposes for which national wildlife refuges are established; and (2) wilderness areas shall be administered so as to preserve their wilderness character and shall be devoted to the public purposes of recreational, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation and historical use insofar as primary refuge objectives permit. Wilderness designation does not remove or alter an area's status as a national wildlife refuge.

## ERRATA SHEET

Paragraph 2 of Socio-Economic Considerations section should read as follows:

The international agreement concerning the U. S. contiguous fishery zone off Alaska was renegotiated with Japan in December 1972, and Semidi Refuge is no longer within the loading and unloading zone. A similar agreement with Russian is currently pending.

# INTRODUCTION

The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge was established by Executive Order 5858 in 1932 primarily to protect the habitat of several million seabirds. It lies in the Gulf of Alaska, approximately 35 miles from the Alaska Peninsula and 110 miles southwest of Kodiak Island.

The remote treeless islands surrounded by stormy seas of the North Pacific Ocean are rarely visited by man. They are a haven for vast colonies of pelagic birds that nest on the rocky cliffs and feed in the surrounding waters.

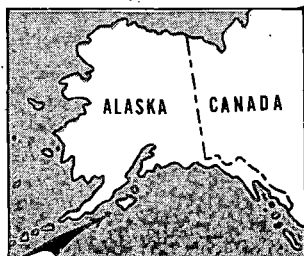
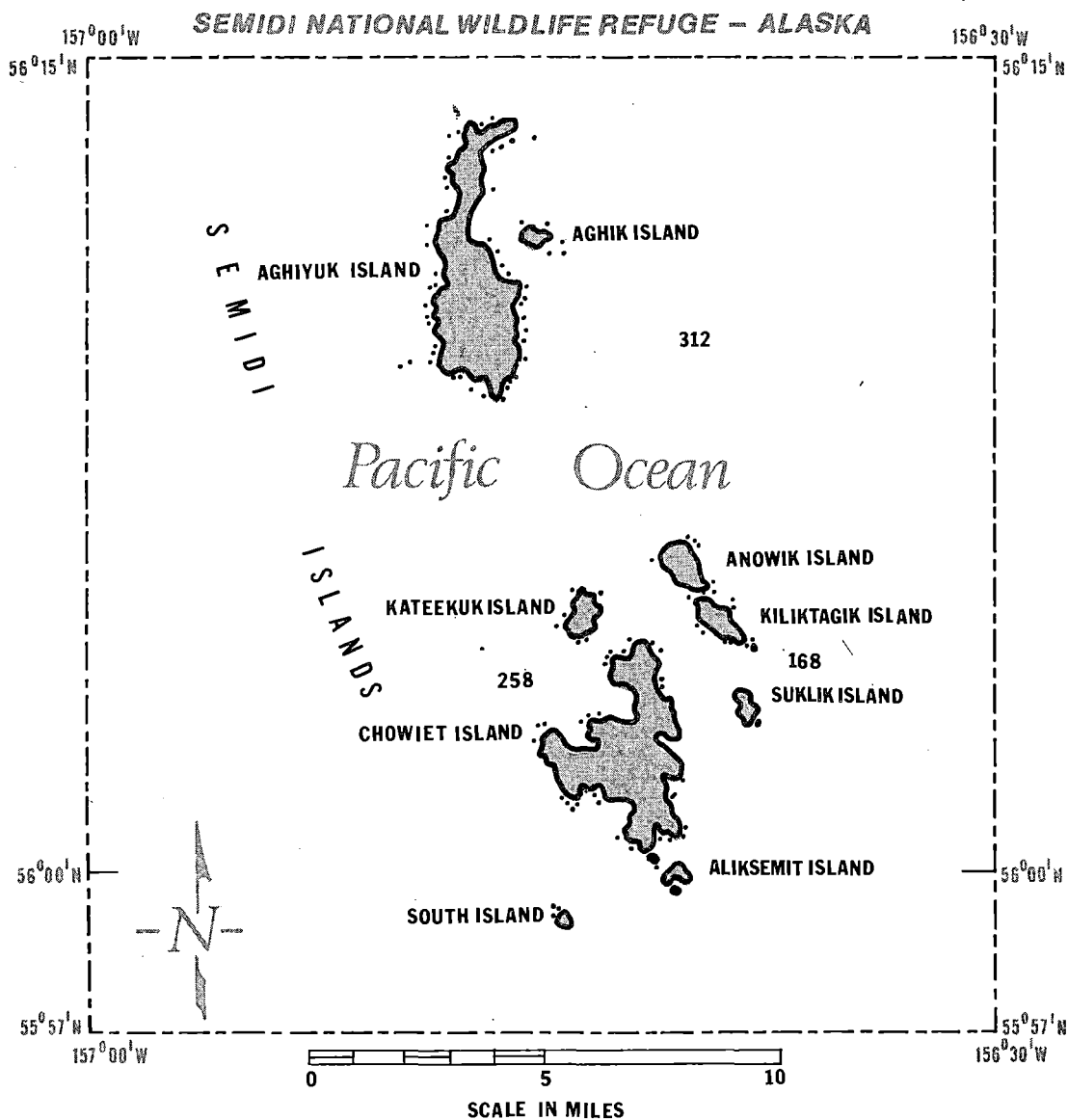
The 256,000-acre refuge consists of submerged lands, and nine small islands and associated offshore rocks containing 8,422 acres.

# HISTORY

The Semidi Islands were discovered in August 1741 by a Norwegian explorer, Vitus Bering, sailing under the Russian flag, who named them Tumannoi (Foggy) Islands. The present word, Semidi, is believed to stem from the Russian word "sem" meaning seven, probably referring to the seven larger islands. Captain James Cook reported sighting the islands on June 16, 1778.

Little history has been recorded on the islands since discovery. Apparently they were not occupied by Natives. However, the remains of a small cabin on Aghiyuk Island and a lone spruce tree planted on Chowiet Island give evidence of some human occupancy in recent times.

# SEMIDI WILDERNESS PROPOSAL



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## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Aghiyuk, Aghik, Anowik, Kiliktagik, Chowiet, Aliksemit, Suklik, Kateekuk and South Islands, and a few smaller rocks and islands are the composite of the Semidi Islands group. Aghiyuk, the largest, has an elevation of 1,024 feet and is approximately six miles long and two miles wide.

Island shorelines are extremely precipitous with sheer rock cliffs rising 100 to 200 feet above the seas. There are few suitable anchorages or boat landings and only on Aghiyuk is there a gradually sloping gravel beach. Water depth increases rapidly offshore from 10 fathoms near island shores to 50 fathoms or more further out to sea with no shallow reefs. The submerged lands lie within the 12-mile limit of the continental shelf.

The islands are treeless, covered with a typical subarctic low mat vegetation consisting primarily of grasses, mosses, and a scattering of broad-leaved plants with willow and crowberry the principal shrubs. An array of wild flowers is conspicuous during summer months and some kelp beds occur in offshore waters.

The maritime climate is characterized by frequent cloudiness, fog, and gale-force winds. Precipitation occurs regularly and exceeds 50 inches annually. The mean annual temperature is about 40°F with summers short and cool, and winters long, cold and stormy.

BIRD CLIFFS ON AGHIYUK ISLAND



## RESOURCES

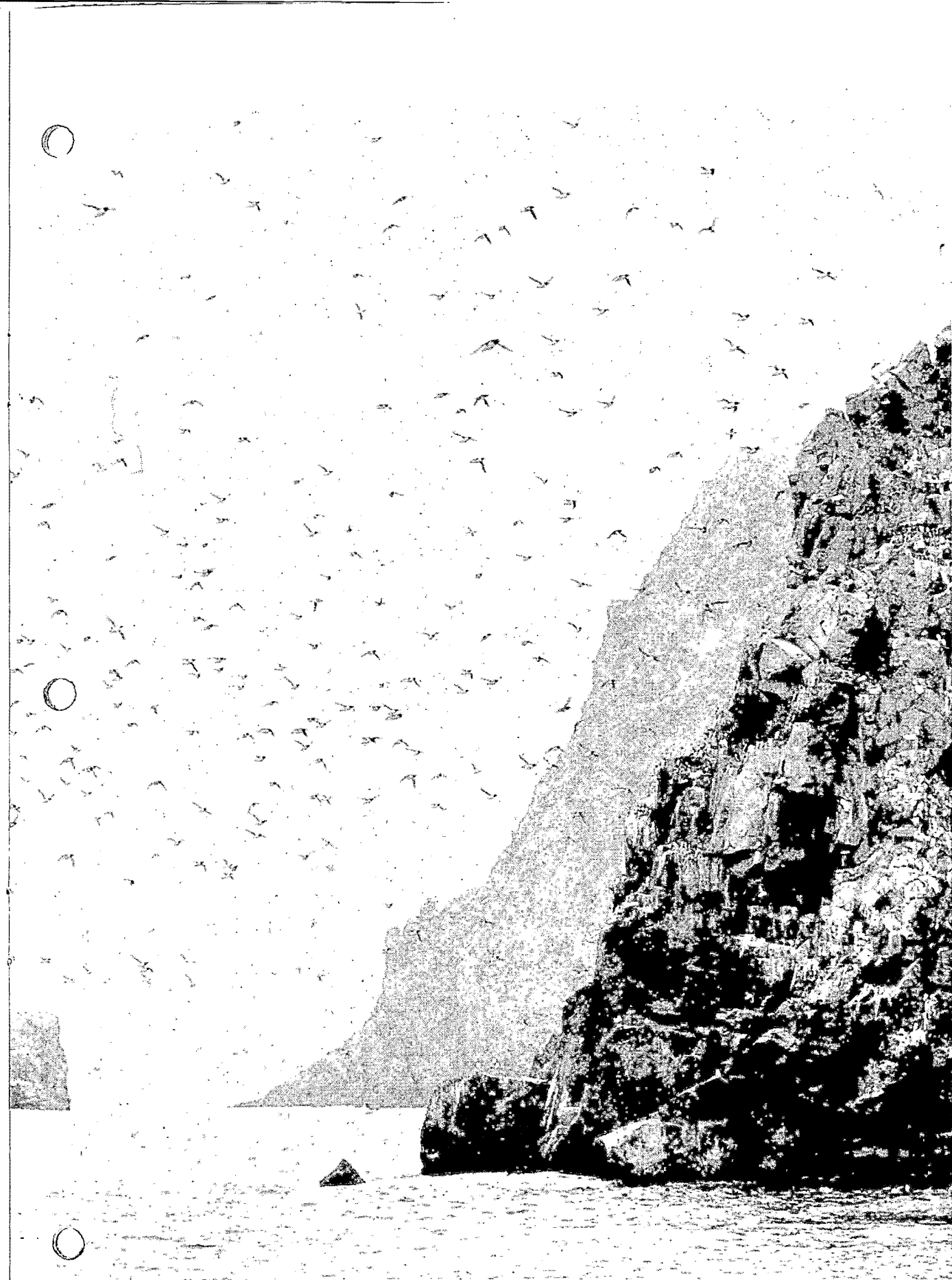
The extensive pelagic bird colonies are the outstanding wildlife feature of the islands. There appears no end to the number of seabirds as they crowd the rock ledges, while thousands of others wheel about overhead. At times offshore waters are literally alive with feeding birds. Common and thick-billed murres, black-legged kittiwakes, Pacific fulmars and horned puffins are the major species present and they number in the millions. One of the largest Pacific fulmar colonies in Alaska is found on the Semidis. All the islands are used by nesting birds and the surrounding waters, rich in marine life, provide food resources necessary to sustain such a massive concentration of wildlife.

A total of 43 species of birds has been identified on the islands. Among these, the American bald eagle is considered a common resident and at least 2 pairs of the endangered peregrine falcon also occur. The song sparrow, winter wren, parasitic jaeger, red-faced cormorant, glaucous-winged gull and the colorful harlequin duck are other common species.

The only known land mammal is the arctic ground squirrel, but a variety of marine mammals inhabits surrounding ocean waters. Various species of whales are commonly seen, and harbor seals and sea lions maintain rookeries on several islands. Sea otters are present but are not abundant.

King crab and halibut are harvested annually from the seas by commercial fishermen. Their catch is worth several million dollars.

The refuge is outside the major petroleum provinces of Alaska and has no known mineral deposits.



NESTING HABITAT OF MURRES AND KITTIWAKES

## PUBLIC USE

The refuge's sheer remoteness discourages public use and there are few well-protected bays suitable for anchorage. The surrounding waters are seldom calm enough for seaplane landings.

The only anticipated recreational uses are wildlife-oriented, since bird watchers and photographers may be attracted to the islands to view and photograph the large bird colonies.

Commercial fishing for halibut and, to a lesser degree, king crab, are established uses within the refuge and would continue under wilderness designation.

## MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

No development or physical manipulation of the habitat has occurred, nor is any planned. The refuge's value to birds and other forms of fish and wildlife can best be preserved by maintaining a natural environment.

The massive concentration of birds and associated marine resources in a relatively isolated setting provides unusual opportunities for scientific studies. Such studies, undertaken in the future, may provide many answers to the complex ecology within a coastal ecosystem.

A small administrative cabin may be necessary sometime in the future for patrol and scientific studies. Restrictions may be required to avoid human disturbance to birds and mammals during breeding season.

THE RUGGED COASTLINE (sealion rookery on distant flat rock)



# SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Halibut fishing is of major economic importance in surrounding waters and limited crab fishing occurs. Some 30 to 40 vessels harvest from two to four million pounds of halibut in refuge and adjacent waters. Such existing enterprises would not be affected by wilderness status.

The refuge is currently within a loading and unloading zone for Russian and Japanese fishing fleets under an international agreement. Renegotiation of this treaty may be in order if these activities become detrimental to the wildlife resources of the refuge.

Adequate harbors and freshwater resources are not available in the islands. It is doubtful, therefore, that any industry such as a commercial fish cannery operation would desire to locate in such an area.

There is no evidence of recent Native use of the islands and they are not under consideration as lands for Alaska Natives under the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

Perpetuating the great bird resources such as are present in the islands adds to the social wellbeing of all citizens of the United States, who may observe some of these birds during migration periods or view photographs of such unique bird colonies, even though the majority of people will never set foot on the Semidis.

## CONCLUSION

All of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is still in a natural state and qualifies for inclusion into the National Wilderness Preservation System. No adverse economic or environmental impacts can be foreseen from the proposed action. Commercial fishing using motor-powered boats is an established use and does not conflict with management objectives. It is proposed, therefore, that this activity be permitted to continue subject only to existing federal and state laws.

Designating the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness will provide legislative protection to the refuge and will assure that the insular ecosystem will remain in a natural state for the use and enjoyment of this and future generations of Americans.

Persons interested in the proposal are encouraged to visit the Semidi Island. Additional information may be obtained from the Refuge Manager, Aleutian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Cold Bay, Alaska 99571 or from the Area Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 813 D Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

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SECTION VIII. PUBLIC HEARING  
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# SEMIDI WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

## PUBLIC HEARING STATEMENT

BY

BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE REPRESENTATIVE

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I AM GORDON WATSON, ALASKA AREA DIRECTOR FOR THE BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR INTEREST IN COMING TO THIS HEARING ON THE SEMIDI WILDERNESS PROPOSAL.

THE WILDERNESS ACT, PASSED BY CONGRESS IN 1964, DIRECTED THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO REVIEW ALL ROADLESS AREAS OF 5,000 OR MORE ACRES, AND EVERY ROADLESS ISLAND, WITHIN THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM, TO DETERMINE THEIR SUITABILITY OR NONSUITABILITY AS WILDERNESS. FURTHER, REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY 22, 1966, REQUIRE THIS BUREAU TO REVIEW THOSE AREAS QUALIFYING FOR STUDY UNDER THE WILDERNESS ACT THAT

- (1) POSSESS THE GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF WILDERNESS
- (2) ARE REASONABLY COMPACT
- (3) ARE UNDEVELOPED
- (4) ARE WITHOUT IMPROVED ROADS SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL BY CONVENTIONAL AUTOMOBILE.

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM IS COMPRISED OF MORE THAN 300 UNITS CONTAINING NEARLY 30 MILLION ACRES. UNITS OF THE SYSTEM ARE LOCATED ON LANDS EXTENDING FROM THE ARCTIC OCEAN SHORES TO ISLANDS OF THE CENTRAL

PACIFIC OCEAN, AND FROM THE FLORIDA KEYS TO MAINE. ONE OR MORE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES IS LOCATED IN EACH OF THE 17 MAJOR LIFE ZONES OF NORTH AMERICA. THE ECOLOGY OF EACH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DIFFERS FROM THAT OF ANY OTHER REFUGE, ALTHOUGH SOME ARE SIMILAR. BECAUSE OF THESE ECOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES, MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES OF INDIVIDUAL REFUGES ARE OFTEN QUITE VARIED.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REVEALS THAT ABOUT 90 WILDLIFE REFUGES IN 32 STATES, CONTAINING NEARLY 25 MILLION ACRES, QUALIFY FOR STUDY AS WILDERNESS. THE WILDERNESS REVIEW PROGRAM OF THE BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, OF WHICH THIS PROPOSAL IS A PART, ENCOMPASSES A WIDE SPECTRUM OF LANDS WITHIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ONLY THROUGH CAREFUL STUDY AND ANALYSIS CAN A PROPER DETERMINATION BE MADE REGARDING WHETHER A NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE OR A PORTION OF IT QUALIFIES FOR CONSIDERATION AS WILDERNESS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

TODAY, WE ARE PUBLICLY PRESENTING THE RESULTS OF OUR STUDY OF THE SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. AN INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE SUMMARIZING THE STUDY AND EXPLAINING THE WILDERNESS PROPOSAL IS AVAILABLE IN THE HEARING ROOM IF YOU DO NOT YET HAVE A COPY. THE COMPLETE STUDY REPORT IS ALSO AVAILABLE HERE FOR YOUR EXAMINATION. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE IT, FOR THE NUMBER OF COPIES IS VERY LIMITED. COPIES OF THE STATEMENT THAT I AM MAKING TODAY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

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INTERESTED FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES FOR THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THIS ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT IS REQUIRED BY THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT OF 1969 (PUBLIC LAW 90-190). IT CONSIDERS POSSIBLE IMPACTS OF WILDERNESS DESIGNATION ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROPOSED ACTION. A COPY OF THIS STATEMENT IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE REAR OF THE ROOM FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EXAMINING ITS CONTENTS.

IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PROPOSAL WE ARE PRESENTING IS PRELIMINARY. ONLY AFTER YOUR EXPRESSED VIEWS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY STUDIED WILL OUR FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS BE MADE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR. IT WILL THEN BE NECESSARY FOR THE CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WILL OFFICIALLY DESIGNATE ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE SEMIDI ISLANDS AS WILDERNESS, AND INCLUDE THEM IN THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM.

THE SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WAS ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 5858 IN 1932, PRIMARILY TO PRESERVE THE UNIQUE MARINE BIRD BREEDING GROUNDS. THE SEMIDI ISLANDS ARE EXTREMELY REMOTE, RARELY VISITED BY MAN, AND ESSENTIALLY DE FACTO WILDERNESS. THERE IS NO ASSURANCE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS CONDITION WILL ALWAYS REMAIN. WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE PROTECTION AS AFFORDED THROUGH OFFICIAL WILDERNESS DESIGNATION, THE ISLANDS' WILDERNESS QUALITIES COULD EVENTUALLY BE LOST AS THE NATION'S POPULATION GROWS AND MAN'S TECHNOLOGY HAS EVEN MORE WIDESPREAD INFLUENCE ON SUCH WILD AREAS.

THE REFUGE CONSISTS OF NINE SMALL ISLANDS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED SMALL ROCKS AND ISLETS, CONTAINING 8,422 ACRES, AND APPROXIMATELY 500,000 ACRES

OF SURROUNDING SUBMERGED LANDS. AGHIYUK IS THE LARGEST ISLAND, BEING 6 MILES LONG BY 2 MILES WIDE. THE SHORELINES OF THE ISLANDS ARE EXTREMELY PRECIPITOUS WITH MANY ROCK LEDGES RISING 100 TO 200 FEET ABOVE THE SEA. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW SMALL BEACHES. ACCESS TO INTERIOR PORTIONS OF THE ISLANDS IS LIMITED. GOOD HARBORS ARE NON-EXISTENT AND FRESHWATER SOURCES ARE ALSO VERY LIMITED.

THE EXCEEDINGLY STEEP ROCK CLIFFS PROVIDE IDEAL NESTING HABITAT FOR GREAT NUMBERS OF PELAGIC BIRDS SUCH AS MURRES, KITTIWAKES, FULMARS, AND PUFFINS. IN CRUISING THE SHORELINE BY BOAT, THERE APPEARS NO END TO THE NUMBER OF BIRDS AS THEY CROWD THE ROCK LEDGES AND WHEEL ABOUT OVERHEAD. IN PLACES THE WATERS ARE LITERALLY ALIVE WITH FEEDING MURRES, KITTIWAKES AND FULMARS. BIRD POPULATIONS ACTUALLY NUMBER IN THE MILLIONS, AND THE SEMIDI ISLANDS' FULMAR COLONY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN ALASKA. MANY SCIENTISTS CONSIDER SUCH SEABIRD COLONIES PART OF A VERY FRAGILE ECOSYSTEM AND RECOMMEND THAT, AS SUCH, THEY ARE BEST MANAGED IN THEIR NATURAL STATE.

BALD EAGLES, PEREGRINE FALCONS, CORMORANTS, GULLS, GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROWS, LONGSPURS, AND A VARIETY OF OTHER BIRDS ALSO UTILIZE THE ISLAND DURING NESTING PERIODS. A TOTAL OF 43 SPECIES OF BIRDS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

WATERS SURROUNDING THE ISLANDS ARE RICH IN FISHERY AND MARINE MAMMAL RESOURCES. COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN HARVEST SEVERAL MILLION POUNDS OF HALIBUT EACH YEAR, PROVIDING A SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT TO THE ECONOMIES OF ALASKA AND THE NATION.

SEA LIONS AND HARBOR SEALS FREQUENTLY HAUL OUT ON THE ROCKY SHORELINES OR OFFSHORE ISLETS, AND A FEW SEA OTTERS UTILIZE THE SHALLOW BAYS. VARIOUS SPECIES OF WHALES TRAVERSE THE OFFSHORE WATERS. THE WATERS ARE VERY PRODUCTIVE OF SMALL MARINE LIFE WHICH PROVIDES FOOD FOR THE THOUSANDS OF BIRDS THAT UTILIZE THE ISLANDS FOR NESTING PURPOSES. ANY ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE TO THESE SURROUNDING WATERS WOULD GREATLY JEOPARDIZE THE TREMENDOUS BIRD COLONIES THAT ARE PRESENT TODAY.

THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORTS THAT THERE ARE NO KNOWN MINERALS OF COMMERCIAL VALUE. THE ISLANDS ARE RARELY VISITED AND APPEAR IN ESSENTIALLY THE SAME CONDITION AS WHEN FIRST DISCOVERED BY BERING IN 1741 AND REDISCOVERED BY CAPTAIN COOK ON JUNE 16, 1778.

SINCE OUR STUDIES INDICATE THAT ALL LANDS WITHIN THE REFUGE APPEAR TO QUALIFY AS WILDERNESS, ACCORDING TO CRITERIA PRESCRIBED BY THE WILDERNESS ACT OF 1964, WE PROPOSE THAT THE ENTIRE 256,000-ACRE SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS.

THE BUREAU DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY MANAGEMENT OR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD CONFLICT WITH WILDERNESS. THE WILDERNESS ACT PROVIDES FOR THE USE OF MOTORIZED BOATS IN WILDERNESS AREAS WHERE SUCH USE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, AND DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH REFUGE MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES. WE PROPOSE, THEREFORE, TO PERMIT FISHING TO CONTINUE IN THE PROPOSED SEMIDI WILDERNESS ESSENTIALLY AS AT PRESENT. IF CONGRESS SHOULD PREFER TO PRECLUDE SUCH

USE, THEN WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE SURROUNDING SUBMERGED LANDS AND THE WATERS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE WILDERNESS PROPOSAL.

I THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS HEARING AND FOR EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN THE SEMIDI WILDERNESS PROPOSAL. I ASSURE YOU THAT ALL VIEWS, WHETHER EXPRESSED ORALLY OR IN WRITING, WILL BE CAREFULLY STUDIED BEFORE THE BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE SUBMITS ITS FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.



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## SECTION IX

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P R O C E E D I N G S

The Public Hearing on the Semidi Wilderness Proposal convened at the hour of 7:20 p.m., at the Loussac Library, Anchorage, Alaska.

MR. ROBERT PRICE:

Ladies and gentlemen, I think we can begin the Wilderness Hearing at this time. There was some question whether it was going to be at 7:00 or 7:30, but it is close enough to 7:30 to give the benefit of the doubt for those who might be late.

First, I would like to introduce myself, I am Robert Price, the Regional Solicitor, Department of the Interior, Anchorage. I have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior to conduct this hearing. Most of you undoubtedly filled out an attendance card as you entered the door. If you have not done so, I would like to ask that you complete one. If those of you who have not filled out cards will please raise your hands, we will distribute them to you.

At this time I should like to thank the City of Anchorage for their assistance in making this place available to us today. This evening rather.

As announced in the Notice of Public Hearing issued on January 10, 1973, this hearing is being held to obtain

1 information relating to the desirability of establishing a  
2 unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System on the  
3 Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. As background information,  
4 I should like to explain that, in arranging this hearing,  
5 notices were sent to the United States Senators and  
6 Congressmen, the Governor the State of Alaska, and other  
7 elected officials. Replies which have been received from  
8 them will be read later and incorporated into the transcript  
9 of this hearing. We also sent notices to Federal and State  
10 agencies and organizations and individuals known to be  
11 interested in the matter.

12 Now for a few words about procedure. This hearing is  
13 not a debate, a trial, or a question and answer assembly,  
14 but an advisory hearing whereby all interested persons may  
15 present statements, written or oral, or other information  
16 pertinent to the wilderness proposal we are considering  
17 today. If anyone fails to understand the statement of any  
18 person, appropriate questions may be asked for the purpose  
19 of clarifying such a statement. All questions will be  
20 directed to me, and I shall determine whether they are  
21 pertinent. This may seem a little technical or strict, but  
22 it is intended to facilitate an orderly presentation of  
23 views and assure a fair and reasonable opportunity for all  
24 to be heard.

25 The Wilderness Act, Public Law 88-577, provided the

1 authority and outlined the procedure by which a national  
2 wildlife refuge, or a portion of a national wildlife  
3 refuge, meeting the necessary requirements, is to be  
4 considered for inclusion in the National Wilderness  
5 Preservation System. This law directed the study and review  
6 within 10 years after September 3, 1964, of every roadless  
7 island and every roadless area of 5,000 acres or more within  
8 the National Wildlife Refuge System.

9 I wish to point out that eventual inclusion of a wildlife  
10 refuge, or a portion of a wildlife refuge, within the  
11 National Wilderness Preservation System does not remove the  
12 area from the wildlife refuge status. The area we are  
13 considering today, if classified as wilderness, still will be  
14 administered as an integral part of the Wildlife Refuge.  
15 The intent of the Wilderness Act along these lines is clear.  
16 The provisions of Sections 4(a) and 4(b) of the Act state  
17 that the purposes of the Wilderness Act are to be within and  
18 supplemental to the purpose for which wildlife refuges are  
19 established and administered. Also, each agency  
20 administering any area designated as wilderness shall be  
21 responsible for preserving the wilderness character of the  
22 area and for such other purposes for which it may have been  
23 established as also to preserve its wilderness character.  
24 Therefore, the Semidi Islands will still be a part of the  
25 National Wildlife Refuge System but with the added feature

1 of a national wilderness area.

2 After this public hearing, a thorough review will be  
3 made of this wilderness proposal, but this is not the last  
4 opportunity for public expression. The record of this public  
5 hearing and all other information on the proposal will be  
6 transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior. After study  
7 and consultation, the Secretary will transmit his  
8 recommendations regarding the proposal to the President.  
9 The President will transmit his recommendations to the  
10 Congress. After appropriate consideration, which will  
11 include hearings, the Congress will accept, reject, or  
12 modify the proposal as a unit of the National Wilderness  
13 Preservation System. When after hearings and study, the  
14 proposal is accepted by the Congress, appropriate legislation  
15 is transmitted to the President. When signed by the  
16 President, the wilderness area becomes a part of the  
17 National Wilderness Preservation System. As you can see,  
18 there is a comprehensive review process of each Wilderness  
19 proposal of which public hearings and your views are a most  
20 important part.

21 Now, I ask Gordon Watson, Alaska Area Director of the  
22 Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of the  
23 Interior, to explain the wilderness proposal to you. Before  
24 Mr. Watson presents his statement, however, I should like to  
25 explain again that this is not an adversary proceeding. If

1 you want to ask a question in order to clarify a certain  
2 point, please feel free to do so. All questions, however,  
3 will be directed to me, and I shall determine whether they  
4 are pertinent.

5 MR. GORDON WATSON:

6 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I am Gordon  
7 Watson, Alaska Area Director for the U. S. Bureau of Sport  
8 Fisheries and Wildlife. I want to express my appreciation  
9 for your interest in coming to this hearing on the Semidi  
10 Wilderness Proposal.

11 The Wilderness Act, passed by Congress in 1964,  
12 directed the Secretary of the Interior to review all roadless  
13 areas of 5,000 or more acres, and every roadless island,  
14 within the National Wildlife Refuge System, to determine  
15 their suitability or unsuitability as wilderness. Further,  
16 regulations of the Secretary of the Interior published on  
17 February 22, 1966, require this Bureau to review those areas  
18 qualifying for study under the Wilderness Act that (1)  
19 possess the general characteristics of wilderness; (2) are  
20 reasonably compact; (3) are undeveloped; (4) are without  
21 improved roads suitable for public travel by conventional  
22 automobile.

23 The National Wildlife Refuge System is comprised of  
24 more than 300 units containing nearly 30 million acres.  
25 Units of the system are located on lands extending from the

1 Arctic Ocean shores to islands of the Central Pacific Ocean,  
2 and from the Florida Keys to Maine. One or more national  
3 wildlife refuges is located in each of the 17 major life  
4 zones of North America. The ecology of each national wildlife  
5 refuge differs from that of any other refuge, although some  
6 are similar. Because of these ecological differences,  
7 management objectives of individual refuges are often quite  
8 varied.

9 Preliminary examination reveals that about 90 wildlife  
10 refuges in 32 states, containing nearly 25 million acres,  
11 qualify for study as wilderness. The Wilderness Review  
12 Program of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, of  
13 which this proposal is a part, encompasses a wide spectrum of  
14 lands within national wildlife refuges throughout the  
15 country. Only through careful study and analysis can a  
16 proper determination be made regarding whether a national  
17 wildlife refuge or a portion of it qualifies for  
18 consideration as wilderness by the Secretary of the Interior.

19 Today, we are publicly presenting the results of our  
20 study of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. An  
21 informational brochure summarizing the study and explaining  
22 the wilderness proposal is available in the hearing room  
23 if you do not yet have a copy. The complete study report is  
24 also available here for your examination. Please do not  
25 remove it, for the number of copies is very limited. Copies

1 of the statement that I am making today are also available  
2 for your use.

3 Copies of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement were  
4 made available to interested Federal, State and local  
5 entities for their views and suggestions prior to this  
6 hearing. This environmental statement is required by the  
7 National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 90-190).  
8 It considers possible impacts of wilderness designation on  
9 the human environment and reasonable alternatives to the  
10 proposed action. A copy of this statement is also available  
11 in the rear of the room for those of you who are interested  
12 in examining its contents.

14 It should be clearly understood that the proposal we  
15 are presenting is preliminary. Only after your expressed  
16 views have been thoroughly studied will our final  
17 recommendations be made to the Secretary of the Interior.  
18 It will then be necessary for the Congress to enact  
19 legislation that will officially designate all or portions of  
20 the Semidi Islands as wilderness, and include them in the  
21 National Wilderness Preservation System.

22 The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge was established by  
23 Executive Order 5858 in 1932, primarily to preserve the  
24 unique marine bird breeding grounds. The Semidi Islands  
25 are extremely remote, rarely visited by man, and essentially  
de facto wilderness. There is no assurance, however, that

1 this condition will always remain. Without legislative  
2 protection as afforded through official wilderness  
3 designation, the islands' wilderness qualities could  
4 eventually be lost as the nation's population grows and  
5 man's technology has even more widespread influence on such  
6 wild areas.

7 The refuge consists of nine small islands and their  
8 associated small rocks and islets, containing 8,422 acres  
9 and approximately 248,000 acres of surrounding submerged  
10 lands. Aghiyuk is the largest island, being 6 miles long by  
11 2 miles wide. The shorelines of the islands are extremely  
12 precipitous with many rock ledges rising 100 to 200 feet  
13 above the sea. There are only a few small beaches. Access  
14 to interior portions of the islands is limited. Good harbors  
15 are nonexistent and freshwater sources are also very limited.

16 The exceedingly steep rock cliffs provide ideal nesting  
17 habitat for great numbers of pelagic birds such as Murres,  
18 Kittiwakes, Fulmars, and Puffins. In cruising the shoreline  
19 by boat, there appears no end to the number of birds as they  
20 crowd the rock ledges and wheel about overhead. In places  
21 the waters are literally alive with feeding Murres,  
22 Kittiwakes and Fulmars. Bird populations actually number in  
23 the millions, and the Semidi Islands' Fulmar colony is one  
24 of the largest in Alaska. Many scientists consider such  
25 seabird colonies part of a very fragile ecosystem and

1 recommend that, as such, they are best managed in their  
2 natural state.

3 Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, Cormorants, Gulls,  
4 Golden-Crowned Sparrows, Longspurs, and a variety of other  
5 birds also utilize the island during nesting periods. A  
6 total of 43 species of birds have been identified.

7 Waters surrounding the islands are rich in fishery and  
8 marine mammal resources. Commercial fishermen harvest  
9 several million pounds of halibut each year, providing a  
10 substantial benefit to the economies of Alaska and the  
11 nation. Sea Lions and Harbor Seals frequently haul out on  
12 the rocky shorelines or offshore islets, and a few Sea  
13 Otters utilize the shallow bays. Various species of whales  
14 traverse the offshore waters. The waters are very  
15 productive of small marine life which provides food for the  
16 thousands of birds that utilize the islands for nesting  
17 purposes. Any ecological damage to these surrounding waters  
18 would greatly jeopardize the tremendous bird colonies that  
19 are present today.

20 The U. S. Geological Survey reports that there are no  
21 known minerals of commercial value. The islands are rarely  
22 visited and appear in essentially the same condition as  
23 when first discovered by Bering in 1741 and rediscovered by  
24 Captain Cook on June 16, 1778.

25 Since our studies indicate that all lands within the

1 refuge appear to qualify as wilderness, according to criteria  
2 prescribed by the Wilderness Act of 1964, we propose that the  
3 entire 256,000-acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be  
4 included in the National Wilderness Preservation System for  
5 the benefit of all generations of Americans.

6 The Bureau does not anticipate any management or develop-  
7 ment which would conflict with wilderness. The Wilderness  
8 Act provides for the use of motorized boats in wilderness  
9 areas where such use has been established, and does not  
10 conflict with refuge management objectives. We propose,  
11 therefore, to permit fishing to continue in the proposed  
12 Semidi Wilderness essentially as at present. If Congress  
13 should prefer to preclude such use, then we would recommend  
14 that the surrounding submerged lands and the waters be  
15 excluded from the wilderness proposal.

16 I thank you for attending this hearing and for  
17 expressing an interest in the Semidi Wilderness Proposal.  
18 I assure you that all views, whether expressed orally or in  
19 writing, will be carefully studied before the Bureau of  
20 Sport Fisheries and Wildlife submits its final  
21 recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior.

22 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

23 Thank you, Mr. Watson. In opening this meeting for  
24 public discussion, I ask that all pertinent information be  
25 presented as completely as possible. If anyone wishes to

1 summarize their statement for the benefit of those present  
2 and submit a written statement for the record, you may do  
3 so. In the event time becomes a factor, I may have to  
4 request that you limit your oral remarks.

5 I shall now call on certain persons in order of  
6 priority to expedite and clarify the proposal. After they  
7 have completed their statements, the meeting will be open  
8 to the public. Anyone present who desires to make a  
9 statement may do so. I wish to remind you again that  
10 statements will not be made under oath and since this is not  
11 an adversary proceeding, there will be no cross examination.

12 In order to permit the conduct of the meeting and oral  
13 comments to become a matter of record, I ask that all  
14 speakers come to the microphone to make their statements.  
15 I ask you to give your name and address and the interest  
16 which you represent. You may, of course, represent  
17 yourself. I ask you to speak slowly and distinctly. In the  
18 following order of priority, is there a representative of  
19 the Governor of the State of Alaska? Is there a  
20 representative of Senator Stevens? Is there a  
21 representative of Senator Gravel? Is there a representative  
22 of a member of the State Legislature?

23 I shall now call on representatives of different  
24 organizations to testify, and I call upon them in the order  
25 in which the cards were given me, and I understand the cards

1 were given me in the order in which people signed them.

2 Virginia dal Piaz.

3 VIRGINIA DAL PIAZ:

4 My name is Virginia dal Piaz. I am representing the  
5 Upper Cook Inlet Chapter of the Alaska Conservation Society.  
6 And I have a brief statement to go over and then I will  
7 submit it also in writing.

8 The Upper Cook Inlet Chapter of the Alaska  
9 Conservation Society fully supports the Semidi Wilderness  
10 proposal. The preservation of this relatively untouched  
11 group of islands falls within the general aim of our group,  
12 which is to work toward preservation and wise use of  
13 Alaska's renewable and nonrenewable resources.

14 The main inhabitants of these islands seem to be many  
15 species of birds who make their homes there during various  
16 parts of the year. Upper Cook Inlet Chapter feels it is  
17 very important to preserve places such as the Semidi Islands  
18 for breeding and nesting habitat, where these very beautiful  
19 animals can live unmolested and undisturbed in their natural  
20 environment. Due to their isolated location, the islands  
21 are not likely to get much use by man, the less the better.  
22 This area could provide a living workshop for scientists to  
23 observe bird behavior and movements and for photographers who  
24 are interested in wildlife pictures.

25 One thing that is particularly striking when one reads

1 the brochure put out by Sport Fisheries and Wildlife is the  
2 singular lack of conflict with other uses for this land.  
3 There are no known oil and mineral deposits and it is not  
4 included in the Native Land Claims areas. There is an  
5 established use of fisheries which the Upper Cook Inlet  
6 Chapter would not object to, as long as there was no attempt  
7 or future plans to build permanent fishery support structures  
8 on the islands. A small cabin, maintained by the refuge  
9 manager, might be appropriate as there seems to be no  
10 natural cover for camping and it would serve as a base of  
11 operations for scientific and photographic expeditions. Too  
12 bad other areas of Alaska, just as worthy of consideration  
as wilderness have so few conflicts.

14 Personally, my husband and I have traveled many miles  
15 by sea along the Kenai coast and in southeast Alaska. One of  
16 our biggest and continuing joys is the observation of the  
17 many and varied species of birds we see on our trips. The  
18 birds represent a degree of freedom and beauty that man can  
19 never experience, just observe and appreciate. Many of the  
20 birds we love to watch probably have been on the Semidi  
21 Islands at one time or another. We therefore believe it is  
22 very important to include these islands in the national  
23 wilderness system.

24 Lastly, we would like to thank you for the opportunity  
25 for the Upper Cook Inlet Chapter, Alaska Conservation

1 Society to make its feelings known through this public  
2 hearing. I would also like to commend Sport Fisheries and  
3 Wildlife on the conduct of the hearing, the public  
4 announcements -- was all put out way in advance to give us  
5 an adequate opportunity to study this proposal, and we feel  
6 it was very well done.

7 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

8 Thank you very much. Barbara Winkley.

9 BARBARA WINKLEY:

10 Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Barbara  
11 Winkley. I am a resident of Anchorage and tonight I am  
12 representing the Mountaineering Club of Alaska.

13 The Mountaineering Club of Alaska would like to go on  
14 record as being in full support of the proposed Semidi  
15 Wilderness in the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska.  
16 These remote and stormy islands are a haven for millions of  
17 seabirds and other wildlife associated with Alaska's  
18 productive marine waters. Scientists consider colonies such  
19 as this, some of the most fragile of natural ecosystems and  
20 best managed in their natural state. It is only with these  
21 invaluable reference points protected from human  
22 interference that man-made change can be measured with  
23 accuracy. So then, these extensive pelagic bird colonies have  
24 significance in the lives of people who may never see them  
25 and constitute a heritage of beauty in which every

1 American should find inspiration.

2 This is one wilderness proposal that should be  
3 noncontroversial; for the islands are remote and treeless,  
4 grazing and mineral potential is practically nil, and boat  
5 anchorages poor. Wilderness designation should in no way  
6 conflict with ongoing commercial fishing activities in  
7 refuge waters, but would provide great protection to the  
8 nearby waters in which fishing takes place. It is  
9 disappointing, however, to learn that Governor Egan and his  
10 administration are again unilaterally opposed to this  
11 wilderness proposal, as they have been opposed to all such  
12 proposals in the recent past. We understand that one of the  
13 primary reasons for this opposition is the State's concern  
14 that comprehensive land-use planning be accomplished before  
15 any such wilderness protection is allowed. Whilst we are  
16 wholeheartedly in favor of wise land-use planning, we believe  
17 it should apply to the entire State. But in reality we find  
18 the State Administration, whilst opposing protection of some  
19 of our outstanding de facto wilderness areas, is promoting  
20 new highways, pipelines, mining ventures, and massive timber  
21 sales to Japan. At the present time wealthy developers from  
22 both within and outside our wonderful state are grabbing large  
23 blocks of land in the Natanuska and Susitna Valleys for  
24 unplanned real estate development. Obviously, there are some  
25 gross inconsistencies in our State government's approach to

1 land use planning. Under these circumstances, we feel it is  
2 even more urgent that permanent Congressional protection be  
3 provided. Some of our state's outstanding wilderness areas  
4 including the Semidi Islands as provided for in the Wilderness  
5 Act of 1964.

6 Thank you very much for the opportunity to express our  
7 views on this important wilderness proposal.

8 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

9 Thank you. B. J. Logan.

10 ROBERT LOGAN:

11 My name is Bob Logan, and I do not have any written  
12 paper on this matter because I just found out about it  
13 tonight, so I didn't know the rules.

14 My interest in this is that fishing and commercial  
15 vessels will not be denied the rights of shelter. Now, this  
16 is very important in this area. There is a great deal of  
17 crab fishing through here, there is halibut fishing  
18 through here. And, as time goes on, there can be bottom  
19 fishing in the area, in this area.

20 I am very well acquainted with these islands. I have  
21 used them many times as shelter, especially during the war  
22 when we were supplying Chirikof Island. In another  
23 instance we made a complete scouting of these particular  
24 islands looking for Japanese weather stations during the  
25 war. We found what looked like the remains of one. But

1 this is my whole point, is the right of innocent entry.  
2 Vessels can come in and use the shelter of the islands and  
3 anchor in the bights. Now, there are two good bights in  
4 Chowiet Island, especially good for southeasterly weather  
5 which are the worst gales we get out there. I can't  
6 conceive where the fishermen will do any harm and they  
7 might go ashore or something like that, but all they're  
8 looking for is to get out of the blow. Now, these islands  
9 from Chirikof Island are 37 miles, from Observation Cove to  
10 Chowiet Island is 37 miles. From Chowiet Island to Castle  
11 Cape the entrance to Chignik Bay is 54 miles. I'm going by  
12 my memory on these. So you can see they are right in the  
13 center of the offshore fishing and a great number of the  
14 halibut boats use these islands as shelter. Also the crab  
15 boats. We already had one problem and that concerned  
16 Shimoski Island where a halibut boat in trouble went in  
17 there and there happened to be a Fish and Game man down  
18 there and he ran them out. He was going to run them out.  
19 They couldn't leave because of their engine. But the  
20 fishermen off the coast have to, in the interest of saving  
21 life and equipment, you've got to have shelter. And these  
22 are known shelters. Chowiet Island especially. Both the  
23 inner coves, that is both the north and west coves are very  
24 good in southeasterly weather and we get southeasterly gales  
25 in there that would -- I can't imagine anybody but birds

1 living in the Semidis and I can look back an over 30 years  
2 of seeing them at various times. I think a better research  
3 will show that at one time these islands were leased by  
4 the Pacific Whaling and Livestock Company. Chirikof Island  
5 and the Semidis were leased by this company, this was about  
6 the turn of the century and they were planted with cattle,  
7 the remains of the cattle are still on Chirikof; and they  
8 were to be used for fresh meat for the whaling industry.

9 But I would like to see a paragraph inserted in this  
10 that fishing vessels and commercial vessels in this area  
11 have the right of innocent entry.

12 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

13 Do you have any comments to make on that statement, Mr.  
14 Watson?

15 MR. GORDON WATSON:

16 Yes, Mr. Logan, I think the record should appropriately  
17 reflect that there is no intention to deny the use of  
18 anchorage of the Semidis, and I believe that your  
19 recommendation and request for an appropriate notation of  
20 this in the report is well taken.

21 MR. ROBERT LOGAN:

22 If the phrase the "right of innocent entry" can be put  
23 in -- this is understood world wide -- if that is inserted,  
24 the "right of innocent entry", it takes care of everything,  
25 it's an international phrase.

1 MR. GORDON WATSON:

2 Mr. Logan, would you apply this also to the  
3 international fishing fleets of other nations?

4 MR. ROBERT LOGAN:

5 Well, I don't want to see any offshore international  
6 fishing fleet encouraged, but we have a ship in trouble and  
7 no matter what color you are, you've still got feelings and  
8 nobody likes to get too wet.

9 MR. GORDON WATSON:

10 Because we just were able to have this area eliminated  
11 as a loading zone by the Japanese.

12 MR. ROBERT LOGAN:

13 I don't think -- There's so much current, if you look  
14 at the position of those islands where they sit right there  
15 at the mouth of Shelikof Strait, the currents, the ebb tides  
16 out of Cook Inlet -- you get a really bad one with the wind  
17 behind it coming down Shelikof Strait it tends to make it  
18 into a whirlpool. We lost four ships in there during the  
19 war. The Pittsburgh broke in front of No. 1 gun turret  
20 right straight across the deck, 12 feet down to the armor  
21 belt on either side, and this was -- we always call this the  
22 pothole out there for the reason the Japanese current comes  
23 up by Chirikof Island and almost touches Chirikof Island  
24 and then sets up the big eddy in the Gulf of Alaska, and the  
25 very heavy ebb coming down Shelikof Strait -- you can see the

1 current there, if you've got the wind just right. You'd have  
2 to be out there to believe it. You've got no rhyme nor  
3 reason to your seas. At one time they used to run the  
4 convoys between Kateekuk Island and Shelikof Island, come  
5 through there going to the westward, this was in 1942. And  
6 we lost the John Peter Gaines in there, and -- what the  
7 heck was that other Liberty -- the White and the Pheling.  
8 The Pheling didn't break up but she had -- if I remember  
9 my figures right -- she had 34 cracks in her hull by the  
10 time she got out of there. So if you hit that area under  
11 just the right conditions, it's no place to take any ship.  
It's just bad medicine.

13 And I think your move to turn there into a wildlife  
14 refuge is excellent, a very good thing. But I just want to  
15 be sure that commercial vessels, fishing vessels -- I don't  
16 think anybody would ever take a yacht out there. If they  
17 did, why they'd be looking for trouble. But fishing vessels  
18 can use them as shelter and anchorage. Now, you can get  
19 anchorage in both the bights on Chowiet Island, the inward  
20 bights. It isn't particularly good, you have to use a lot of  
21 chain. As I remember, it was something around 10 fathoms  
22 before you could fetch up anywhere. But halibut fishermen  
23 or crab fishermen will bless your souls if you will let  
24 them -- Because when you're in trouble out there, you're a  
25 a long way from home. That's all I have.

1 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

2 Thank you, Mr. Logan

3 MR. KONISBERG:

4 Mr. Price, or Mr. Logan could you respond to this?

5 Isn't the right of innocent entry for a vessel in distress  
6 a universal right on the seas anywhere? It may be  
7 appropriately included in the proposal, but is that not  
8 true?

9 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

10 I frankly couldn't comment, unless Mr. Watson could.

11 MR. GORDON WATSON:

12 I didn't hear that question completely.

13 MR. KONISBERG:

14 For a vessel in distress, isn't this one of the --  
15 of maritime commerce that they have the right of innocent  
16 entry anywhere?

17 MR. ROBERT LOGAN:

18 That is correct, no matter what your nationality is.

19 MR. KONISBERG:

20 Then it really doesn't matter, although I am really  
21 not objecting, whether or not the language is in the  
22 proposal.

23 MR. ROBERT LOGAN:

24 Well, we just had a sad experience on this report that  
25 came back to us on the Sea Otter Island out there northwest-

1 ward of the Shumagin group, where there was some game warden  
2 down there, perhaps he didn't like the color of the boat or  
3 something, and he ran them out, or was going to run them out  
4 of there; fortunately, the vessel couldn't go. But we just  
5 wanted to be sure.

6 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

7 Thank you for your point of information. Deborah Vogt.

8 DEBORAH VOGT:

9 I have two statements. One is my own and one I would  
10 like to read, if I may, from a person who was unable to  
11 attend.

12 My name is Deborah Vogt, and I am executive  
13 secretary of the Fairbanks Environmental Center. The  
14 Fairbanks Environmental Center is a locally supported,  
15 private conservation organization in Fairbanks with a  
16 stated goal "to preserve the quality of the Alaskan  
17 environment through education and action". The Center has  
18 a board of directors of 12, mostly in the Fairbanks area  
19 and a membership of about 150 around the state.

20 The Fairbanks Environmental Center fully supports this  
21 proposal for including the Semidi Islands and surrounding  
22 submerged lands in the National Wilderness System. We  
23 believe that wilderness status will give the best protection  
24 available to these lands.

25 Those of us who are loosely termed conservationists or

1 environmentalists are often characterized as just another  
2 interest group with designs on the wild lands of the nation.  
3 Supposedly, we do not personally like to mine, to cut trees,  
4 or to build roads, so we are opposed road building, tree  
5 cutting and mining. We do like to hike, to backpack, to  
6 observe wildlife, to fish and sometimes to hunt, so we want  
7 to lock up vast areas and make them available for just those  
8 uses. And all this for a tiny minority of physically fit  
9 people who like to wander around in the wilderness.

10 I have never been to the Semidi Islands, nor do I ever  
11 intend to go there. To my knowledge, none of the members  
12 of the Center have ever visited these islands or will visit  
13 them in the future. Yet, we fully support the designation  
14 of this area as wilderness. Wilderness classification does  
15 not lock up land, in fact, it does the opposite. By  
16 Congressional action, it provides protection against  
17 single, consumptive use. Congressional actions can be  
18 changed by Congressional action; the designation simply  
19 insures that some real thought will go into the decision-  
20 making process. Wilderness status is, in fact, the best  
21 insurance that all the options of possible use will be left  
22 open.

23 The Semidi Islands are, according to the Wilderness  
24 Proposal and the environmental impact statement, remote,  
25 inaccessible, foggy, stormy, uninhabited, and contain no  
marketable resources. On the positive side, they provide

1 habitat for millions of birds of 43 species. Of particular  
2 national interest are the bald eagle, considered common, and  
3 a few of the endangered peregrine falcon. A variety of  
4 marine mammals can be found offshore. On land there are  
5 ground squirrels and one tree. There are no present or  
6 immediately foreseeable conflicting uses, although it is  
7 possible that some may develop -- particularly offshore oil  
8 location. The impact of the bird life on the intertidal  
9 marine life systems is not fully understood, but it is certain  
10 that some interaction takes place, and the submerged lands  
11 should be protected.

12 The Semidi Islands can provide solitude and the true  
13 wilderness experience to the visitor. They are a paradise  
14 for birdwatchers. The birds which spend a part of their  
15 lives on these islands can be viewed, as they migrate, by  
16 thousands of people the world over. The entire ecosystem,  
17 the islands and the waters around can provide an excellent  
18 scientific study area. The Islands are of the highest  
19 wilderness quality and should be included in the National  
20 Wilderness System.

21 Jim Kowalsky, who is the Arctic Field Representative for  
22 Friends of the Earth in Alaska has asked me to read this  
23 statement:

24 Friends of the Earth is a national conservation  
25 organization of 27,000 members. It has sister organizations

1 in a number of countries in western Europe. The principal  
2 offices for Friends of the Earth are located in Washington,  
3 D.C. and San Francisco. It publishes a monthly tabloid  
4 newspaper title NOT MAN APART which circulates to its  
5 membership and to the general public through newstand  
6 distribution. In Alaska Friends of the Earth has a  
7 statewide membership of 180. The office of its Arctic Field  
8 Representative for Alaska is located at 719 7th Avenue,  
9 Fairbanks, Alaska.

10 The purpose of Friends of the Earth is to build broad  
11 grass roots support for the common goal among citizens of other  
and all nations to preserve, restore and rationally use the  
13 earth, which is our single and only life support system.

14 It is significant in our view that, according to current  
15 management objectives, as indicated in the draft  
16 environmental impact statement for this proposal, are  
17 "directed primarily toward preserving the insular ecosystem  
18 in its natural state so as to protect breeding and feeding  
19 habitats for the vast number of pelagic birds and other wildlife  
20 found in the refuge." This statement suggests that wilderness  
21 can have value by virtue of the protection of conditions it  
22 offers on the islands which make the production of wildbirds  
23 and wildlife possible. We often tend to place value on a  
24 wilderness environment only in terms of how it may directly  
25 be used by humans. And, although human enjoyment and

1 and enrichment are direct benefits of our wildlands, it  
2 appears that we may often tend to obscure the value of  
3 wilderness protection to habitat. Protection of habitat may  
4 actually be the principal benefit of wilderness protection  
5 depending upon the particular situation. This protection  
6 afforded such habitat is in the final, long view, to be  
7 considered of great benefit to humans, in our view.  
8 We agree that designation of the Semidi Islands as  
9 wilderness is entirely within and supplemental to the  
10 purposes for which the refuge was established. The future  
11 of this area holds many uncertainties as regards the type  
12 of conflicting pressures which may be placed upon it in the  
13 future. We see wilderness protection as the only ironclad  
14 statutory mandate which would assure us that this place will  
15 be protected, and thus retain its values as a refuge. It is  
16 the best assurance we have that a good habitat situation will  
17 be maintained without all the creeping encroachments we see  
18 in so many other areas of similar significance. These  
19 encroachments come from commercial developments, and  
20 sometimes even from the agencies which manage these lands.  
21 if such agency encroachments aren't obvious now as we believe  
22 that they are not within the Fish and Wildlife Service, we  
23 also caution that this situation is entirely possible in the  
24 future. To put it in simpler terms, a wellknown  
25 conservationist in Alaska once commented on protection of

1 national park lands in this case by asking, "Who will  
2 protect the parks from the National Park Service?" This  
3 gentleman feels that the National Park Service is development  
4 oriented and has made damaging inroads into valuable wildlands  
5 as a result. We use the example here only to stress a basic  
6 point.

7 We also believe that it is important that the  
8 submerged lands and tidelands located within the refuge and  
9 which are being proposed to be a part of the Semidi  
10 Wilderness Area are critical and of much importance to the  
11 proposal and to the wilderness. Inasmuch as wilderness areas  
12 in these United States offer some of the few places which  
13 remain which may provide good research opportunities to  
14 science, these submerged lands in the Semidi refuge are just  
15 such a place. In this case these lands provide a good  
16 opportunity to research the impact which guano has upon  
17 marine environment. Wilderness protection of tidelands and  
18 submerged lands will offer that opportunity to science and  
19 will, in fact, enhance that opportunity as the years speed  
20 by and our abilities grow to develop and radically alter our  
21 marine environments.

22 We note that mineral resources and mineral potential  
23 of this area are poor, thus making this potential and  
24 conflicting use unlikely. We also note that rather adverse  
25 climatic conditions generally make human activity there

1 unlikely.

2 Friends of the Earth consider the islands to be of  
3 particular interest generally because of the millions of  
4 sea birds attracted to its cliffs for nesting purposes.  
5 There are major, very large colonies of such birds on the  
6 precipitous cliffs of all nine main islands according to the  
7 impact statement. We note as well that many species are  
8 considered in great abundance on the islands. This  
9 underscores the importance of providing statutory protection  
10 to this area by the U. S. Congress under the enabling  
11 Wilderness Act of 1964.

12 The peregrine falcon and bald eagle are birds which have  
13 a special national significance. These would benefit from  
14 the added protection for the Semidi refuge which we are  
15 hereby considering.

16 We note that commercial fishing in the area is a prior  
17 established use and, under the Wilderness Act, would,  
18 therefore, not be affected by designation of this refuge as a  
19 wilderness.

20 The present State Administration under Governor William  
21 A. Egan has opposed wilderness proposals on federal lands  
22 in the past for a variety of reasons. Although we respect  
23 the Governor's views and realize that he must consider many  
24 situations when he makes his decisions, we also are of the  
25 opinion that opposition to wilderness areas in the State of

1 Alaska has become a matter of procedure without due  
2 consideration of the individual case. One view we hear  
3 often is that no wilderness should be designated until a  
4 comprehensive land use policy can be formulated for our  
5 state which determines, among other things, what wilderness  
6 needs really are in Alaska. This is, of course, an extremely  
7 worthy objective, this expressed need for the long,  
8 comprehensive view. Should wilderness proposals such as the  
9 Semidi proposal be made a part of this long-range planning,  
10 then we think it is important that all proposals to classify  
11 and dedicate lands in Alaska come under this single process.  
12 This is not now the case as we all know, and there are  
13 countless examples of commitment of lands within Alaska  
14 currently or recently made which are part of no  
15 comprehensive planning process whatsoever. To name a few:  
16 proposed highways, the oil pipeline corridor, the gas line  
17 corridor, and open to entry state land. It would appear that  
18 little, if any, adverse impact from enactment of wilderness  
19 classification for this refuge would result, depending upon  
20 one's point of view. Mechanized vehicles or other means of  
21 travel within this or any national wilderness area would  
22 not be permitted, thereby creating an adverse impact upon the  
23 user of such modes of transportation. On the other hand, the  
24 purpose of the designation of wilderness would be to protect  
25 the area from the adverse impact of mechanized intrusions upon

1 the habitat of the islands. In the same sense one would say  
2 that the removal of a tried and proven thief from society  
3 by restraining him in prison would have an adverse impact  
4 upon the individual's actions as a thief. We feel we are  
5 best off with wilderness designation of Semidi National  
6 Wildlife Refuge. Friends of the Earth feel that to allow an  
7 area of significance for its natural values to fall into the  
8 hands of a commercial or industrial developer is really the  
9 way to lock it up. For, with the establishment of a clearly  
10 conflicting use such as heavy or even light industry in a  
11 wildlife refuge, one has rather effectively locked that area  
12 up to other uses by destroying or significantly altering the  
13 life system upon which that use depended. Put an oil well  
14 in the middle of a high school football field, for example,  
15 and you have rather altered or destroyed the intended use  
16 and this has actually happened in Burkburnett, Texas, another  
17 oil state in our United States. To put it better in the  
18 words of another who testified at the Kenai Moose Range  
19 wilderness hearings, " we aren't trying to lock up anything .  
20 Wilderness is the only use that preserves intact the  
21 possibility of all other uses". Another told the hearing,  
22 "State government, in its objections to wilderness based upon  
23 a need to include it within the planning process, is a two-  
24 headed dragon with one lamenting the need for planning while  
25 the other foresees resources development regardless". We

1 are not proposing basic alternations to an area which is  
2 being proposed for wilderness protection. We are simply  
3 leaving it as it is. In itself this action in no way locks  
4 an area up or preempts the other range of possibilities here.  
5 It is rather the gradual whittling away, or even the sudden  
6 massive development of a wildlife refuge, national park or  
7 other de facto wilderness under a multiple use type of  
8 concept which is the beginning of the foreclosure of other  
9 opportunities in that area. What lands are more locked up,  
10 we ask, than those in private ownership, or committed to a  
11 single industrial or real estate type of use? It is always  
12 possible to withdraw the wilderness status through another  
13 action of Congress. It would be more difficult to cancel  
14 out the kinds of development which refuge lands could be  
15 opened to in the future if there were no tools such as  
16 wilderness designation with which to protect an area and  
17 continue to make it open and available to the general public.

18 The future of bird populations which are of significance  
19 to the nation and even other nations of the world, as well  
20 as to our own residents, should hinge as it does upon the  
21 protection of this area under the Wilderness Act. It is a  
22 continuous breeding and nesting habitat for millions of  
23 birds, and its offshore waters provide habitat for sea  
24 lions, harbor seals and sea otters. A sea lion rookery of  
25 approximately 500 animals is located on the southern Chowiet

1 Island. To those who oppose this specific wilderness  
2 proposal, or such proposals generally, I would ask what then  
3 would you offer as an ironclad means of protection for these  
4 valuable features? There may be other answers, but Friends  
5 of the Earth believes, as do the majority of other  
6 conservation organizations and memberships, that the  
7 enabling legislation, the Wilderness Act of 1964, which  
8 provides statutory protection for a wilderness area, is a  
9 superb tool for the protection of these productive wildlands  
10 in Alaska, and in the few little places left in our nation.

11 Mr. Chairman, we believe that there is a poor  
12 understanding of the Wilderness Act in our state. It is a  
13 misunderstanding which has been purposely portrayed to the  
14 general public who are being forced to believe that  
15 wilderness designation locks an area up. The media and the  
16 Governor are partly responsible for these distortions. We  
17 also believe, from the performance at past wilderness hearings,  
18 that Alaskans who love this state in all its splendor and are  
19 living here because of it overwhelmingly favor the  
20 protection of this great land through designations such as  
21 wilderness areas. If the outdoorsmen, the hunters, guides,  
22 hikers, outdoor recreation industry, Native subsistence users,  
23 tourist industry and that ordinary Alaskan who loves being  
24 here want anything at all left of this place, then they had  
25 best get on with the job of protecting it, or there won't be

1 any such places left to use and enjoy.

2 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

3 Thank you very much. Jack Hession.

4 MR. JACK HESSION:

5 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Watson. I am Jack Hession  
6 representing the Sierra Club nationally and the Alaska  
7 Chapter of the Sierra Club. I appreciate the opportunity to  
8 appear here tonight in support of wilderness system  
9 protection for the Semidi Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

10 Inclusion of the refuge in the National Wilderness  
11 Preservation system will insure that this important habitat  
12 for pelagic birds will remain in its present de facto  
13 wilderness condition. At first glance, it may seem  
14 superfluous to give such protection to this tiny remote,  
15 seldom visited group of islands. There are probably no  
16 commercially valuable minerals or other extractable resources  
17 that could give rise to conflict over the present proposal.  
18 However, it is, of course, impossible to predict what the  
19 future may bring. Wilderness preservation designation can  
20 insure the strongest possible protection for the island  
21 group and its wildlife in perpetuity.

22 The Sierra Club congratulates the Bureau of Sport  
23 Fisheries and Wildlife for its Semidi Islands wilderness  
24 proposal and looks forward to similar proposals for the  
25 other Alaska refuges to be considered under the Wilderness

1 Act of 1964. Thank you.

2 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

3 Thank you, Mr. Hession. Pete Martin.

4 MR. PETE MARTIN:

5 Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. My name is  
6 Pete Martin and I have a statement of the Wilderness Society  
7 that I would like to read to your group.

8 The Wilderness Society, a national conservation  
9 organization, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., wishes  
10 to go on record in strong support of the conclusion of the  
11 Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife that all of the  
12 Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is fully qualified for  
13 admission into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

14 The Wilderness Society with a national membership of  
15 some 80,000 members feel that it is exceedingly appropriate  
16 that the 256,000 acre wildlife refuge encompassing nine  
17 rocky islands be placed in the National Wilderness  
18 Preservation System. The Semidis are one of the spectacular  
19 wild wilderness islands and are one of the very few  
20 wilderness areas in the nation that include the surrounding  
21 submerged lands, thus encompassing in its entirety a viable  
22 marine ecosystem of national importance. The area contains  
23 about 8,122 acres with the balance consisting of submerged  
24 lands surrounding the islands.

25 Many forms of wildlife require a wilderness condition

1 in order to survive. The extensive pelagic bird colonies  
2 of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge are an excellent example.  
3 Millions of seabirds crowd its rock ledges, while thousands  
4 of others whirl overhead. Offshore waters teem with feeding  
5 birds. The black-legged kittiwakes, the Pacific fulmars, the  
6 horned puffins, the common and thick-billed murres are  
7 dominant species, numbering in the millions during the  
8 breeding and nesting seasons. The American bald eagle is  
9 common on the refuge and the endangered peregrine falcon  
10 also finds haven here. All of the islands are used by  
11 nesting birds. The surrounding waters, rich in marine life,  
12 provide the food necessary to sustain such a massive  
13 concentration of wildlife.

14 Created by administrative action, an Executive Order,  
15 the wildlife refuge can be abolished by the same means.  
16 Wilderness designation would provide legal protection for  
17 this wilderness island sanctuary, assuring the preservation  
18 of its natural qualities.

19 In the past, the Alaska State Administration has  
20 repeatedly opposed all formal wilderness designation of any  
21 areas in Alaska, stating that they are opposed to such  
22 designation until there is an overall land-use plan for  
23 Alaska. Not only are they asking the Department of Interior  
24 to disregard a mandate by the U. S. Congress that the  
25 studies be completed before September 1974, but they are

1 unwilling to stop or delay development which is rapidly  
2 shrinking the present de facto wilderness lands of Alaska.  
3 We, therefore, strongly urge the Department of Interior and  
4 Congress to ignore such rhetoric.

5 The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge highly qualifies  
6 for wilderness and it should be so designated without delay.  
7 Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you.

8 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

9 Thank you, Mr. Martin. I do not have the names of any  
10 more organization representatives that have left cards and,  
11 therefore, I will now go to the individual testimony.

12 Roland dal Piaz.

13 MR. ROLAND DAL PIAZ:

14 My name is Roland dal Piaz. I am an Anchorage resident,  
15 I live at 2820 68th Avenue here in Anchorage.

16 The point raised by the gal from the Fairbanks  
17 Environmental Center is well taken about protecting the sea-  
18 shore around the Semidi Islands. I am interested in marine  
19 biology and after I got into the subject a little bit, I  
20 discovered that we are rapidly losing untouched lateral and  
21 shoreline waters around these United States -- around the  
22 world actually. And so from a very personal and perhaps  
23 selfish point of view, I would like to see at least some  
24 untouched waters preserved to study when I achieve the state  
25 of training that it takes. Anyway, as far as the proposal

1 goes, and I have read it, I can conclude that the Semidi  
2 Islands are for the birds. And, recognizing that, I can  
3 only say that a wilderness proposal for the Semidi Islands --  
4 let's do it. It sounds good to me. Thank you.

5 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

6 Thank you, Mr. dal Piaz. Charles Konisberg. Do you  
7 wish to make a statement?

8 MR. CHARLES KONISBERG:

9 My name is Charles Konisberg. I speak for myself as a  
10 resident of Anchorage.

11 I fully support the proposal and I think most of what  
12 can be said has been said. I respond to your invitation to  
13 speak only to ask one question of Mr. Watson, if I may,  
14 with respect to his introductory remark relative to if the  
15 Congress should decide that it wants to exclude the waters  
16 from fishing at a subsequent date, you would recommend that  
17 the adjacent waters be excluded from the wilderness area  
18 proposal. And I would want a little clarification; at any  
19 rate, a suggestion, Mr. Watson. Given the fact of  
20 increasing populations around the world, given the fact that  
21 fisheries is one of the areas in which a greater and greater  
22 degree of exploitation can be expected, does this make sense?  
23 If the proposal is for the -- essentially for the protection  
24 of the birds and for the human pleasure in knowing and seeing  
25 that the birds are there and you allow, subsequently, an

1 increased degree of fishing, then, of course, you imperil the  
2 birds. I am not arguing -- I want to make it most clear that  
3 I am not arguing for a cancelation of the fishing at  
4 obviously a level that presently it is being done, there's  
5 no conflict. But it's not hard to look not too far down the  
6 road and see the potential for a considerable conflict  
7 between the degree of fishing and the existence of birds.

8 MR. GORDON WATSON:

9 Well, I think that the only way to respond to this is  
10 that I believe what we have got here is an either/or  
11 proposition. That either Congress buys the wilderness  
12 proposal with the proviso that fishing can continue, or they  
13 will give us a choice of permitting fishing and excluding  
14 wilderness; or creating wilderness and excluding fishing.  
15 And then we don't know how Congress would react. I think  
16 that our position at this point is that, if Congress gave us  
17 that choice, then we would probably delete the surrounding  
18 lands. The surrounding waters, submerged lands.

19 MR. CHARLES KONISBERG:

20 I would simply like to reemphasize that this is kind of  
21 a future problem and conflict that will have to be more  
22 directly addressed. Perhaps not in this proposal, but surely  
23 in the not too distance future.

24 MR. GORDON WATSON:

25 Again, there is an alternative by regulation of take.

1 MR. CHARLES KONISBERG:

2 Yes, exactly. And that would be what I, you know, or  
3 if I could, I would recommend. Thank you.

4 MR. ROBERT PRICE:

5 Is there anyone else who desires to make a statement at  
6 this hearing. There being none, it now becomes my duty to  
7 close the hearing. Before doing so, let me remind you that  
8 the hearing record will be kept open for 45 days after the  
9 date of today's hearing for the filing of written statements  
10 or other material. While the Department of Interior invites  
11 written expression on this wilderness proposal at any time,  
12 in order to be made a part of the official hearing record,  
13 all written expressions must be in the office of the Alaska  
14 Area Director, Anchorage, Alaska, in 45 days. After that  
15 date, written advice should be sent to the Secretary of the  
16 Interior, Washington, D. C., or the Director of Sport  
17 Fisheries and Wildlife, Washington, D.C. Anyone wishing a  
18 copy of the transcript should make personal arrangements  
19 with the reporter.

20 I wish to thank everyone for your cooperation given  
21 during this hearing, and since there is nothing further in  
22 connection with the hearing and no more testimony or  
23 evidence to be offered, the hearing stands adjourned. Thank  
24 you.

25 HEARING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

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STATE OF ALASKA ) ss.

I, Patricia Kling, Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, residing at Anchorage, Alaska, do hereby certify:

That the annexed and foregoing transcript of the public hearing on the Semidi Wilderness Proposal was taken before me on the 20th day of February, 1973, at the Loussac Library, Anchorage, Alaska.

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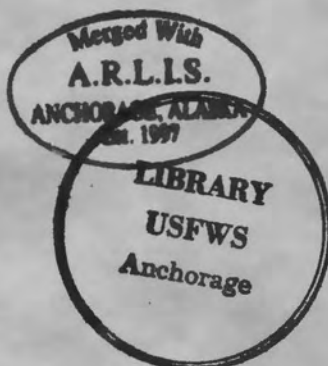
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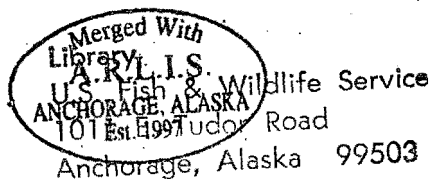
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Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

In Senator Stevens' absence, I am acknowledging receipt of your January 5 letter regarding the scheduling of a public hearing in connection with a proposal to classify the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

Thank you for keeping the Senator advised of your activities.

Sincerely,



ROBERT GROSECLOSE  
Special Assistant to  
TED STEVENS  
United States Senator

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Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Senator Gravel is presently in Alaska, and I am therefore taking the liberty of writing to you regarding your letter of January 5, 1973.

Unfortunately Senator Gravel will be unable to attend the public hearing on a proposal to classify as wilderness the 256,000 acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. He will be in Alaska on the week-end of February 18th, but then must return to Washington, D. C., due to a prior commitment.

His key staff member in charge of Wildlife Refuge here in Washington, D. C., has been advised of this hearing and you should receive the Senator's views concerning this issue within the very near future.

The Senator did want me to convey his personal regrets in not being able to attend this hearing. He wishes you a very successful and productive meeting.

Sincerely,

*Jerri Bigelow*  
Ms. Jerri Bigelow  
Special Assistant

1 IN THE SENATE

BY CROFT AND POLAND

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the Semidi National  
6 Wildlife Refuge.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 WHEREAS the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge contains approximately  
9 256,000 acres of land and waters located in the Gulf of Alaska; and

10 WHEREAS no development or physical manipulation of the habitat of the  
11 Semidi Islands has occurred, nor is any planned; and

12 WHEREAS a total of 43 species of birds has been identified on the  
13 islands including the endangered peregrine falcon and a variety of marine  
14 mammals inhabit the surrounding ocean waters; and

15 WHEREAS the massive concentration of birds and associated marine  
16 resources in a relatively isolated setting provides unusual opportunities  
17 for scientific studies which may provide many answers to the complex ecology  
18 within a coastal ecosystem; and

19 WHEREAS designating the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness  
20 would provide legislative protection to the refuge and will assure that the  
21 insular ecosystem will remain in a natural state for the use and enjoyment  
22 of this and future generations of Americans; and

23 WHEREAS the Secretary of Interior must, in the near future, make recom-  
24 mendations to the President of the United States as to the desirability of  
25 including this refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System;

26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that it urgently requests the  
27 Secretary of the Interior to make favorable recommendations to the President  
28 of the United States regarding the inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife  
29 Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

1 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
2 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,  
3 Secretary, Department of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and  
4 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation  
5 in Congress.  
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Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 5, 1973

The Office of  
The Honorable Nicholas J. Begich  
United States House of Representatives  
1057 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Sir:

This will inform you that a public hearing will be held on February 20, 1973, at the Z. J. Loussac Library in Anchorage, Alaska, to ascertain public views on a proposal to classify as wilderness the 256,000 acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

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Any comments you may care to make will be included by the Secretary of the Interior with any recommendations he may make to the President and which the President may make to the Congress with respect to the proposal. Enclosed is a copy of a brochure describing the proposal and a notice of public hearing on the matter.

You are invited to present your views at the public hearing or to submit them to me in writing by March 23, 1973. Should you wish to discuss the matter, I will be glad to meet with you at a time and place of your choice.

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Ted Stevens  
United States Senate  
317 Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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813 D Street  
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January 9, 1973

Mrs. Barbara Andrews  
Office of Senator Ted Stevens  
P.O. Box 1960  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

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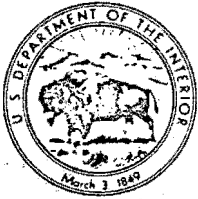
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January 5, 1973

The Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman  
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs  
Suite 3106, New Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Jackson:

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813 D Street  
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January 5, 1973

The Honorable Wayne Aspinall, Chairman  
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs  
Suite 1324, Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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January 5, 1973

The Honorable Edward A. Garmatz, Chairman  
Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries  
Suite 1334, Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Garmatz:

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Testimony No.

None

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None

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the Commissioner, Frederick McGinnis,  
Pouch H., Juneau, AK 99801.

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Office of the Governor; R.W. Pavitt, AIP,  
Director, Pouch AD, Juneau, AK 99801.

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Resources, A. Gene Gazlay, Director,  
Lansing, MI 48926.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and  
Wildlife  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
6917 Seward Highway  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Enclosed herewith is the State of Alaska's testimony with respect to the Semidi Islands Wilderness Proposal recently held for public hearing by your agency.

Copies of this statement have been sent to the Honorable Jack Horton, Assistant Secretary of Interior; the Honorable Mike Gravel and the Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senators and to the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative from Alaska.

Sincerely,



R. W. Pavitt, AIP  
Director

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Testimony of the  
STATE OF ALASKA  
regarding the  
SEMIDI ISLANDS WILDERNESS PROPOSAL  
to the  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
U.S. Department of the Interior

The State of Alaska subscribes to the basic principles expressed in the Wilderness Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-577). In a rapidly urbanizing nation, it is essential that lands be designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, so that the human satisfaction of a wilderness experience is not lost to man in the future.

Regardless of the fact that much of Alaska's land resource will remain isolated and untouched well into the future, it is indeed wise that the agencies of government, both federal and state, as trustees of the public lands should jointly and comprehensively be analyzing and evaluating these lands so that formal wilderness designations may be proposed.

No area yet proposed for wilderness designation in the State of Alaska has come as close as the Semidi group to qualifying as a defacto wilderness area. There is nothing to indicate that designation as wilderness would alter in any way the management of the area, nor its value as an undisturbed primitive area. It has not, however, been reviewed as to its place in the overall system of wilderness in Alaska (nor in the nation), and that deficiency is where the proposal departs from the accepted tenets of sound land-use planning.

The Semidi Islands area possesses many characteristics which set it apart from other primitive areas and point to it as a logical choice for wilderness designation, such as its relative isolation, its separation by a significant distance from the mainland and the relative difficulty with which it is reached, its ecosystem which is unique and essential to the maintenance of the pelagic bird life in the area of the Pacific, and its lack of human habitation. Yet, we cannot endorse the inclusion of the Semidi Islands in the wilderness system at this time.

The selection process for areas to be included in an acceptable "wilderness system of land uses" which can be endorsed by the State includes consideration of the Semidi Islands in terms of all the areas and land uses within Alaska.

The Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act (P.L. 92-203) established a Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission to aid in the implementation of the Act. Among the charges to this commission are the following mandates:

to undertake a process of land use planning, including the identification of and the making of recommendations concerning areas planned and best suited for permanent reservation in federal ownership as parks, game refuges, and other public uses, . . . .

review existing withdrawals of federal public lands and recommend to the President of the United States such additions to or modifications of withdrawals as are deemed desirable;

make recommendations to improve coordination and consultation between the state and federal governments in making resource allocation and land use decisions;

These, and the other responsibilities assigned to this Federal-State Commission indicate to us a major responsibility with respect to substantive land use allocations in Alaska. The requirements of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-577) notwithstanding, it is our considered judgement that the Land Use Planning Commission should be involved in recommendations to the Secretary of Interior that bear on the designation of lands in Alaska as segments of the National Wilderness System.

We respectfully submit that only through the mechanism of joint federal-state land use planning and involvement of all concerned parties in the comprehensive study of the Semidi Islands in the context of all of Alaska's land resources, can a meaningful wilderness proposal be put forth -- one that can be enthusiastically supported by the State of Alaska as being in the best interest of the people of the State and the nation.

Office of the Governor  
Division of Planning and Research  
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Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Gordon W. Watson, Area Director  
United States Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

With regard to hearings held on the above captioned project, it was determined that the proposal as drafted offers no conflict with the statutory objectives, duties or policies of this Department; therefore, no objection has been expressed to its implementation.

Sincerely,



Frederick McGinnis  
Commissioner

FM: LAM: jmu  
cc: Division of Public Health

HARRY H. WHITELEY  
Chairman

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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
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Dear Mr. Watson:

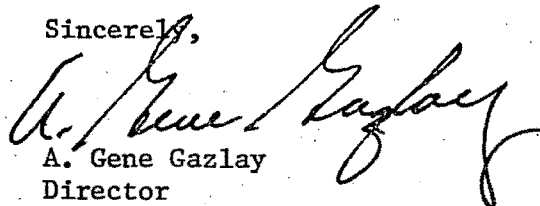
We are aware of the hearings concerning the Wilderness proposal within the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

As resource managers with a strong interest in both the National Wildlife Refuge System and wilderness preservation objectives, this agency wishes to be on record as endorsing the conclusion reached as a result of a study.

We concur with the conclusion that designating the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness will provide legislative protection to the refuge and will assure that the insular ecosystem will remain in a natural state for the use and enjoyment of this and future generations.

We appreciate the opportunity to register comments.

Sincerely,

  
A. Gene Gazlay  
Director



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 5, 1973

Bruce Campbell, Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Highways  
Box 1467  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner Campbell:

This will inform you that a public hearing will be held on February 20, 1973, at the Z. J. Loussac Library in Anchorage, Alaska, to ascertain public views on a proposal to classify as wilderness the 256,000 acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

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We invite you or your authorized representative to present the views of your department at the public hearing or to submit them to me in writing by March 23, 1973.

Sincerely yours,

*Gordon W. Watson*  
Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director

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Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
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January 5, 1973

John Havelock, Attorney General  
Office of the Governor  
Pouch AD  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Havelock:

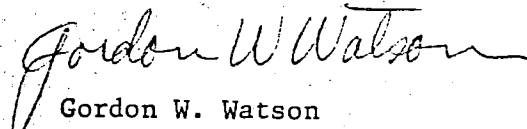
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Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 5, 1973

James W. Brooks, Commissioner  
Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
Subport Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner Brooks:

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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 5, 1973

Dr. Max Brewer, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
FOSS Building, Pouch O  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner Brewer:

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January 5, 1973

George W. Easley, Commissioner  
Department of Public Works  
Pouch Z  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner Easley:

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Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 5, 1973

Mr. Brian Mallott, Commissioner  
Department of Community and Regional Affairs  
Pouch B  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner Mallott:

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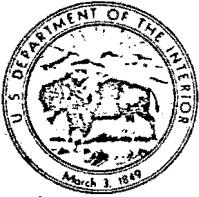
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Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 5, 1973

Senator Joe Josephson  
State Co-Chairman  
Joint Federal/State Land-Use Planning Commission  
733 West Fourth Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Senator Josephson:

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813 D Street  
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January 5, 1973

Charles F. Herbert, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources  
Pouch M  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner Herbert:

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813 D Street  
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January 5, 1973

Frederick McGinnis, Commissioner  
Department of Health and Welfare  
State Capitol Building  
Pouch A  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner McGinnis:

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Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
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January 5, 1973

Irene Ryan, Commissioner  
Department of Economic Development  
State Capitol Building  
Pouch A  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner Ryan:

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Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 5, 1973

Kenneth Kadow, Jr., Commissioner  
Department of Commerce  
State Capitol Building  
Pouch A  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Commissioner Kadow:

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Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
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January 5, 1973

Robert W. Pavitt, AIP  
Planning and Research  
Pouch A  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Pavitt:

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SECTION XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM FEDERAL OFFICIALS,  
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## SECTION XIII

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM FEDERAL OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENTS, AND AGENCIES

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

ALASKAN REGION  
632 SIXTH AVENUE  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501  
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Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

This is in response to your letter of 5 January 1973 relative to the proposal to classify as wilderness the 256,000 acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. The proposal does not conflict with our plans and missions; aviation industry plans, as we know them, will not have adverse impact.

Sincerely,

*Thomas J. Creswell*  
THOMAS J. CRESWELL  
Director



United States Department of the Interior

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon W. Watson, Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the information on the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and for the invitation to express our view on the wilderness proposal at a public hearing to be held on February 20, 1973, at Anchorage, Alaska.

The Geological Survey has not made a mineral survey of the area and has no comment to make regarding the proposal.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Director



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Office of the Area Director  
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Mr. Gordon W. Watson, Area Director  
Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for your letter of January 5, 1973, to Secretary Peterson, announcing a public hearing on a proposal to classify as wilderness the 256,000 acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. This matter has been directed to the attention of Dr. Sidney R. Galler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Affairs.

Dr. Galler will direct the Departmental review and provide you with any comments which may be forthcoming. In order to expedite the Department's review, further correspondence concerning this proposal should be addressed to Dr. Galler.

Sincerely,

*Richard O. Simpson*

Richard O. Simpson  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
for Science and Technology



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

This is in response to your letter of January 5, 1973 to the Honorable Elliot L. Richardson, Secretary of Defense designee, whereby you advised of public hearings on February 20, 1973 at the Z. J. Loussac Library in Anchorage, Alaska, on a proposal to classify as wilderness 256,000 acres of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

The Department of Defense has no objection to this proposal and does not plan, at this time, to be represented at the hearings.

Sincerely yours,

Edward J. Sheridan  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense  
(Installations and Housing)



## United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF MINES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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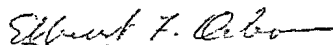
Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director, Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the brochure on the wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and the invitation to present our views. We will be unable to have a representative attend the January 20 public hearing in Anchorage.

While we concur that no mineral resources are known to occur in the Semidi Islands, the Bureau of Mines and Geological Survey did not make a mineral survey of them. We, therefore, believe that while the wilderness system would benefit by the inclusion of this remote bird sanctuary, our information is too scanty to preclude the possibility that mineral deposits do exist. We cannot help but believe that a mineral survey would better round out the total picture of what is involved in the proposal.

Sincerely yours,

  
Director

E. F. Osborn

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE  
Washington, D.C. 20250

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Mr. Gordon W. Watson, Area Director  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for your January 5 letter regarding the public hearing on your Semidi Wilderness Proposal. We have reviewed the proposal and draft environmental statement DES 72-116 which pertains to the area and offer the following comments.

We can see no justification for inclusion of over 247,000 acres of water in your wilderness proposal for nine islands containing 8,422 acres. The water surface is used by power boats for commercial fishing purposes, and probably for whatever recreation and scientific use is made of the area. The Wilderness Act (Sec. 4(d)(1)) allows the use of motorboats where the use has already become established as an exception to the general prohibitions contained in the Act. However, the Act (Sec. 4(c)) prohibits commercial enterprises in wilderness (except as necessary to meet the minimum requirements for the administration of the area for the purpose of the Act), subject to existing private rights. The proposal does not show that the commercial fishing is an existing private right, but submits that the use would be permitted as an existing power boat use, without addressing the Wilderness Act's exclusion of commercial enterprises. We suggest the Wilderness proposal be limited to the land area so that the conclusion stated in the proposal is unambiguous about whether the area qualifies for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "F. Leroy Bond".

F. LEROY BOND  
Director of Recreation



# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Pacific Northwest Region  
931 Fourth and Pike Building  
Seattle, Washington 98101

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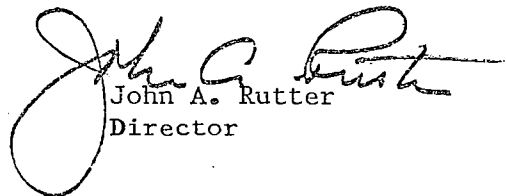
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Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Watson:

We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the wilderness proposal for Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

We note that all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is still in a natural state and that no development or physical manipulation of the habitat is planned. Therefore, we are very pleased to offer our endorsement of your well prepared proposal.

Sincerely yours,

  
John A. Rutter  
Director

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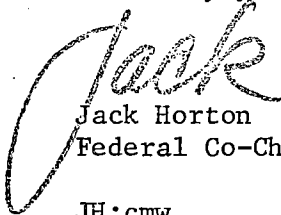
Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director  
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Gordy:

Thank you for the notice and brochure on the wilderness hearing for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge to be held in Anchorage on February 20.

Unfortunately, members of the Commission or staff will be unable to attend the hearing session. We would be particularly interested in receiving a copy of the analysis of the hearing record when it is prepared.

Sincerely yours,



Jack Horton  
Federal Co-Chairman

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Office of the Area Director  
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Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Director, Alaska Area  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 "D" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for your letter of January 5, 1973 concerning the Semidi Wilderness Proposal.

My staff, after reviewing the proposal, has determined that its adoption will have no effect on routine Coast Guard operations, including search and rescue, fisheries law enforcement, and pollution prevention. No aids to navigation are installed on the Semidi Islands and we do not anticipate the need for any in the foreseeable future. However, if such should become necessary at some later date, I trust we would be able to negotiate for a minor light installation in a manner provided for in other areas of Alaska under consideration for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

Sincerely,



J. A. PALMER

Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
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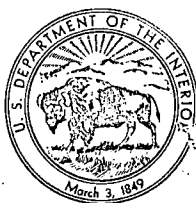
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To : Area Director, BSFW, Anchorage Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

From : *for Robert W. M. [Signature]*  
Harry L. Rietze  
Regional Director

Subject: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Proposal

We have reviewed the subject wilderness proposal and concur in your conclusion that the refuge qualifies for inclusion into the national wilderness preservation system. Since the refuge includes submerged lands totaling about 247,000 acres this action would accomplish many of the objectives NOAA will seek to accomplish in its marine sanctuaries program. As policies and procedures for implementing this provision of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (PL 92-532) are developed, we may be investigating other marine areas adjacent to wildlife refuges and we will be in touch with you in this regard.



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Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify the Geological Survey's position stated in my letter of January 17, 1973, which may have seemed to invalidate studies reported earlier in Geological Survey Bulletin 1260-K. The data in the bulletin are based on library and very brief reconnaissance studies; as such, these are the only data available for the Semidi Islands. These preliminary data remain the best available inasmuch as the Geological Survey has not made reconnaissance mineral appraisals of the islands that include geologic mapping, and geochemical and geophysical surveys, which are customary in studies of other wilderness areas.

Sincerely yours,

U. E. McKelvey

Director



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January 5, 1973

Lieutenant General James C. Sherrill  
Commander in Chief, Alaska  
Headquarters, Alaskan Command  
Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska 99506

Dear General Sherrill:

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January 5, 1973

Dr. Oscar E. Dickason, Director  
Alaska Operations Office  
Water Quality Office  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Federal Building, Room G66, 605 4th Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Dr. Dickason:

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James H. Isbell  
Field Representative, Alaska Region  
Office of the Secretary  
MacKay Building, Suite 1407  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Isbell:

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January 5, 1973

Mr. Wayne C. Morgan, District Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 1648  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Morgan:

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Mr. Thomas J. Cresswell, Regional Director  
Federal Aviation Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
632 Sixth Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Cresswell:

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Mr. Stanley T. Albright, State Director  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
334 W. 5th Avenue, Suite 250  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Albright:

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Mr. Jack Horton  
Federal Co-Chairman  
Joint Federal/State Land-Use Planning Commission  
733 West Fourth Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Horton:

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Burton L. Silcock, Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Silcock:

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Mr. Robert Price  
Regional Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Box 166  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Mr. Curtis McVee  
State Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
555 Cordova Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. McVee:

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Mr. Charles Yates  
Regional Forester  
Forest Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Box 1628  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Yates:

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Mr. Morris Thompson  
Area Director  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
P.O. Box 3-8000  
Juneau, Alaska

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W.E. Eckard, Chief  
Alaska Field Operation Center  
Bureau of Mines  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
P.O. Box 550  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Eckard:

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Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton  
Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
Interior Building  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Spencer Smith, Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Interior Building  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Honorable Elliot Richardson  
Secretary of Defense  
Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

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Mr. V.E. McKelvey, Director  
U.S. Geological Survey  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
GSA Building  
Washington, D.C. 20242

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Honorable Peter G. Peterson  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Elburt F. Osborn, Director  
Bureau of Mines  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Mr. John McGuire, Chief  
U.S. Forest Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Washington, D.C. 20250

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George B. Hartzog, Jr., Director  
National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Mr. James Watt, Director  
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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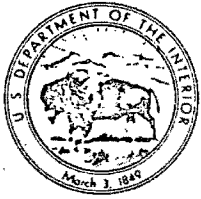
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Mr. Harry L. Rietze.  
Regional Director  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
P.O. Box 1668  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
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January 5, 1973

Rear Admiral J. A. Palmer  
Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District  
U.S. Coast Guard  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
P.O. Box 3-5000  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Admiral Palmer:

This will inform you that a public hearing will be held on February 20, 1973, at the Z. J. Loussac Library in Anchorage, Alaska, to ascertain public views on a proposal to classify as wilderness the 256,000 acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

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Enclosed for the information of your department are copies of the public notice and brochure regarding the proposal.

We invite you or your authorized representative to present the views of your department at the public hearing or to submit them to me in writing by March 23, 1973.

Sincerely yours,

*Gordon W. Watson*  
Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Chief of Engineers  
Department of the Army  
ATTN Environmental Branch  
(DAEN-CWP-V- Dr. C. G. Ash)  
Washington, D.C. 20314

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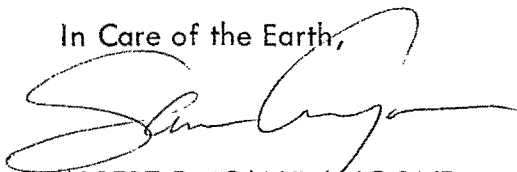
Dear Mr. Watson:

The Northern Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Sierra Club, 1100 members, would like to go on official record supporting the Semidi Wilderness proposal.

We are not opposed to the present uses of commercial fishing but would like to encourage a program of no pollution from boats in this area.

It is truly unfortunate that we probably won't have the opportunity to visit the Semidi area but we all agreed that areas of reproductive concerns need protection.

In Care of the Earth,



ALBERT D. "SAM" ANGOVE  
NRM Chapter - Sierra Club  
Wilderness Chairman  
E. 13006 9th  
Spokane, Washington 99216

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Gordon W. Watson, Alaska Area Director  
U.S. Department of Labor  
Fish and Wildlife Service, BSWF  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

We are pleased to be able to comment on the Secretary's recommendation to classify the 256,000 acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. The area is definitely well-suited for such classification. We are especially encouraged that the extended protection of the Wilderness Act be offered to one of the few areas in which the bald eagle and peregrine falcon still cling to existence.

As you note, wilderness designation does not alter the wildlife refuge status of the Semidi Islands. It is, rather, additional protection. The Federation will follow the progress of the proposal with interest.

Sincerely,

*Rick Applegate*  
Rick Applegate

for the Northwest Representative

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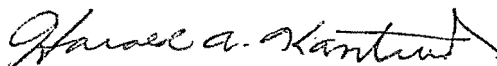
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

The North Dakota Natural Science Society wholeheartedly supports the designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge for inclusion into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We believe the National Wilderness System should include tracts of all representative biotic communities in Alaska and urge that every effort be made to delineate these communities before they are subject to lesser uses.

Sincerely yours,



Harold A. Kantrud  
Chairman, Natural Areas Committee  
North Dakota Natural Science Society  
P. O. Box 1672  
Jamestown, North Dakota 58401

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# HENNEPIN COUNTY PARK RESERVE DISTRICT

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Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
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Dear Sir:

I have reviewed the brochure "Semidi Wilderness Proposal,"  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska.

These remote isolated islands, providing habitat for  
thousands of seabirds (43 species), along with the  
endangered peregrine falcon, the American bald eagle,  
and rookeries for harbor seals and sea lions, appear  
to be an ideal environment for undisturbed wildlife  
living.

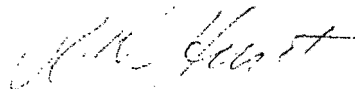
It likewise has no known mineral deposits, nor prospective  
developments that might be considered an economic  
potential.

The nearby commercial fishing enterprises would not be  
affected by the proposal.

There is no evidence of recent native uses of the island  
complex.

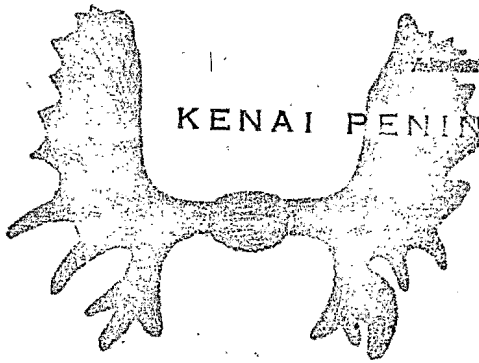
The legislative procedure that would provide continuing  
protection for the islands should assure maintenance  
of the group as a natural resource for the use and  
enjoyment of future generations.

Sincerely,



R. W. Hunt, Director  
Department of Forestry and  
Wildlife

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director, BSWF  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

The Kenai Peninsula Conservation Society would like to be put on record as favoring the Bureau's fine Semidi Wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

The Bureau is to be commended for making this an all inclusive wilderness recommendation.

Respectfully,

*Dr. Calvin M. Fair*

Calvin M. Fair, DDS  
Vice President



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# HENNEPIN COUNTY PARK RESERVE DISTRICT

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Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Wilderness proposal for the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for apprising the Hennepin County Park Reserve District of the public hearing concerning the wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. However, due to distance and other circumstances a representative from our agency will not be able to attend.

Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to express the concerns of the Park Reserve District toward this matter.

Today's ever increasing trend towards commercialism, industrialization and land development is leaving us short pressed for open space and wilderness areas. Our natural resources are being used at a tremendous rate. We've raped the landscape and forced many species of plants and animals into extinction, and others into an endangered status. There are few places in our world where plants and animals can procreate in their native fashion and survive.

The report on the Semidi Wilderness Proposal very clearly defines the historical, physical, natural resource, public use, management and development, and socio-economic considerations of these islands. We believe that these

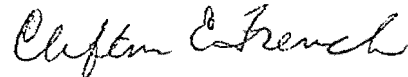
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areas have been well researched and that the findings of this report clearly indicate that the highest and best use of the Semidi Islands is that of a National Wildlife Refuge.

To preserve and enforce the securement of these islands as a national wildlife refuge in their present native state, to provide for an assurance of plant and animal propagation and preservation of endangered species it is imperative that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System as provided by Public Law 88-577.

The last paragraph of the socio-economic considerations section of the Report sums up our feelings. "Perpetuating the great bird resources such as are present in the islands adds to the social well being of all citizens of the United States, who may observe some of these birds during migration periods or view photographs of such unique bird colonies, even though the majority of people will never set foot on the Semidis."

Sincerely,



Clifton E. French  
Superintendent and  
Secretary to the Board

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LET THIS LETTER BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL HEARING RECORD

TO: Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
FROM: Arizona branch of Friends Of the Earth (FOE)  
CONCERNING: Semidi Wilderness Proposal

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Sirs:

The Arizona branch of Friends Of the Earth supports the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's recommendation to declare Semidi National Wildlife Refuge a wilderness area under the Wilderness Act of 1964. The large bird colonies living within the refuge must be protected. Especially since these colonies include the American bald eagle and the peregrine falcon, both of which are considered "rare and endangered". Wilderness classification should be given to the surrounding coastal waters so as to adequately protect the variety of marine animals inhabiting this area. The fishing for (or harvesting of) halibut and king crab near the Semidi's should be terminated in order to minimize man's impact upon the Semidi's. Restrictions should be made so as to avoid human disturbance to birds and mammals during breeding season. Designating the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness will provide legislative protection to the refuge and will assure that the insular ecosystem will remain in a natural state.

Thank You,



Robert H. Brooks  
Land Use Task Force Chairman  
Arizona branch of Friends Of the Earth

# AMERICAN MINING CONGRESS



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Anchorage, Alaska

Alaska Area Director  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

The American Mining Congress, a national trade association whose membership is composed of U. S. companies that produce most of the nation's metals, coal, and industrial and agricultural minerals, wishes to bring to your attention its views regarding the Semidi Wilderness proposal.

The Secretary of the Interior is directed by the Wilderness Act of 1964 to review certain lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System and report to the President his recommendation as to the suitability or unsuitability of these lands as wilderness. The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge was studied by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife; however, the study did not include a mineral survey.

The American Mining Congress believes that a wilderness should only be established after thorough study and review. Review procedures followed by the Secretary of the Interior prior to making wilderness recommendations should include mineral studies by the U. S. Geological Survey and U. S. Bureau of Mines so that Congress can have the benefit of professional technical advice as to the presence or absence of minerals in proposed wilderness areas. If the United States is to maintain a strong minerals position, large areas of public domain should not be withdrawn from exploration and development without a thorough assessment of mineral potential. In its recent report to the President and Congress, the Public Land Law Review Commission stated:

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W. A. MILLIKEN  
Chairman

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January 25, 1973  
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In connection with consideration of statutory exclusion of mineral activity from designated public land areas, Federal agencies should make mineral examinations which will provide reliable information concerning their mineralization. Too often in the past exclusions have been accomplished with little or no knowledge of mineral values. Since it is often essential to act promptly in deciding whether mineral activity should be excluded, we urge dispatch in making these mineral surveys before an urgent situation arises.

The First Annual Report of the Secretary of the Interior under the Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 stated:

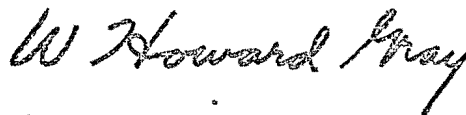
Withdrawals of land available for prospecting and exploration may reduce the availability of supplies of mineral resources for the nation's future needs. Despite conflicts on land use overlaps, national interests insist that careful consideration be given to each such parcel with a view to allowing the opportunity to extract minerals for the national need. Adequate knowledge of the mineralization of such lands must be acquired promptly.

Experts in mineral resources within the federal government have alerted us repeatedly to the increasing demand for mineral resources, with the attendant dependency on unreliable foreign sources, which in addition to undermining national security could well cause economic consequences due to unfavorable balance of trade positions.

It is the opinion of the American Mining Congress that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge should not be considered for designation as wilderness until such time as a thorough mineral survey has been completed and the results reported.

We would appreciate it if this letter could be included in the hearing record.

Sincerely,



W. Howard Gray  
Chairman  
AMC Public Lands Committee

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# PELICAN ISLAND AUDUBON SOCIETY

P. O. Box 1833  
VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32960



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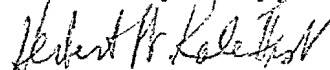
Dear Sir:

It has come to our attention that a public hearing will be held February 20, 1973, on a proposal to be made to the President regarding the desirability of including all or part of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Our local Audubon chapter, consisting of nearly six hundred members, would like to advise you that we strongly urge that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System, and we would appreciate it if this letter would be made a part of the public hearing on this matter.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Yours very truly,

  
Herbert W. Kale II  
President

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# Montana Wildlife Federation

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AFFILIATE OF NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

410 Woodworth Ave.

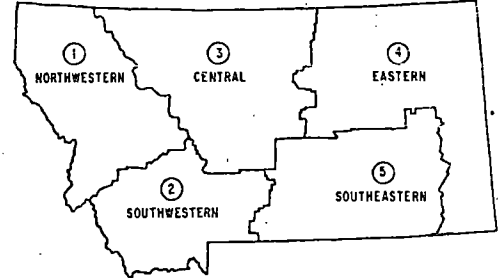
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska



Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend the Fish and Wildlife Service for their proposal to give more restrictive protection to the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. Under the Wilderness Act the pelagic bird colonies will be assured the habitat they require.

Would you please include this letter in the proceedings record as evidence that the Montana Wildlife Federation supports the Bureau's recommendation for wilderness classification for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'Donald Aldrich'.

Donald Aldrich  
Executive Secretary  
Montana Wildlife Federation



# The Montana Wilderness Association

Route 1, Box 1410  
Hamilton, Montana 59840

February 18, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Montana Wilderness Association supports the Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal to include the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

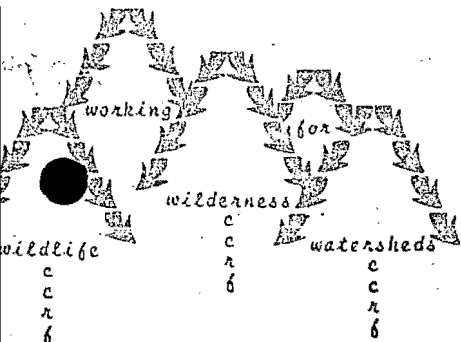
We recognize the importance of protecting the natural habitat of all species of wildlife in order to maintain the diversity of life, the importance of which we are becoming increasingly more aware.

Please include this statement in the hearing record as witness of our support of your proposal for the Semidi Wildlife Refuge.

Very truly yours,

*Doris Milner*

Doris Milner, President



## Citizens Committee

## for Responsible Forestry

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February 18, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

We write in support of the designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. We agree with the conclusion reached by the Fish and Wildlife Service that the entire wildlife refuge (islands and submerged lands) is eminently qualified for addition to the Wilderness System.

Our American bald eagle, the endangered peregrine falcon are among the birds finding refuge and which require wilderness conditions in order to survive. The surrounding waters provide food necessary to sustain such a massive concentration of wildlife as can be found in the extensive pelagic bird colonies using the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

We are in favor of your recommendations for wilderness designation of this remote wildlife refuge and ask that our support be included in the hearing record on Semidi.

Sincerely,

*Jeane Ann Allen*  
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Co-Chairman

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WE THE NATURE FRIENDS  
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TO BE ON RECORD IN  
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WE FEEL THE CONSERVATION  
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WE ARE VERY MUCH IN  
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FOR THE NATURE FRIENDS

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Public hearing  
Proposed Semidi Wilderness  
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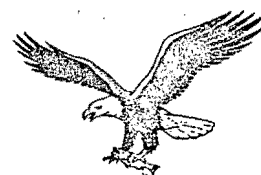
The Florida Audubon Society is pleased to learn that the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has recommended that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be designated wilderness.

Therefore, the Society joins with The Wilderness Society in heartily supporting the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife proposal in toto for a Semidi Wilderness.

Respectfully,

  
Martin R. Northrup  
Assistant Executive Director

MRN:lr



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Semidi National Wildlife Refuge Proposal Testimony  
Anchorage, Alaska; Feb. 20, 1973

The Upper Cook Inlet Chapter of the Alaska Conservation Society fully supports the Semidi Wilderness proposal. The preservation of this relatively untouched group of islands falls within the general aim of our group: to work toward preservation and wise use of Alaskas renewable and non-renewable resources.

The main inhabitants of these islands seem to be many species of birds who make their homes there during various parts of the year. UCIC feels it is very important to preserve places such as the Semidi Islands for breeding and nesting habitat, where these very beautiful animals can live unmolested and undisturbed in their natural environment. Due to their isolated location, the islands are not likely to get much use by man, the less the better. This area could provide a living workshop for scientists to observe bird behavior and movements and for photographers who are interested in wildlife pictures.

One thing that is particularly striking when one reads the brochure put out on the Semidi Wilderness proposal by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife is the singular lack of conflict with other uses for this land. There are no known oil and mineral deposits and it is not included in the Native Land Claims areas. There is an established use of fisheries which UCIC would not object to, as long as there was no attempt or future plans to build permanent fishery support structures on the islands. A small cabin, maintained by the refuge manager, might be appropriate as there seems to be no natural cover for camping and it would serve as a base of operations for scientific and photographic expeditions. To bad other areas, just as worthy of consideration as wilderness, <sup>do not have</sup> ~~had so~~ few conflicts!

Personnally, my husband and I have travelled many miles by sea along the Kenai coast and in SE Alaska. (We have a 23' sailboat) One of our biggest and continuing joys is the observation of the many and varied species of birds we see on our trips. The birds represent a degree of freedom and beauty that man can never experience, just observe and appreciate. Many of the birds we love to watch probably have been on the Semidi Islands at one time or another. We therefore, believe it is very important to include these islands in the national wilderness system.

Thank you for the opportunity for UCIC, ACS to make its feelings known through this public hearing.

Virginia dal Piaz

testifying for the Upper Cook Inlet Chapter of the Alaska Conservation Society

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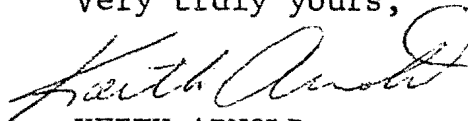
## Semidi Wilderness Proposal

Dear Sir:

The attached testimony was to be presented at your public hearing on the above subject held last week. Unfortunately, I was away from Anchorage and unable to present it at that time.

Since the record is open until March 23, I respectfully request that this testimony be included as part of the official hearing record.

Very truly yours,



KEITH ARNOLD  
Secretary

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TESTIMONY OF ALASKA OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION  
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED SEMIDI WILDERNESS PROPOSAL PUBLIC HEARING  
FEBRUARY 20, 1973, LOUSSAC LIBRARY, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

My name is Keith J. Arnold, and I am offering testimony tonight on behalf of the Alaska Oil and Gas Association, a trade association representing more than two dozen companies with oil and gas operations or leasehold interests in Alaska. The following remarks represent a consensus of opinion reached through a study of the proposed Semidi Wilderness Area located within the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

The Association supports the proposal if it is limited to the nine major islands and their associated offshore rocks and islets--an area of some 8,422 acres in scope. We do, however, recommend excluding the 248,000 acres of tidelands and submerged lands from the proposal.

As stated in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for this proposed wilderness area, the majority of the acreage--specifically that part located between 56° North Latitude and 56°19' North Latitude--has been subject to an Ambassadorial Agreement between the U. S. A., Japan and the Soviet Union, dated December 11, 1970, which designates the waters surrounding the Semidi Islands as a loading zone for fishing fleets for the latter two countries. Such use has been intermittent, although the Russians make heavy use of the zone in late winter and early spring. This agreement expired December 31, 1972, and is subject to renegotiation. The present renewal status is not known.

The proposed area also lies within the Chignik District of the Central Alaska commercial fishing region, where a significant amount of commercial fishing has been accomplished. The draft further proposes that since commercial fishing is a pre-established use that is compatible with management and use of the proposed Semidi Wilderness Area, such industry should be allowed to continue subject to existing state and federal law.

The Alaska Oil and Gas Association concurs with the proposal to let the fishing industry continue, but due to the administration problems that could arise in such continuance under the Wilderness System, tidelands and submerged lands should be eliminated from the proposed area.

In addition, the proposed area covers approximately 420 square miles located within the Aleutian Islands sedimentary basin. As stated in the report, it is true that at the present time there is no known potential for oil and gas development in the area; however, the "no known potential" is correctly stated merely because of what is not known about the area, rather than what is known.

To our knowledge, the tidelands and submerged lands have had very little, if any search for oil and gas bearing stratas. Although the islands themselves are reported to have been glaciated during Pleistocene and are erosional remnants which would suggest the lack of oil and gas reservoirs in the area, historically it is known that in an area as large as approximately 420 square miles many abrupt geological changes could have taken place that would make parts of the tidelands and submerged lands a high potential for oil and gas development.

Due to the approaching energy crisis confronting our nation, plus the fact that it is relatively unknown at this time as to whether or not the tidelands and submerged lands contain any potential for oil and gas development, the Alaska Oil and Gas Association believes it is in the best interest of our nation to eliminate the tidelands and submerged lands from this proposal.

As rightfully indicated in the statement, the fishing industry can be compatible with management of use and control of wilderness areas. On the same basis, there is no realistic reason why such practices cannot apply to oil and gas operations on tidelands and submerged lands adjacent to a Wilderness Area, particularly when such operations will be controlled by the governmental administrators who are essentially the same as those managing the Wilderness Area.

Thank you.

name is Deborah Vogt, and I am executive secretary of the Fairbanks Environmental Center. The Fairbanks Environmental Center is a locally supported, private conservation organization in Fairbanks with a stated goal "to preserve the quality of the Alaskan environment through education and action." The Center has a board of directors of twelve, most in the Fairbanks area, and a membership of about 150 around the state.

The Fairbanks Environmental Center fully supports this proposal for including the Semidi Islands and surrounding submerged lands in the National Wilderness System. We believe that wilderness status will give the best protection available to these lands.

Those of us who are loosely termed conservationists or environmentalists are often characterized as just another interest group with designs on the wild lands of the nation. Supposedly, we do not personally like to mine, to cut trees, or to build roads, so we are opposed to road building, tree cutting and mining. We do like to hike, to backpack, to observe wildlife, to fish and sometimes to hunt, so we want to lock up vast areas and make them available for just those uses. And all this for a tiny minority of physically fit people who like to wander around in the wilderness.

I have never been to the Semidi Islands, nor do I ever intend to go there. To my knowledge, none of the members of the Center have ever visited these islands or will visit them in the future. Yet, we fully support the designation of this area as wilderness.

~~Man, although he is reluctant to admit it, is but one of the many species that inhabit this place.~~ As a species, we were surprised to discover years ago that

the earth is but a comparatively small, closed ecosystem in the universe. We are beginning to understand the real perspective of man's place in the ecosystem of the earth. The Semidi Islands are a tiny corner of this ecosystem, and of themselves, deserve to be protected.

Wilderness classification does not lock up land. In fact, it does the opposite. By Congressional action, it provides protection against single, consumptive use. Congressional actions can be changed by Congressional action; the designation simply insures that some real thought will go into the decision-making process. Wilderness status is, in fact, the best insurance that all the options of possible use will be left open.

The Semidi Islands are, according to the Wilderness Proposal and the environmental impact statement, remote, inaccessible, foggy, stormy, uninhabited, and contain no known marketable resources. On the positive side, they provide habitat for millions of birds of 43 species. Of particular national interest are the bald eagle, considered common, and a few of the endangered peregrine falcon. A variety of marine mammals can be found offshore. On land, there are ground squirrels and a tree. There are no present or immediately foreseeable conflicting uses, although it is possible that some may develop - particularly offshore oil location. The impact of the bird life on the intertidal marine life systems is not fully understood, but it is certain that some interaction takes place, so the submerged lands should be protected.

The Semidi Islands can provide solitude and the true wilderness experience to a visitor. They are a paradise for birdwatchers. The birds which spend a part of their lives on these islands can be viewed, as they migrate, by thousands of people the world over. The entire ecosystem, the islands and the waters

around, can provide an excellent scientific study area. The islands are of the highest wilderness quality, and should be included in the National Wilderness

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February 24, 1973

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Dear Sir:

Please include this letter as part of the record of the hearing concerning the wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, to be held February 20, 1973, in Anchorage, Alaska.

Arizonans For Quality Environment enthusiastically adds its voice to those of Alaskans in supporting the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service to include the Semidi Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The nine islands, still relatively untouched by man, abound with a spectrum of flora and fauna. As such pristine areas, on which wildlife depends, become more and more scarce in our rapidly developing world, it also becomes increasingly urgent to offer them permanent and effective protection as legacies for future generations. Such would be accomplished by the proposal under consideration.

It is important to note that inclusion in the Wilderness System would not hinder the activities of fishing vessels. However, as the proposal recognizes, the submerged lands are part of the ecological system of the islands; they also deserve the same protection.

Sincerely,

Peter Wild  
Chairman, Wilderness Committee

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JIM KOWALSKY, *Arctic Representative*

SEMIDI ISLANDS WILDERNESS PROPOSAL -- A STATEMENT BY FRIENDS OF THE EARTH Anchorage, Alaska February 20, 1973

By Jim Kowalsky, Arctic Field Representative

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Friends of the Earth is a national conservation organization of 27,000 members. It has sister organizations in a number of countries in western Europe. The principal offices for Friends of the Earth are located in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco. It publishes a monthly tabloid newspaper titled NOT MAN APART which circulates to its membership and to the general public through newstand distribution. In Alaska Frinds of the Earth has a statewide membership of 180. The office of its Arctic Field Representative for Alaska is located at 719 7th Avenue, Fairbanks Alaska 99701.

The purpose of Friends of the Earth is to build broad grass roots support for the common goal among citizens of other and all nations to preserve, restore and rationally use the earth, which is our single and only life support system.

## Habitat Protection

It is significant in our view that, according to current management objectives, as indicated in the draft environmental statement for this proposal, are "directed primarily toward preserving the insular ecosystem in its natural state so as to protect breeding and feeding habitats for the vast number of pelagic birds and other wildlife found in the refuge." This statement suggests that wilderness can have value by virtue of the protection of conditions it offers on the islands which make the production of wildbirds and wildlife possible. We often tend to place value on a wilderness environment only in terms of how it may directly be used by humans. And, although human enjoyment and enrichment are direct benefits of our wildlands, it appears that we may often tend to obscure the value of wilderness protection to habitat. Protection of habitat may actually be the principal benefit of wilderness protection depending upon the particular situation.

*Committed to the preservation, restoration, and rational use of the ecosphere*

This protection afforded such habitat is in the final, long view to be considered of great benefit to humans ~~in our view~~.

We agree that designation of the Semedi Islands as wilderness is entirely within and supplemental to the purposes for which the refuge was established. The future of this areas holds many uncertainties as regards the type of conflicting pressures which may be placed upon it in the future. We see wilderness protection as the only iron clad, statutory mandate which would assure us that this place will be protected, and thus retain its values as a refuge. It is the best assurance we have that a good habitat situation will be maintained without all the creeping encroachments we see in so many other areas of similar significance. These encroachments come from commercial developments, and sometimes even from the agencies which manage these lands. If such agency encroachments aren't obvious now as we believe that they are not within the Fish and Wildlife Service, we also caution that this situation is entirely possible in the future. To put it in simpler terms, a well known conservationists in Alaska once commented on protection of national park lands in this case by asking, "who will protect the parks from the National Park Service?" This gentleman feels that the National Park Service is development oriented and has made damaging inroads into valuable wildlands as a result. ~~We~~ use the example here only to stress a basic point.

We also believe that it is important that the submerged lands and tidelands located within the refuge and which are being proposed to be a part of the Semidi Wilderness Area are critical and of much importance to the proposal and to the wilderness. Inasmuch as wilderness areas in these United States offer some of the few places which remain which may provide good research opportunities to science, these submerged lands in the Semidi refuge are just such a place. In this case these lands provide a good opportunity to research the impact which guano has upon the marine environment. ~~This is considered important to know.~~ Wilderness protection of tidelands and submerged lands will offer that opportunity to science, and will - in fact - enhance that opportunity as the years speed by and our abilities grow to develop and radically alter our marine environments.

#### Conflicting Uses

that rather adverse climatic conditions generally make human activity

We note <sup>that</sup> mineral resources and mineral potential of this area is poor, thus making this potential - and conflicting - use unlikely. We also note

there unlikely.

### Bird Populations and Species

Friends of the Earth considers the island to be of particular interest generally because of the millions of sea birds attracted to its cliffs for nesting purposes. There are major, very large colonies of such birds on the precipitous cliffs of all nine main islands according to the impact statement. We note as well that many species <sup>are</sup> considered in great abundance on the islands. This underscores the importance of providing statutory protection to this area by the U.S. Congress under the enabling Wilderness Act of 1964.

The peregrine falcon and bald eagle are birds which have a special national significance. These would benefit from the added protection for the Semedi refuge which we are hereby considering.

### Commercial Fishing

We note that commercial fishing in the area is a prior established use and, under the Wilderness Act, would therefore not be affected by designation of this refuge as a wilderness.

### Frequently Heard Objections

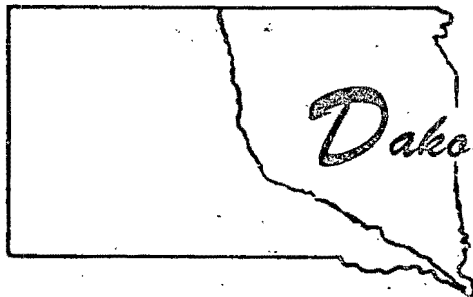
The present State Administration under Governor William A. Egan has opposed wilderness proposals on federal lands in the past for a variety of reasons. Although we respect the Governor's views and realize that he must consider many situations where he makes any decisions, we also are of the opinion that opposition to wilderness areas in the state of Alaska has become a matter of procedure without due consideration of the individual case. One view we hear often is that no wilderness should be designated until a comprehensive land use policy can be formulated for our state which determines, among other things, what wilderness needs really are in Alaska. This is, of course, an extremely worthy objective, this expressed need for the long, comprehensive view. Should wilderness proposals such as the Semidi proposal be made a part of this long range planning process, then we think it is important that all proposals to classify and dedicate lands in Alaska come under this single process. This is not now that case as we all know, and there are countless examples of commitment of lands within Alaska currently or recently made which are part of no comprehensive planning process whatsoever. To name a few: proposed highways, the oil pipeline corridor, the gas line corridor, <sup>and</sup> open to entry state

~~to any extent on the islands unlikely.~~ It would appear that little if any adverse impact from enactment of wilderness classification for this refuge would result depending upon one's point of view. Mechanized vehicles or other means of travel within this or any national wilderness area would not be permitted, thereby creating an adverse impact upon the user of such modes of transportation. On the other hand, the purpose of the designation of wilderness would be to protect the area from the adverse impact of mechanized intrusions upon the habitat of the islands. In the same sense one could say that the removal of a tried and proven thief from society by restraining him in prison would have an adverse impact upon the individual's actions as a thief. We feel we are best off with wilderness designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. Friends of the Earth feels that to allow an area of significance for its natural values to fall into the hands of a commercial or industrial developer is really the way to lock it up. For, with the establishment of a clearly conflicting use such as heavy or even light industry in a wildlife refuge, one has rather effectively locked that area up to other uses by destroying or significantly altering the life system upon which that use depended. Put an oil well in the middle of a highschool football field for example and you have rather altered or destroyed the intended use, and this has actually happened in Burkburnett, Texas, another oil state in our United States. To put it better in the words of another who testified at the Kenai Moose Range wilderness hearings, "----we aren't trying to lock anything up. Wilderness is the only use that preserves intact the possibility of all other uses----." Another told the hearing, "State government (in its objections to wilderness based upon a need to include it within the planning process) - is a two headed dragon with one lamenting need for planning while the other forseees resources development regardless----." We are not proposing basic alterations to an area which is being proposed for wilderness protection. We are simply leaving it as it is. In itself this action in no way locks an area up or preempts the other range of possibilities there. It is rather the gradual whittling away - or even the sudden massive development - of a wildlife refuge, national park or other defacto wilderness under a multiple use type of concept which is the begining of the foreclosure

of other opportunities in that area. What lands are more locked up, we ask, than those in private ownership, or committed to a single industrial or real estate type of use? It is always possible to withdraw the wilderness status through another action of the Congress. It would be more difficult to cancel out the kinds of development which refuge lands could be opened to in the future if there were no tools such as wilderness designation with which to protect an area and continue to make it open and available to the general public.

The future of bird populations which are of significance to the nation and even other nations of the world - as well as to our own residents - should hinge as it does upon the protection of this area under the Wilderness Act. It is a continuous breeding and nesting habitat for millions of birds, and its offshore waters provide habitat for sea lions, harbor seals and sea otters. A sea lion rookery of approximately 500 animals is located on the southern Chukot Island. To those who oppose this specific wilderness proposal - or such proposals generally - I would ask what then would you offer as an iron clad means of protection for these valuable features? There may be other answers, but Friends of the Earth believes, as do the majority of other conservation organizations and memberships - that the enabling legislation, the Wilderness Act of 1964 which provides statutory protection for a wilderness area, is a superb tool for the protection of these productive wildlands in Alaska, and in the few little places left in our nation.

Mr. Chairman, we believe that there is a poor understanding of the Wilderness Act in our state. It is a misunderstanding which has been purposely portrayed to the general public who are being forced to believe that wilderness designation locks an area up. The media and the Governor are partly responsible for these distortions. We also believe, from the performance at past wilderness hearings, that Alaskans who love this state in all its splendor and are living here because of it overwhelmingly favor the protection of this great land through designations such as wilderness areas. If the outdoorsmen, the hunters, guides, hikers, outdoor recreation industry, Native subsistence users and tourist industry and that ordinary Alaskan who loves being here want anything at all left of this place, then they had best get on with the job of protecting it, or there won't be any such places left to use and enjoy.



# Dakota Environmental Council, Inc.

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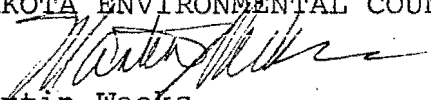
Re: Semidi Wilderness

Dakota Environmental Council, Inc. is a voluntary association of many midwestern conversationists who are interested in the preservation of the nation's wild lands. As chairman of the Council's committee on natural areas, I have been authorized and directed to write to you an expression of the Council's support of the Fish and Wildlife Service's recommendations for the establishment of the Semidi Wilderness Area.

Dakota Environmental Council, Inc. has adopted a resolution to support the establishment of wilderness on all qualifying lands, believing that the preservation of the world's vanishing wild habitats is as essential for the benefit of man as for the wild creatures that depend on it directly for their lives. We believe that the Semidi wildlife Refuge will qualify as wilderness as defined by the 1964 Wilderness Act; and we commend the Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to classify the entire refuge as wilderness.

We desire that you include this letter as a part of the proceedings developed at your hearing at Anchorage on February 20, 1973 and respectfully thank you for this opportunity to be heard.

Yours truly,  
DAKOTA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL, INC.

  
BY-Martin Weeks,

Chairman of the Committee on Natural Areas

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Statement of the Wilderness Society  
on a Proposal to Include the Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, in  
the National Wilderness Preservation System  
February 20, 1973

The Wilderness Society, a national conservation organization, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., wishes to go on record in strong support of the conclusion of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife that all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is fully qualified for admission into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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The Wilderness Society ~~and its~~ 80,000 members ~~feel that it is~~ exceedingly appropriate that the 256,000 acre wildlife refuge encompassing nine rocky islands ~~containing about 8,422 acres with the balance consisting of~~ submerged lands ~~surrounding the island group~~ be placed in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The Semidis are one of the ~~world's~~ most spectacular wild wilderness islands and are one of the very few wilderness areas in the nation that includes the surrounding submerged lands, thus encompassing in its entirety a viable marine ecosystem of national importance. *The area contains about 8,422 acres with the balance consisting of submerged lands surrounding the islands.* Many forms of wildlife require a wilderness condition in order to survive. The extensive pelagic bird colonies of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge are an exeellant example. Millions of seabirds crowd its rock ledges, while thousands of others whirl overhead. Offshore waters teem with feeding birds. Black-legged kittiwakes, Pacific fulmars, horned puffins, and common and thick-billed murres are the dominant species, numbering in the millions during the breeding and nesting season. The American bald eagle is common on the refuge and the endangered peregrine falcon also finds haven here. All of the islands are used by nesting birds. The surrounding waters, rich in

marine life, provide food necessary to sustain such a massive concentration of wildlife.

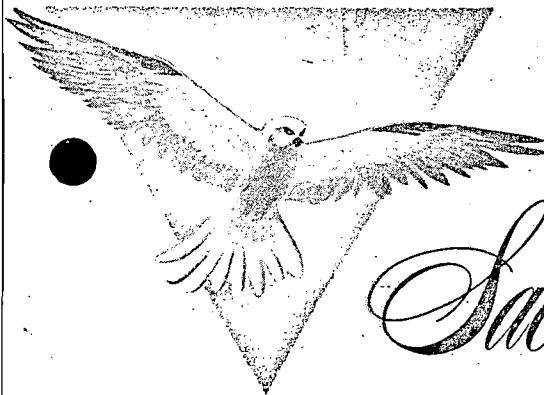
Created by administrative action -- an Executive Order -- the wildlife refuge can be abolished by the same means. Wilderness designation would provide legal protection for this wilderness island sanctuary, assuring the preservation of its natural qualities.

In the past the Alaska State Administration has repeatedly opposed all formal wilderness designation of any areas in Alaska. ~~Their feeble excuse~~ <sup>being</sup> that they are opposed to such designation until there is an over-all land-use plan for Alaska. Not only are they asking the Department of Interior to disregard a mandate by the U.S. Congress that the studies be completed before September, 1974, but they are unwilling to stop or delay development which is rapidly shrinking the present de facto wilderness lands in Alaska.

We therefore strongly urge the Department of Interior and Congress to ignore such rhetoric.

The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge highly qualifies for wilderness and it should be so designated without delay.

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Sir,

We wish to go on record as favoring the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. This should include the entire area, including submerged lands.

Pelagic bird colonies such as those inhabiting the many rookeries of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge need wilderness conditions to assure survival. This refuge is also home for the American bald eagle and peregrine falcon, both of which are declining in population over much of their ranges.

This refuge is located outside of known major petroleum deposits and contains no known mineral deposits of commercial importance. Inclusion of this faunal rich area in the Wilderness System would not preclude the use of its surrounding marine waters by commercial fishing vessels.

Please include this correspondence as part of the record of the public hearing to be held in Anchorage.

Sincerely,

Jack W. Wilburn  
Conservation Chairman  
Sacramento Audubon Society

copy to: Mr. Harry Hurlbert, President  
Sacramento Audubon Society

TESTIMONY BY THE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB  
OF ALASKA  
for the  
PROPOSED SEMIDI WILDERNESS-SEMIDI  
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
ALASKA

The Mountaineering Club of Alaska would like to go on record as being in full support of the proposed Semidi Wilderness in the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. These remote and stormy Islands are a haven for millions of seabirds and other wildlife associated with Alaska's productive marine waters. Scientists consider colonies such as this, some of the most fragile of natural ecosystems and best managed in their natural state. It is only with these invaluable reference points protected from human interference that man made change can be measured with accuracy. So then, these extensive pelagic bird colonies have significance in the lives of people who may never see them and constitute a heritage of beauty in which every American should find inspiration.

This is one wilderness proposal that should be non-controversial, for the islands are remote and treeless, grazing and mineral potential is practically nil, and boat anchorages poor.

Wilderness designation should in no way conflict with ongoing commercial fishing activities in refuge waters, but would provide great protection to the nearby waters in which fishing takes place.

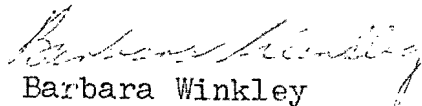
It is disappointing however, to learn that Governor Egan and his administration are again unilaterally opposed to this wilderness proposal, as they have been opposed to all such proposals in the recent past. We understand that one of the primary reasons for this opposition is the State's concern that comprehensive land-use planning be accomplished before any such wilderness protection is allowed.

Whilst we are whole-heartedly in favor of wise land-use planning, we believe it should apply to the entire State. But in reality we find the State Administration, whilst opposing protection of some of our outstanding de facto wilderness areas, is promoting new highways,

pelines, mining ventures, and massive timber sales to Japan. At the present time wealthy developers from both within and outside our wonderful state are grabbing large blocks of land in the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys for unplanned real estate development. Obviously, there are some gross inconsistencies in our State government's approach to land-use planning.

Under these circumstances we feel it is even more urgent that permanent congressional protection be provided some of our state's outstanding wilderness areas including the Semidi Islands, as provided for in the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to express our views on the important wilderness proposal.

  
Barbara Winkley

Conservation Chairman  
Mountaineering Club of Alaska

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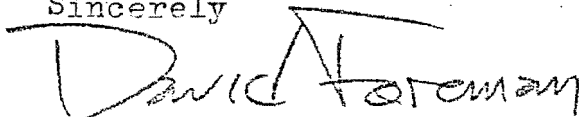
Dear sir

I would like this letter to be entered into the Semidi NWR Wilderness Hearing record as the official position of the Albuquerque Environmental Center.

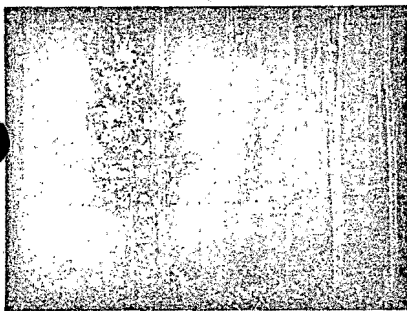
We completely support the proposal of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be designated as a Wilderness Area (including the submerged lands).

Wilderness designation will certainly reinforce the present protection of the outstanding bird habitat in the Semidi Refuge.

Sincerely



David Foreman  
Wilderness Director



by Ansel Adams in *This Is the American Earth*

# SIERRA CLUB

OFFICE OF THE NORTHWEST REPRESENTATIVE

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Seattle, Washington 98105  
(206) 632-6157

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

The Sierra Club has made an official statement regarding your fine Wilderness proposal for Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. Even so, I myself want to lend the specific support of the Northwest Office of the Sierra Club and Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs to your proposal. Please include this letter in the official hearing record.

The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is more than a quarter of a million acres in extent, although the nine rocky islands with their fantastic precipitous shorelines cover less than 10,000 acres. Nevertheless, these islands in the Gulf of Alaska are sufficient to be the habitat of millions of sea birds, with extensive pelagic bird colonies. The dominant species are incredible birds like the black-legged kittiwakes, Pacific fulmars, horned puffins, and common and mixed-billed murre. They need these islands for their nesting, and they need the surrounding waters for feeding. For these reasons, we are in complete agreement with your view that the submerged land needs to be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System, as well as the nine islands themselves.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to present our views.

Sincerely yours,

Roger Mellem  
Acting Northwest Representative  
Sierra Club  
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs

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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

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On behalf of the Conservation Council of North Carolina, its 1,000 individual members, and more than 100 organizational members, we urge you to place the entire Semidi Wilderness Refuge in the Wilderness System. We in North Carolina with our many estuaries and coastal areas are keenly aware of the tremendous natural vitality of this kind of environment. We are also, rather belatedly, aware of how quickly this vitality can disappear if there is no protection. For areas as fragile as these and as yet untouched, the protection of the wilderness classification is particularly appropriate.

For the Semidi Refuge any intrusion by man would almost have to be a radical alteration of the environment because in its present state that environment offers little opportunity for human use. Were this not such an important area for such a great many species of wildlife and were it not quite so fragile, we would not hesitate to consider allowing for human intervention.

We urge the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to do all in its power to preserve these islands as a wild area.

Sincerely,

Wallace Kaufman

Wallace Kaufman  
President

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# SAGUARO ECOLOGY CLUB

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6737 N. 60th Street  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85253  
March 5, 1973

Dear Mr. Watson:

We of the Saguaro Ecology Club strongly support the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's proposal for a Semidi Islands Wilderness. The islands' unique environment for nesting seabirds is extremely valuable at this time, as our country is suffering from a severe lack of such prime wildlife habitat. The natural state of these islands also offers an unparalleled opportunity to study the delicate seacoast ecosystem. Wilderness designation will ensure the islands' protection for the study and enjoyment of all generations.

Thank you for allowing us to express our views. Please make this letter part of the official record.

Sincerely,

*Bruce Rauner*

Bruce Rauner  
Saguaro Ecology Club

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MAR 12 1973 **NATURALIST CLUB OF LAGUNA HILLS**

P. O. Box 2034

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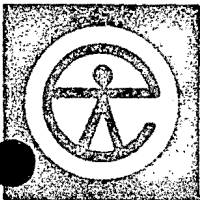
Gentlemen:

The Naturalist Club of Laguna Hills, 350 strong, urgently supports the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness addition. This would provide legal protection for this wilderness island sanctuary, assuring the preservation of its wonderful natural qualities. Such wilderness areas are badly needed.

Sincerely,

NATURALIST CLUB OF LAGUNA HILLS

*M. E. McVey*  
Conservation Chairman



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March 7, 1973

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813 D Street  
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in strong support of wilderness designation for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Our organization, which is composed of over 700 individual members and about 75 organizations, is very concerned over the ever-decreasing amount of wilderness in our country to support wildlife. We are especially concerned when wildlife areas such as the Semidi National Refuge is threatened with any kind of development or commercial use.

Please put us on record as strongly supporting the designation of the entire wildlife refuge as wilderness. We would like to be able to think that our children or grandchildren will be able to study or see the birds which are so endangered now, and for which there are so few places left.

Sincerely,

*Joan Wolfe*  
Mrs. Willard E. Wolfe  
Executive Director

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# ARIZONA CONSERVATION COUNCIL

Box 11312  
Phoenix, Arizona 85061

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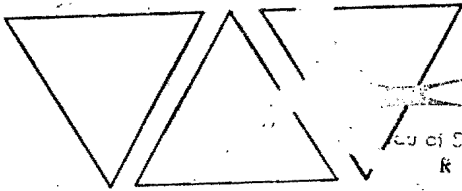
Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

At it's monthly meeting of March 1, 1973 the Arizona Conservation Council Reviewed the proposal for the Semidi Wilderness of Alaska. I am pleased to report that the council membership voted to endorse the proposed wilderness as presented by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. We are grateful for this opportunity to support the wisdom of President Roosevelt, other conservationists and the Bureau for the benefit of a refuge for such a great number of sea birds and other wildlife.

thank you again.

Sincerely,

Lyndon Keefer  
Chairman  
Arizona Conservation Council



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Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
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Dear Sir:

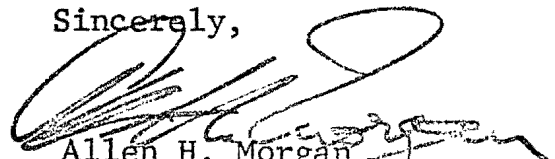
I am writing on behalf of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, to urge you to add the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

At this time, when the fate of many seabird colonies, from chemical and oil pollution of the oceans and from human disturbance, hangs in the balance, this remote area and its millions of breeding seabirds should be afforded every protection possible. You are doubtless aware that the Puffin colonies in Scotland's Hebridean Islands have been dramatically reduced in numbers in recent years. Early counts indicated that up to 3 million pairs of Puffins formerly bred there; present estimates indicate that these numbers have been reduced by 80-90% in the last few years. Although the reasons for the decline are unclear, the British Trust for Ornithology has undertaken a crash program to analyze the effect on Puffins of ocean pollutants known to be present in nearby waters.

Regardless of the fate of seabirds elsewhere, we sincerely hope that those in the Semidi Islands will be well protected and will continue to thrive. The islands uninhabited status, the lack of large scale human activity in the area, and the difficulty of landing on them would seem to make them ideal candidates for wilderness designation. Their lack of mineral resources and the fact that provision can be made for commercial fishing to continue should soften the opposition of those with interests in these areas.

We sincerely urge you to act on this proposal immediately and to work quickly to bring to a conclusion arrangements necessary to include this refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,



Allen H. Morgan  
Executive Vice President

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Anchorage, Alaska

March 12, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 "D" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Our organization which maintains a reclamation center here in Baltimore County and takes pride in being the oldest consistently run such center in Maryland, do respectfully urge that the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area be designated.

We believe that the entire wildlife refuge (both islands and submerged lands) are qualified to be added to the Wilderness System.

Although we are not residents of Alaska, we do look at it with great admiration and many of our members hope to visit it as tourists some day.

We do encourage the growth of Semidi as a national wildlife refuge. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

*Norma Marshall*

(Mrs.) Norma Marshall

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P.S. Our group consists of students mainly, and we are very concerned about the future of our earth and do feel that we owe it to our children and grandchildren some day to inherit the earth in all its beauty.

Box 2281  
Ketchikan, Alaska  
March 12, 1973

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Dear Sirs:

We, the Tongass Conservation Society, Chapter of the Alaska Conservation Society, Ketchikan, Alaska request that the Semidi area including submerged lands surrounding this island wildlife sanctuary be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Maybe these islands are not the most ideal wilderness area but they have ideal location and climate for million of sea birds, and marine mammals who soon will be crowded into the open sea or out of existence.

The waters around these islands must be included in this wilderness and only then can the islands retain their true wilderness status. Even when we request this Semidi Wilderness, we must realize much more land must be retained and put aside for wilderness study and eventually made into wilderness areas.

Our wilderness areas are the only chance for our endangered species of both animals and birds to survive the human element. Man has become too greedy and with dedicated supervision, our chances of survival become better.

This statement is not lengthy or pointed statement, but rather a plea for the preservation of the Semidi Wilderness Proposal, that man and earth may live together in harmony, supplying our needs and all other creatures their needs and that our future generations may see what we see and eat what we eat, and breath good pure air.

Thank you.

Tongass Conservation Society

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March 17, 1973

MRS. RICHARD E. MC COACH

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries + Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in behalf of the Kellogg Audubon Club of Mansfield, Ohio - an affiliate of the National Audubon Society.

Our membership would like to add their support to the recommendation of the U.S. Fish + Wildlife Service that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness

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### Preservation System.

The wilderness condition of these islands is necessary to the continued survival of many species, affording a haven for some which have become endangered elsewhere. Therefore, we are hoping that legal protection in perpetuity may be established.

Yours very Truly,

Mrs. Richard E. M'Coach  
Kellogg Audubon Club,  
Mansfield, Ohio

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Anchorage, Alaska

The Conservation League  
110 West 71st Street  
New York, New York 10023

Leonard R. Graydon, Chairman

March 19, 1973

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Gordon W. Watson, Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
United States Department of Interior  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson,

The Conservation League would like to thank you for your efforts in sending us the brochure on the wilderness proposal for Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. Our review of the summary wilderness study indicates its conclusion that all of the lands and submerged areas of Semidi be designated as wilderness are both sound and necessary.

While Semidi's total land area is small and its accessibility for wilderness enthusiasts is limited, it is nevertheless important that Semidi receive the highest order of statutory protection so as to preserve it as suitable habitat for its vast populations of pelagic birds. In addition to the colonies of seabirds, two endangered species - the bald eagle and peregrine falcon - occur on the islands. An undisturbed environment, as provided by classification of the entire refuge as wilderness, would be the most appropriate management policy to adopt in order to preserve these wildlife resources.

The islands certainly qualify for wilderness; no non-conforming uses are in practice in the refuge boundaries except for some commercial fishing which will not be effected by the change to wilderness status. No developments or management policies are planned by the Bureau that conflict with the administration of the refuge as a wilderness area.

The Conservation League therefore urges that the conclusions of the study be presented to the Secretary of the Interior and that the Secretary recommend to the President that all of the islands and submerged lands of Semidi be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

*Brune Picchi*  
Brune Picchi.

# The Southern Oregon-Northern California Wilderness Coalition

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Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

The Southern Oregon-Northern California Wilderness Coalition is a confederation of organized conservation groups and individuals in the southern Oregon-northern California region dedicated to preserving the last of our wild areas.

We would like to go on record fully supporting the Bureau's wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Joe Walicki*

Joe Walicki  
Coordinator

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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Wilderness Proposal Committee  
Alaska Conservation Society  
Kodiak Chapter  
P. O. Box 751  
Kodiak, Alaska 99615

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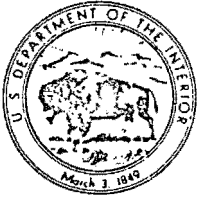
SUBJECT: SEMIDI WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

Dear Sir:

The ACS, kodiak Chapter, would like to go on REcord in favor of the Semidi Wilderness Propasal, DUE to the unique bird resourses, and habitat.

Sincerely

*Chris D. Billings*  
Chris Billings



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 5, 1973

Mr. Richard J. Myhre, Assistant Director  
The International Pacific Halibut Commission  
P.O. Box 9, University Station  
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Mr. Myhre:

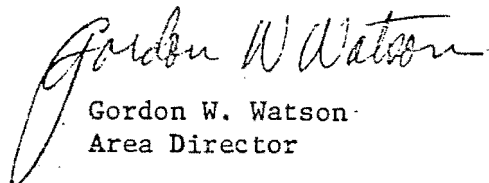
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We invite you or your authorized representative to present the views of your department at the public hearing or to submit them to me in writing by March 23, 1973.

Sincerely yours,

  
Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director

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BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Alaska Area Office  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

January 5, 1973

Mr. Nels A. Anderson, Jr., Executive Director  
Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Inc.  
P.O. Box 237  
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

Dear Mr. Anderson:

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Sincerely yours,

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Alaska Area Office  
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January 5, 1973

Mr. Willie Hensley, President  
Alaska Federation of Natives  
1675 C St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Hensley:

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Section XV: COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D St  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Madam (or Sir):

I am writing in SUPPORT of the designation of the

Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

as WILDERNESS. We have traveled twice in that area of Alaska and have been deeply impressed by the abundance of wildlife and the truly wild feeling of the area. We support strongly the value of wilderness for both scientific and aesthetic reasons, and urge that you do all in your power to help protect the area.

Yours,



Andra Adelberger  
5038 Nicklas Pl NE  
Seattle Wash 98105

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Feb. 19, 1973

Semidi Wilderness Alaska,  
I want you to know that I support  
the designation of Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge as  
wilderness. I feel that it is  
important in order to keep  
these islands unchanged.

(Mrs.) Iola M. Adomeit  
2432 Kenilworth Road.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

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MISS RUTH E. ADOMEIT  
2432 KENILWORTH ROAD  
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44106

Feb 9, 1973

area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D street  
Anchorage Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

Though Ohio is far removed from  
Alaska I want to preserve our  
wilderness areas here in Alaska  
just as much as I would if I could  
be nearer to them.

I understand support is needed for  
designating the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

I certainly hope this can be done.  
If you have petitions to this  
effect I would be glad to get  
signatures of other Ohio nature lovers.  
Sincerely

Ruth E. Adomeit



I V ANDERSON  
13008 E MAXWELL AV  
SPOKANE WA 99216

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Area Director,  
813 D. St.  
Anchorage, Alaska.  
Dear Sir:

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

I am a retired Forester. Back in the 30s I became a member of the Wilderness Society because I thought the true ecosystems of the wild areas were fast disappearing. Today I see a greater need than ever for protection of the remaining wild areas of the N. American continent by mandate of Congress.

I believe areas such as the Semidi N. W. I. Refuge should be included in the Wilderness system because they contain bird life and other fauna found only in that area. I hope your efforts to give this area such protection are successful.

Sincerely yours,

I V Anderson

From the desk of —

JAMES BAIRD

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69 Harnwell Ave  
Littleton Mass 01460

13 February 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

Please record me as being in  
favor of designating the Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

Thank you

Sincerely  
James Baird

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Bozeman, Montana  
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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Dear Sir:

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

I am writing you to express interest in and approval of the proposal to designate the Semidi Islands as a wilderness national wildlife refuge. Although I have not visited these islands, I have read a great deal about them and have seen films, and it appears to me that they definitely deserve priority as a wilderness area.

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Recently I have retired to live in Montana on 189 acre strip of timber land which I have owned for 15 years, and I have become greatly alarmed by the declining wildlife population over these years. Thus, I feel strongly that there is little time to waste if we are to save the wonderful wild creatures of this planet.

Best wishes for the success of this proposal.

Very sincerely yours,

*Gertrude Baker*  
Gertrude Baker, Ph. D.  
Rt. 2, Box 220  
Bozeman, Montana 59715

January 11, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

I recently received the brochure concerning the  
"Semidi Wilderness Proposal."

Living in the city but at the same time having a  
great love for the wilderness and all wildlife, it  
made my day to see the striking photos of Semidi.

My family and I are 100% in agreement for the  
proposal to include Semidi within the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.

Please!

Very truly yours,

*Mrs John Bankos*  
Mrs. John Bankos  
1436 N. Snelling Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

I urge you to support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness, since the pelagic bird colonies of this area require a wilderness condition in order to survive. This is an opportunity to preserve the natural qualities of a unique area, an opportunity all too rare in this day and age.

Sincerely,

~~Charles N. Barrett~~

CHARLES N. BARRETT  
P. O. BOX 899  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98111

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MRS. CHARLES G. BENNETT  
BOX 264, ST. REGIS, MONTANA 59866

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813 D. ST.

Anchorage Alaska

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs

Please designate the Semidi  
National Wild Life Refuge as Wilderness  
The birds need Wilderness Conditions to  
survive.

Charles G. Bennett

Alice B. Thompson

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Carl Thompson

101 Brookline St.

Pepperell, Mass. 01463

Feb. 19, 1973

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Director,  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries + Wildlife,  
10 Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you concerning the <sup>record</sup> proposed Semidi Wilderness. Please include this letter in the hearing

I wish to strongly commend the Bureau's proposal for inclusion in this Wilderness Area of the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge (256,000 acres - consisting of the island and the remainder being submerged lands). This is a very far sighted proposal since this refuge contains habitat for millions of seabirds and also a sanctuary for the endangered peregrine falcon and the American bald eagle.

I urge quick approval by the Bureau in that this proposal might be speedily sent to the President. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Edward K. Bennett

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David B. Benson  
Nancy E. Benson  
NE 615 Campus St.  
Pullman, WA 99103  
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BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

DEAR SIR,

THIS IS A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE  
PROPOSED INCLUSION OF THE SEMIDI NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE WITHIN THE NATIONAL  
WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM. I REQUEST  
THAT THIS LETTER BE MADE PART OF THE  
HEARING RECORD.

THE ENTIRE PROPOSAL IS EXCELLENT!  
RESERVING THE SUBMERGED LANDS ALONG  
WITH THE ISLANDS IS IMPORTANT FOR  
CONTINUED FIELD BIOLOGICAL STUDIES IN  
FOOD CHAINS, ECOLOGY, ETC., UNDER  
CONDITIONS OF MINIMAL HUMAN  
INTERVENTION.

MOST HEARTENING TO ME IS TO  
LEARN THAT THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE  
AND THE PEREGRINE FALCON ARE FOUND  
IN THE REFUGE. THIS ALONE IS SUFFICIENT  
TO JUSTIFY INCLUDING SUCH A LONELY  
GROUP OF ISLANDS IN THE WILDERNESS  
SYSTEM.

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Anchorage, Alaska

675 County St.

New Bedford, Mass.  
02740

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Please record me emphatically  
in favor of wilderness designation  
of the Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge.

Most earnestly yours,

Gladys Blackmer

WILDERNESS PROPOSAL  
TYPED COPY OF LETTER OF TESTIMONY FOR SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.  
WOULD NOT COPY DUE TO COLOR OF PAPER.

Mike Boyd  
825 W. Co. Rd. B  
St. Paul, Minn. 55113

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

This letter is written in response to your proposal to include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I am very much in favor of putting the Semidi Refuge in the Nat. Wilderness System.

As a Forester (B.S. from Univ. of Minn. - Mar. 1971), I realize that it is important to have wilderness areas that man can study. Wilderness areas are the only places man can compare his man-altered environment to, and then see what affects man has had on his environment. There should be enough wilderness in every different type of climate and vegetation types so that man can always compare his environment to the natural; with climate and vegetation being the same.

I have visited the BWCA part of the Superior Nat. Forest many times (also worked there for three summers) and found that people enjoy the wilderness visit. When people visit any wilderness, they learn more about themselves as well as nature. Perhaps some day I can visit the Semidi Wilderness.

Sincerely yours,  
Mike Boyd (original signed)

Feb. 7, 1973

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am writing concerning the Semidi  
& National Wildlife Refuge. I heartily  
recommend that this entire area of  
256,000 acres of islands and submerged  
lands be included in the National  
Wilderness System. It's value as  
habitat for seabirds is well known  
and it is imperative I believe to  
preserve every possible acre still  
important to any form of wildlife.

Please include my recommendation  
as the inclusion of this important refuge  
in the public hearing record.

Sincerely yours,  
Kathleen E. Braeuninger

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Suite 110  
Bryn Mawr Medical  
Bldg  
Bryn Mawr Pa  
19096

Dear Sir:-

Please designate Kodiak  
as National Wildlife Refuge and  
a Wilderness Area - It is a  
rare natural habitat for many  
endangered species of eagle, falcon  
& sea bird. We cannot afford to lose  
this area. Thank you  
Museum 5 Buerk Trail

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1511 E. Gresham Rd.  
Waterloo, Iowa 50701  
February 17, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear sir;

After study of the characteristics of the Semidi Wilderness of Alaska, I support the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service, that this areas be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System, particularly because it is a sanctuary for sea birds and also for the preservation of the species of plants growing there.

Yours truly,

*Myrle M. Burk*  
Myrle M. Burk

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Dear Sir

It seems to me essential that  
we preserve our wildlife for the  
future. Surely, the designation of  
Snoqualmie National Wildlife Refuge  
as wilderness is an important  
step in this preservation. We  
cannot let selfish interests  
destroy such beauty and life!

Sincerely,

Shirley Bushman

4501 MIDVALE AVE N #204  
SEATTLE, WASH 98103

MRS. EUGENE BURTON BUTLER  
1960 BROADWAY, APT. 3 • SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94109

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Feb. 19, 1973

Sir:

I strongly urge that the  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge  
be designated as Wilderness.  
Kindly exert every effort in doing  
so. We must save whatever  
there is left to be saved.

Respectfully

Dorisella Baldwin Butler (Mrs. E.B.)

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HAMDEN, CONNECTICUT 06517

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Feb. 10, 1973

Dear Sir,

Being an ardent supporter  
of nature conservation  
under its many aspects,  
I would be most grateful  
if you would use  
your influence for the  
designation of your off  
shore Semidi Islands  
wildlife refuge as a  
wilderness area as well.

Thank you

Edmée Carter

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BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES

813 - D - Street

Anchorage , ALASKA STATE 99501

RE: Suggested Ecology Programs in '73,

DEAR SIRs :

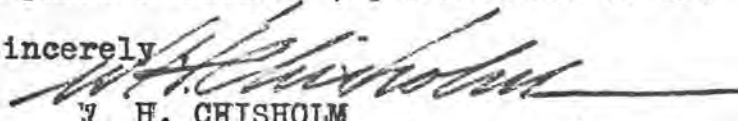
It is definitely recommended that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge areas be designated as natural wilderness as indicated in the study recently received.

It is hoped that this will be a big year for the Federal and individual state ecology and conservational programs and the additions of more state and federal park and wilderness acreage in all areas.

The Department of the Interior along with most conservational organizations should vigorously protest the pipeline development scheme as suggested by a few special interests. Petroleum reserves should be marked for these areas, but developments at this time postponed.

The bureau of wildlife is indeed encouraged to establish new wilderness areas and added parks in all of the regions and various states. The vast majority of American citizens favor and support ecology today. Best wishes , and if you have a map of Alaska and the area parks available , please send to me. Thank you.

Sincerely



W. H. CHISHOLM

Member, The Wilderness Society

Bradley Collins  
402 15th Ave. E.  
Seattle, Wash. 98112  
January 18, 1973

Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
United States Dept. of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for your notice informing me of the upcoming hearing. I would like to register my support for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Proposal. However, I would also like to express my regret that such proposals are so few. The time to accomplish wilderness proposals is rapidly passing and in most cases has passed. I can only demonstrate my concern and urge that more be done in the time we have left.

Sincerely,

*Brad Collins*  
Brad Collins

Please note my change in address for future notices.

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Anchorage, Alaska

Keith Cook  
c/o B.L.M.

Division of Fire Control  
4416 Airport way  
Fairbanks, AK. 99701.

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, AK. 99501

Dear Sir:

I as an Alaskan resident support and encourage the designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge to be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

For myself, I believe that we need wilderness and nature to help us keep our sanity and health in the complicated world that we now have. I'm not against progress but decisions must be made now to protect what few fragments of wilderness that are left.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Keith Cook

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Dr. and Mrs Charles Coston  
301 S. Eastbourne  
Tucson, Arizona 85716  
Jan. 16, 1973

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Watson;

Please include this letter in the hearing record for Semidi Wilderness Proposal.

Although we are among the vast number of people who have never visited these islands and probably never will as bird watchers and frequent visitors to other wildernesses we feel we can comment on the proposal.

Wilderness status will not only not interfere with these islands role as refuge lands, but will enhance the protection afforded the colonies of birds. The strict regulations regarding motorized vehicles and other developments under wilderness status will ensure the wildlife of an undisturbed habitat. We feel these islands should receive wilderness status.

Sincerely,

*Gordon Coston*  
*Charles Coston*  
Dr. and Mrs Charles Coston

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MRS. FRANCIS V. CRANE  
P. O. BOX 248  
MARATHON, FLORIDA 33050

February 20, 1973

Area Director,  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife,  
813 D Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

Dear Sir :-

I am writing to urgently support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a WILDERNESS AREA. Such an area is, as research has shown, a necessity for the survival of many kinds of wildlife and is especially true of extensive pelagic bird colonies who presently use this area for nesting.

In the interest of conservation of these natural beauties and wonders, I beg of you to please designate in perpetuity the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and its submerged lands surrounding the island group as WILDERNESS AREA.

Very sincerely,

*Mary W. A. Crane*  
Mrs. Francis V. Crane

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Mr Gordon W. Watson, Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A hearty endorsement is given to the proposal that no development or change of the habitat on the SEMIDI ISLANDS in the Gulf of Alaska be made. Favorable support to this action will be appreciated.

Very truly yours

*Mrs L.J. Crouch*  
Mrs L. J. Crouch  
10401 Del Rio Road  
Spring Valley  
California 92077

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60-A Madbury Rd.  
Durham, N.H. 03824  
February 16, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Recently I read a report that the Fish and Wildlife Service has recommended that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the Wilderness Preservation System. Writing only as a private individual, I should like to express my conviction that this is a well-founded recommendation which should be implemented as soon as possible. Even to the great majority of us who will never see this refuge, which is unique in itself, or the far greater relatively unspoiled areas of Alaska of which it is a part, it is of vital importance that remaining areas of this type be preserved in a manner which guarantees their natural integrity.

Sincerely,

*Robert M. Davis*

Robert M. Davis

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Anchorage, Alaska

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RR #4

Billings, Mont.  
59102

Dear Sir,

Recently I read that the Semidi  
ational Wildlife Refuge is to be  
nsidered for inclusion in the wilderness  
system.

This proposal has my wholehearted support!  
The entire area, both land above the  
water and that which is submerged should  
be under the Wilderness Act.

If there are hearing records, please enter this  
letter. Thank you

Sincerely

Jan. 22, 1973.

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Director G.W. Watson,  
Dept. Interior,  
D. Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Sir:

Though I have never visited the Semidi Islands in the North Pacific, I have studied and have published about Pacific Island Groups in the Pacific Ocean, Canton Atoll on the Equator, and Fiji) and have botanized in the Atlantic (Bermuda, New Providence).

From studying the U.S. Dept. Interior informative brochure about the Semidi Wilderness Proposal of 1972, I certainly judge the proposal a very good one indeed deserving approval.

Alaska,

*Dr. Otto Seegener*

Naturalist, Hawaii National Park, 1929  
Bot. Consultant for Canton Atoll, CAA, 1950, 1958  
Author, Naturalist S.P. Expedition: Fiji, 1945  
" , Flora Hawaiiensis, Books 1-6

2700 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007

January 20, 1973

Mr. Gordon W. Watson,  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

Subject: inclusion of the  
Semidi Nat.  
Wildlife Refuge into  
the Nat. Wilderness  
Preservation System.

Dear Sir,

On the occasion of the Public Hearing scheduled for February 20, 1973, I wish to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed inclusion of the Semidi Islands Nat. Wildlife Refuge into the National Wilderness Preservation System, as suggested by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. I believe that future generations of Americans will indeed be grateful for the preservation of this grandiose and unusual area in its completely natural state.

Please include my statement in the Hearing Record. An acknowledgement of this letter would be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*Hanna De Vegh*

Member,

(Hanna De Vegh)  
Capital Hiking Club  
Audubon Naturalist Society  
The Wilderness Society

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

813 D St

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

For the hearing record; acknowledgement requested.

This is in support of the Bureau's proposal for wilderness designation for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, both land and sea-floor.

Too little wilderness remains; too many acres have been diverted to man's economic (short-term) aims. It is my hope that effective means will be taken to prevent commercialization of access to the wilderness.

Sincerely,



R M Doerr

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P. O. Box 619  
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701

February 12, 1973

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson,

Please make our statements part of the record for the public hearing of the wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

We favor including all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We urge that commercial fishing be prohibited within the boundaries of the Semidi Refuge. While fishing may not at present conflict with the management objectives of the Wildlife Refuge or of the Wilderness System, such intrusions of human activity are incompatible with the idea of a Wildlife Refuge or a Wilderness. Furthermore, commercial activities have a way of increasing at the expense of wildlife or wilderness. A logical time to terminate commercial fishing in the area would be when the Semidi Refuge is included in the Wilderness System. This action should also lessen the administrative work necessary in the area.

We support renegotiating the fishery zone agreement with Russia so as to exclude the Semidi Refuge from the loading and unloading zone, as was done in the renegotiation with Japan.

We urge that no administrative facilities be built in the Semidi Refuge area.

Thank you for the informative report on the Semidi wilderness proposal.

Sincerely,

*Patricia H. Douglass*  
(Mrs.) Patricia H. Douglass

*Robert M. Douglass*

Robert M. Douglass

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Route 2 Box 361 CCC  
Wilmington, N. C. 28401  
February 9, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

We strongly support the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the conservationists that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be designated as wilderness. We see a great need to protect as much of our wildlife as possible in their natural habitats. Only then can we ever hope to preserve them for future generations.

We wish you much success in your efforts.

Sincerely,

*Mr. and Mrs. David M. DuMond*

Mr. and Mrs. David M. DuMond

Retired

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Rt 5 Box 5665  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Jan 23, 1973

Mr. Gordon W. Watson, Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Anchorage, Alaska

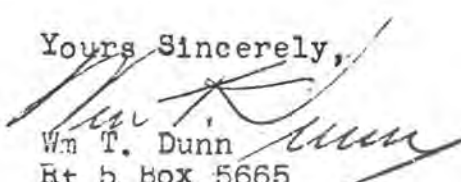
Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for your kindness in sending me a notice of the hearing on inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for the exceptionally well got up and sensible brochure telling about the islands.

Since it is not likely that I shall be in Anchorage around the time of your public meeting on this very desirable proposal I would appreciate this letter being placed in the record as most heartily favoring the addition of the Semidi Islands to the National Wilderness System. I can not imagine any reason for it to be opposed.

While I may never have an opportunity to visit the Semidis it will be a continuing source of a good inner feeling to know that they have been preserved and protected as a home for the wild creatures of the sea and air from now on. Just the same, now that I know where they are, the Semidis are a place I will try to see some time, even if only from the air.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Wm T. Dunn  
Rt 5 Box 5665  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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WILLIAM S. EMERSON  
BRISTOL ROAD  
DAMARISCOTTA, MAINE 04543

January 12, 1973

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Department of the Interior  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you very much for sending me the notice of the hearing regarding the Semidi Wilderness Proposal. It appears to me to be an excellent one and I urge very strongly that the Semidi Islands be declared Wilderness. These islands are ideally suited for that purpose and that purpose alone.

However, I do strongly recommend that commercial fishing be in no way allowed to encroach on this wilderness or in any way interfere with the birds nesting there. There is absolutely no reason why these interests need do so.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Emerson

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sirs,

15 February '73

I would like to see the  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge included  
into the National Wilderness Preservation  
System.

I've traveled in thirty-three  
states in the U.S. and have found that  
man continues (at an ever increasing  
rate) to interfere with wild areas  
throughout the country. I've seen  
little or no regard for fauna and  
flora. And should this practice continue,  
what will be left?

Is man's greed going to be the  
victim?

Please - save as much land,  
water, and wildlife as possible - and  
more.

Sincerely,

Phyl  
Albuquerque,  
New Mexico

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207 W. 1st St. N.E.  
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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Please include the following statement in the hearings regarding the wilderness proposal for Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Preservation of lands in a wild and natural state is essential if we to save for future generations representative ecosystems, organisms and their environment. Semidi Islands qualify in every regard as wilderness and as important biological habitats which should be preserved. I support completely the wilderness proposal.

Sincerely

*Kimball S. Erdman*

Dr. Kimball S. Erdman  
Professor of Biology

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CALVIN M. FAIR, D.D.S.  
P.O. BOX 369  
SOLDATNA, ALASKA 99669

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Area Director, B.S.F.W.  
813 "D" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We would like to be put on record as favoring a Semidi National Wilderness Area to be included in and protected under the National Wilderness Act.

We offer our enthusiastic support for the Bureau's fine Wilderness proposal for the Semidi Islands and the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Respectfully,

*Calvin M. Fair*

*Martha Jane Fair*

Calvin M. Fair, D.D.S.  
Martha Jane Fair

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Box 13335  
Spokane, Wash.  
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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska  
99501

Sir:

As an exploration geologist who sees the need for both wilderness and reasonable development of natural resources, I whole heartedly support the proposal that the Semidi Islands be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The unique beauty and ecological system of the Semidi Islands is indeed a very valuable natural resource.

Respectfully,



Phil R. Fikkan  
Geologist-Exploration

February 9, 1973

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Alaska Area Office  
813 "D" Street  
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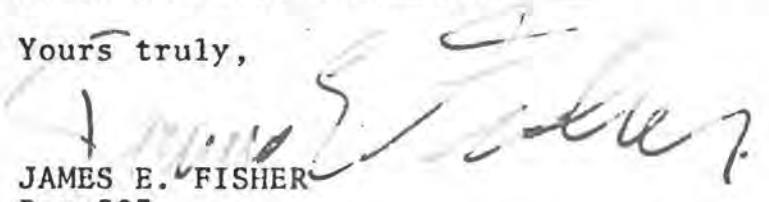
Re: Semidi Wilderness Area--Proposed

I, as a relatively long time resident of Alaska, recommend the widest possible reservation for the Semidi Wilderness Area.

It is my contention that such reservations have been the only way which we in the U.S. . . have historically preserved the wild and natural lands which provide us with such a wonderful heritage-- for those which are still available to us.

Failure to make this reservation will be a further contribution to the thoughtless destruction which man has visited upon the North American Continent.

Yours truly,

  
JAMES E. FISHER  
Box 397  
Kenai, Alaska  
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February 10, 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Consider *this* as a letter of strong support for the recommendation that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness System.

We **MUST** retain some of our choice environmental quality areas in their wilderness state. The pressure of short-sighted people is on - so hold fast to your recommendation.

Sincerely,

*Andrew D. FitzGerald*

Mrs. M. B. FitzGerald  
2223 Spruce Street  
Billings, Montana 59101

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Office of the Area Director  
Fairbanks, Alaska

January 25, 1973

Dear Sir;

This letter is in regard to the proposal by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to designate the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I support this proposal completely. This action will preserve for all time this choice piece of island-ocean environment. Please make this letter a part of the official hearing record. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gregg Foote

7144 Orchard St.

Lincoln, Nebr. 68505

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Area Director      Browning, mont.  
Bureau of Sport  
Fisheries & Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska      Feb. 15, 1973

Dear Sir:

Have been reading that the Fish & Wildlife Service, after studying the Semidi Nat. Wildlife Refuge, have recommended that it be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

To my mind this would be an ideal solution, our unspoiled lands are disappearing too fast. And we as a nation, along with other nations need to put the brakes on destroying unspoiled lands. We in Montana in spite of open space, have problems on the destruction and overuse of our public <sup>land</sup>. In ~~Montana~~ <sup>Arizona</sup> I saw 4 padlocks on the gate into the Refuge for the Mexican duck. again I urge that the decision be for inclusion of the Semidi Refuge in the wilderness System.

Thank you

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BOT 187, Browning, mont.      Della S. Frankel

Pauline F. Gartner  
233 Broadway, Room 1130  
New York, New York 10007

February 15, 1973

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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Sir:

This city is far away from yours, but distances are becoming smaller and smaller with the encroachment of MAN on NATURE.

The time is at hand to be aware of the value of natural life - that part of our existence which we cannot replace once it is destroyed.

This letter, therefore, is to register thru membership in the Wilderness Society my support of the wilderness designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

*Pauline F. Gartner*

Pauline F. Gartner



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SCHOOL OF FOREST RESOURCES  
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305 ROLFS HALL  
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MAILING ADDRESS

CHARLES G GELTZ  
1521 N W 7TH AV  
GAINESVILLE, FL 32601

AREA DIRECTOR  
BUREAU of SPORT FISHERIES  
and WILDLIFE  
813 D STREET  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501

Dear Sir:

As an OBSERVER - AND PRACTITIONER of  
CONSERVATION - SIXTY YEARS ON THE SCENE

I WISH TO GO ON RECORD - IN SUPPORT of  
THE ENTIRE WILDLIFE REFUGE (ISLANDS AND SUBMERGED LANDS)  
IS RHINENTLY QUALIFIED for ADDITION TO THE WILDERNESS  
SYSTEM.

I WHOLE-HEARTEDLY ENDORSE THE FISH AND WILDLIFE  
SERVICES PROPOSAL - TO RETAIN IN THE NATURAL STATE. AND  
IS MY UNDERSTANDING - THAT COMMERCIAL FISHING WITH  
MOTOR-POWERED BOATS WOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED FROM THEIR  
USUAL BASES of ~~OFF~~ OPERATIONS, AND THEIR RIGHTS ARE NOT  
FRINGED.

SUPPORT - for THIS POSITION IS SOUGHT FROM THE  
DELEGATION - IN CONGRESS: SENATOR LAXTON CHILES,  
DELEGATION Hon. BOB SIKES AND COLLEAGUES

Respectfully SUBMITTED - for inclusion of  
PLANS.

Sincerely,  
Charles G. Geltz

For your information:

THE WRITER HAS SERVED AS A CONSULTANT  
FOR INTERIOR - IN THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION  
1961-1962: - TO DIRECTOR CHARLES A. GODDARD -  
RESOURCE PROGRAMS.

1962 - TO DIRECTOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
CHARLES H. GODDARD

1964 - June - Sept: SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF SUMMER CAMP  
FOR INTERIOR - AT WOLF SPRINGS FOREST  
MINONG, WISCONSIN

IN PREPARATION - TRAINING SUPERVISORY  
PERSONNEL FOR PROPOSED CONSERVATION CORP  
WHICH LINED UP IN SOB CORPS (LBS)

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ED CARLSON - REGIONAL DIRECTOR - SPORTS FISHING ATTENDS  
NAT REED - ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FISH - WILDLIFE  
AND NATIONAL PARKS

CORRESPONDENT - TO Hon. WALTER HICKLE DURING HIS  
INTERIM STAY IN WASHINGTON

WE HOPE - YOU ACHIEVE YOUR DESIRED WISHES,  
TO RETAIN THE WILDERNESS NECESSARY AREAS TO PRESERVE

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Directly  
"G. H. H. H." Jeth

Museum  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska 99501

23 January 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

With regard to the Semidi Wilderness Proposal, I hope that a treaty similar to the one recently renegotiated with Japan, in which the Semidi Refuge has been removed as a fishery loading and unloading zone, is forthcoming with the Soviet Union.

That they might be used as a fishery loading/unloading zone is probably the most imminent threat to the islands, remote as they are. I may prove to have been naïve to conclude this, however, the tentacles and influence of fossil fuels industry being what they are.

Suffice it to say that the Semidis, remote as they are, wild and beautiful as they are, support one of the largest breeding groups of Fulmars and Common Murres in Alaskan waters; for this reason alone they should be retained as wilderness.

Sincerely yours,

*Daniel D. Gibson*

Daniel D. Gibson

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Anchorage, Alaska

February 12, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Please record my strong support for including Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert H. Giles, Jr.*

Robert H. Giles, Jr.  
Professor  
Wildlife Management

RHG:jm

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p. o. BOX 13307 • GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA 32601

January 22, 1973

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
U.S. Dept. of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

I wish to commend the Bureau for its excellent wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I wish to go on record as favoring the Bureau's proposal in its entirety and would appreciate this position being recorded in the official hearing record.

Sincerely yours,



J. Richard Gilliland



P. O. BOX 457

CHOTEAU, MONTANA 59422

(406) 466-2177

Feb. 13, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage

Dear Sir:

I will not be able to attend the Public Hearing on February 20, 1973, for the Semidi Wilderness off the coast of Alaska but I would like to offer my support to those who are asking that this area become a Wildlife Refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We need many more Wildlife Refuges added to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

*K.H. Glason*



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FRANK H. GOODYEAR  
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ERYN MAWR, PENNSYLVANIA 19010

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Feb. 16, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

As a citizen, I would like to give my 100% support to making the entire Semidi Wildlife Refuge a Wilderness Area in our Wilderness System.

Yours sincerely,

*Frank H. Goodyear*  
Frank H. Goodyear

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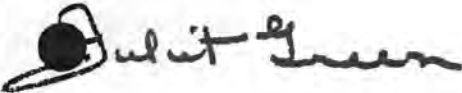
1745 N. Gramercy Pl.,  
Los Angeles, Calif. 90028  
Feb. 16, 1973.

Area Director;  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,  
813 D Street.,  
Anchorage, Alaska 99601,

Dear Sir:

I support the proposal of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, islands and submerged lands, be added to the National Wilderness Preservation system.

Yours truly,

Robert Green

I. N. HAGAN • CHALK HILL, PENNSLYVANIA 15421

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

I enthusiastically endorse the scheme for the inclusion  
of all the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge within the  
National Wilderness Preservation System.

I would further urge a ban on all fishing in the area.

Yours sincerely,

*I. N. Hagan*  
I. N. Hagan

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9 February 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
& Wildlife

813 D Street.

Anchorage Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Re wilderness Hearing Alert of

SEMI-DI-WILDERNESS

And Public Hearing at Larrabee Library  
Anchorage Alaska.  
There are several islands:

AGHIYUK

ANOWIK

KATEEKUK

KILIKTAGIK.

ALIKSEMIT

SOUTH

CHOWIET

are not bothering us, let's  
not bother them and leave them

in their pristine state.

Everything you guys and gals  
can do to accomplish this  
will be most appreciated.

Sincerely

Ely, Leonore and Valerie  
Harmowity

2601 Solari Drive  
Reno NV

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possible we preserve great tracts of  
this earth in its primitive state, un-  
damaged by man. The Semidi Refuge  
of islands and submerged lands is such  
a place. Until man can be educated  
to respect nature, rather than destroy  
it, to realize that his spiritual  
life depends on his respect and  
preservation of the natural gifts given  
him, we must act vigorously and  
with alert vigilance to safeguard  
such still-remaining wilderness as  
the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely yours,

Isabella Halsled

February 14, 1973

998 MEMORIAL DRIVE  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries + Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

FEB 16 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir: -

I emphatically support the  
recommendation of the Fish + Wildlife  
Service that the Semidi Wildlife  
Refuge be included in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.

We, on the Atlantic coast, who see  
less and less of nature left in a  
natural state, are many of us as  
concerned as you more fortunate  
people on the Pacific that wherever

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I support the proposal to  
designate the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge as a  
wilderness area

Lydia John-Hansen

172-3rd Ave

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Fort Banks A.K. 99701

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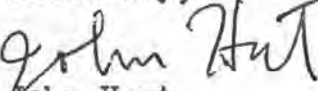
Dear Sir:

I am writing to support the Bureau's proposal for 256,000  
of wilderness in Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska.

Your idea of extending wilderness protection to surrounding  
waters seems to be a good one, in spite of rather major  
non-conforming uses which would presumably would be specially  
recognized in establishing legislation.

I hope that the Bureau will press for the elimination of any  
activities in the surrounding waters, present or proposed,  
which could be damaging either to the Refuge wilderness or  
to the purposes for which the Refuge was established.

Sincerely,

  
John Hart

C. C. HAWLEY  
CONSULTING ECONOMIC GEOLOGIST  
BOX 48E, STAR ROUTE A  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99502  
907 - 344-3450

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
813 "D" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

I support Wilderness Status for the Semidi Islands, primarily because of their exceptionally valuable bird colonies, and secondly because of their location and lack of current development.

I also wish, however, to express my general displeasure with inclusion of any lands in wilderness status without physical examination, including geologic mapping. This should be done for its scientific value and also to have a preliminary inventory on mineral potential.

The Semidi Islands lie on the seaward extension of the belt of rocks that includes the Chugach Mountains and most of Kodiak Island. This belt does, at other places, contain resources of chromium, gold and copper; hence, valuable minerals could occur on the Semidis.

Sincerely,

*C. C. Hawley*

C. C. Hawley

ams  
cc H. W. Olmstead

4 Porter Avenue  
Burlington, Mass. 01803

January 15, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

United States Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

Please make this statement as part of the official hearing record for the wilderness proposal for Semidi National Wildlife Refuge:

It is my view that all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge should be included within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Very truly yours,

*George F. Herben*  
G.F.H.

George F. Herben

P.S. I appreciate, as an ex-Alaskan, receiving these proposals. I expect to return to Alaska within a year or two. Meanwhile, I have moved from Big Moose, N.Y., 13307 to 4 Porter Ave, Burlington, Mass. 01803. / Please change your mailing list to reflect my new address and continue to send me these and similar notices. Thank you.

G.F.H.

1323 THIRTY-FIRST STREET  
OGDEN, UTAH 84403

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Area Director  
Bar. of S P & W  
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Clifford McLean, Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We support your proposal to  
include the Semidi Wildlife Refuge  
in the National Wilderness Preservation  
System.

Sincerely,

  
J. M. Herbert

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Yes! Make Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge A WILDERNESS - by all  
means!

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

*Dear Sir:*

*I commend the Bureau's recent  
recommendation to include the entire  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge - Alaska  
in the National Wilderness Preservation  
System. I strongly urge that this  
recommendation be implemented. Please  
include this letter in the hearing record.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jeffery A. Higgins*

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my support for the proposed Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and sincerely trust that you will regard this communication as a vote supporting the conservation of areas like this for wild life.

Sincerely,

*S. William Hollingsworth, Jr.*  
S. WILLIAM HOLLINGSWORTH, JR.  
23832 Tiger Mountain Rd.  
Issaquah, Wa. 98027

3036 Riverfront Drive  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
January 22, 1973

Area Director  
Bur. of Sp. Fish. + Wildlife  
813 or 318 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir -

Semide Refuge

This is to encourage you to include the  
Semide National Wildlife Refuge in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System, and to record  
my opinion as much in favor of it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Louise Hollister

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

AREA DIRECTOR  
BUREAU SPORTS FISHERIES & WILDLIFE  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

116/ Feb. 13, 1973.

We support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge for addition to the Wilderness System.

As this Wildlife Refuge is out side of the known major Petroleum reserves, contains no mineral deposits, and as Wilderness designation will not restrict vessels engaged in fishing. We see no major reason why wilderness designation should not be given.

The good Lord knows that we vitally need to save what little we have left in this world, that is still as Nature intended it to be.

Sincerely,

Mary R Hollopeter  
J. R. Hollopeter

Gilt Edge RT.  
Lewisohn, Mont.  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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DEAR MR. WATSON,

I received the brochure on the Semidi Wilderness Proposal, and after reading it concluded that "all" of the 256,000 acres in the Wildlife Refuge should be included in the wilderness system. An area as unique as the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge should be preserved in its natural state forever.

If at all possible, could you tell me how much of the wilderness proposed or studied has been included in the wilderness system. Also how much more wilderness has to be studied before the ten year period ends next year.

Could you tell me if the Atomic Energy Commission has left Amchitka Island & cleaned up all the mess they created. Thank you, RICHARD HOLTkamp

RICHARD HOLTkamp  
1468 FREMONT  
ST. PAUL, MINN. 55106

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1604 Bellaire Dr.  
Casper, WY 82601  
February 10, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife proposal for the Semidi Wildreness.

The birds are having a difficult time now, as man encroaches on nesting area for all sorts of birds. As a member of Murie Audubon and the National Audubon Society, I am reminded of the difficulties every month.

Unlike a refuge in Wyoming, the birds seem to be on the Semidi islands in great numbers, and the islands should be given permanent protection by including them in the Wilderness system.

Please include my views in the hearing record.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Phoebe L. Holzinger

*Phoebe L. Holzinger*

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Robert C. Hooper

48 Brewster St. Feb 15<sup>R</sup>  
Cambridge, Mass.

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 A Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

May I add a voice  
from all us Alaskans in  
support of the plan to  
designate Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge as wilder-  
ness. Perhaps we also

Robert C. Hooper

live where so little of  
the wilderness is left  
have a deeper apprecia-  
tion of its desirability;  
but I am confident that  
all of us, Alaskans and  
visitors, will benefit  
from such a designation.

Sincerely yours,  
Robert C. Hooper

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120 South 35th  
Boulder, Colorado 80303  
February 19, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I would like to applaud the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, including submerged lands surrounding this island wildlife sanctuary, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. It is important that the Refuge be afforded the legal protection provided by Wilderness designation in order to permanently preserve its natural qualities.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

*Unison R. Hubbard*

Unison R. Hubbard

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Mrs Thelma Lee Hubbell  
4331 Lk. Wash. Blvd. NE  
Kirkland, Washington 98033

Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife,  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501  
Area Director.

Dear Sir: -

I support the designation of  
Seward National Wildlife Refuge  
as a wilderness area

Yours truly,

Thelma Hubbell

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

SUBJECT: Proposal to include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I would like to enter written comments into the hearing record regarding the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I would like to support the proposal of placing the Semidi Refuge into the National Wilderness System. It seems that the best and most beneficial use of the area would be for it to remain in its present use as a wildlife habitat area and as a scientific study area.

The remote location is an asset because the near inaccessibility helps preserve its natural resources. Since no development or physical manipulation is planned, a wilderness designation would alter no plans.

Sincerely,

*James A. Hulme*

James A. Hulme  
608½ Union Avenue  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

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Anchorage, Alaska

January 29, 1973

United States Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501


Re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge,  
Notice of Public Hearing Regarding  
Wilderness Proposal.

Dear Sirs:

Please accept this letter as my support for the  
Wilderness Proposal concerning the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge . I have read over the brochure  
distributed, have noted in the Alaska Department of  
Fish and Game regulations the area is already closed  
to hunting, and believe this unique island system  
would be a positive addition to the National Wilderness  
System.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
J. A. (Jim) Hunter  
President

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Whitworth College  
Spokane, Wash. 99218  
February 15, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

We support the inclusion of the islands and submerged lands of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. We believe the area should be protected before it has a chance to be degraded. Please put this in the hearing record.

Sincerely,  
*Thomas P. Hurlock*  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Hurlock

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Anchorage, Alaska

628 East Fifth Avenue, Suite 202  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
January 22, 1973

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Please enter this letter into the official views at the public hearing concerning the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge hearing. From the report issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior and from personal observation, I wish the following paragraphs taken into consideration concerning this matter.

The natural remoteness of the Semidi Islands assures reasonable prevention of encroachment by the people or the projects they might entertain. If ever there was a natural wilderness, these islands are now indeed natural wilderness. I do not believe it prudent to establish a management program to see that this natural wilderness be made into a wilderness program.

Since there were no cost estimates given in order to manage the proposal, it is therefore my opinion it would be imprudent to endorse such a proposal with such an apparent carte blanche endorsement. There were many facts given concerning this proposal in the booklet, some of a technical and precise nature; but there were quite vague references to administrative procedures for the future.

Thoughts included in this letter are from the writer and four other members of my family. Please accept this letter as indicating five votes against the Semidi Wilderness Proposal.

Sincerely,

  
W. R. Hutson

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Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

M.E. "Pete" Isleib  
Box 424  
Cordova, Alaska 99574  
February 10, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing in relation to the proposed classification of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge change to a Wilderness area as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and the public hearing concerning this subject in Anchorage on February 20, 1973. I heartily support this additional classification to further protect the Semidi Islands in their entirety.

While on the subject, I trust that the Bureau is seriously considering changes in their makeup of personnel (both office and field) from the stereotype and for the most part archaic, pilot-admin.-waterfowler to biologists that can deal with the spectrum of ecosystems that have in the past been largely ignored. (I.E. "sea-birds"). We both know that while the Semidi Islands have been in the refuge system since 1932, and is relatively close to ports in Kodiak and Chignik no-one has made more than brief transient visits to the area to view it. And the avifauna of the area is at best very poorly known, being only roughly "guessed". The thorough catalogueing of the refuge is one of any number of projects that could be done with the "ALEUTIAN TERN" during the coming field season. Hoping that the typical budget cuts haven't precluded the use of this vessel and projects that could be accomplished with it.

Very sincerely yours,

  
M.E. "Pete" Isleib

Feb 13, 1973  
3049 Montrose St. N.W.  
Seattle, Wash 98107

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir: Let the birds keep  
the Semki National Wildlife Refuge.  
They need it for breeding and feeding.  
You have my vote.

Sincerely

(Miss) Constance Isolation

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Keven Jackson  
6101 Charlotte Dr.  
New Orleans, La.  
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and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of the B.S.F.W.'s Simidi  
Wilderness proposal, for an area which is obviously  
most suitable for such protection. Your efforts to-  
ward this proposal have been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Keven Jackson  
*Keven Jackson*

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MRS. WILMOT R. JONES  
KENDAL-AT-LONGWOOD  
CHADDS FORD, PA. 19317

February 16, 1975

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99561

Dear Sir:

I am happy to have the opportunity to add my voice (pen) to those of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, The Fish and Wildlife Service, other members of The Wilderness Society and all other caring persons in support of keeping the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as it now is and incorporating it permanently (including the submerged lands surrounding it) into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I can hardly see how anyone can be against this proposal when there are no minerals, the weather is not conducive to tourism, the fishermen aren't interfered with and preserving the status quo will, among thousands of other birds, perhaps preserve our national bird. Voting for this proposal is like being against sin and for motherhood--you get a good name at no expense.

Please add my name to a list that I hope will be as numerous as there are birds on the islands and fish in the seas around them.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Jones*  
Mrs. Wilmot R. Jones

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Lincoln, Nebr. 685  
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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my support for the wilderness proposal prepared by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for the SEMIDI National Wildlife Refuge in the hearing record.

There is no economic reason why wilderness should not be established. There are no known mineral deposits. The refuge lies outside major petroleum provinces of Alaska. The refuge lands are not covered by the Alaska Native Claims Act of 1971. The only major economic use of the area (waters only) is commercial fishing, which will not be affected by bestowing wilderness status upon Semidi.

The valuable resource here is the wilderness of the refuge and the millions of birds protected there. Among the birds are the endangered bald eagle, and peregrine falcon. The isolation of Semidi and the stronger proposed wilderness protection may contribute to the possible future existence of our national bird.

Leaving the land in a natural state (wilderness) means no development, and no added cost to taxpayers.

As a student beginning studies in general ecology, I can see the Semidi providing a valuable laboratory for studies of coastal ecology. Wilderness protection will assure this laboratory and a more secure future for the refuge.

Sincerely yours,

Pete Juve

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

John A. Karel  
1609 Paris Road  
Columbia, Missouri  
65201

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Dear Sirs

I recently heard of the proposal of the Bureau to maintain the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in a wilderness condition and be added to the Wilderness System. I ~~do~~ live in Missouri but have spent several months in Alaska and feel that, for all Americans, Alaska is an important and symbolic place.

I think your proposal is far-sighted and well-advised. We who are concerned with the Alaskan environment are proud of the Bureau's decision for this remote refuge and support you fully.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

John A. Karel

Feb. 16, 1973,

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,  
Anchorage, Alaska. . 99501

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Dear Sir,

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

With the closing of the hearing record scheduled for March 23, 1973, I hasten to petition you for a favorable consideration to designate Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area. The efforts to preserve these lands for such wildlife as still survives in the world can only be furthered by understanding the critical state in which past generations have placed them.

We want our American Heritage to benefit future Americans and others too. Thanking you for this attention, I am

Sincerely yours,

Nichalina Keeler

(Mrs. F.B.K.)

9 Rogers Place  
New Britain, Conn.

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D St.,  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Dear Sir:

Office of the Area Director

Re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

We urgently request your support of the Wilderness Society's recommendation that the entire refuge area, including submerged lands surrounding this island wildlife sanctuary, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours very truly

*Mr & Mrs R. D. Reich*

Mr & Mrs R. D. Reich  
21115 Eaton Rd  
Fairview Park, OH 44126

Also following friends:

Mr & Mrs Geo Theurer, Fairview Park, Ohio  
Mr & Mrs A. Platzer, North Olmsted, Ohio  
Mr & Mrs J.W. Irwin, Bay Village, Ohio  
Mr. John Haas, Rocky River, Ohio  
Mr & Mrs H.K. Jarvis, Westwood, N.J.

McElmo Rt. Cortez, Colo. 81321.

Jan. 12, '73.

Gordon W. Watson, Director.  
Bureau Sport Fisheries & Wildlife,  
613 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska. 99501

I appreciate your sending me the brochure regarding the Semidi Wilderness Proposal.

I seems to me that this area is fully suitable for inclusion in the National Wilderness System. and I concur with your conclusions.

I can not attend the hearing but you may include this in the report.



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10 Emerson #503  
Denver, Colorado 80218  
Jan. 21, 1973

Area Director, Bur. Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear sir:

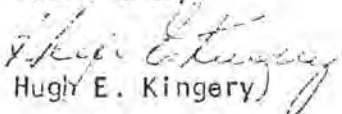
I submit this letter to the Hearing Record on the  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness.

I strongly support the Bureau proposal  
to establish Semidi as wilderness, under the  
Wilderness Act of 1964. I don't think, however,  
that public use must be maintained as secondary  
to protecting the breeding birds on the islands.

My experience last summer in Alaska indicates that  
where bird cliffs are accessible, they are subject  
to predation by man. In particular, I note that  
Alaska natives do not observe the restrictions,  
if any, against collecting eggs or shooting edible  
birds, regardless of the season. Years ago, when  
these formed the only source of food for the natives,  
such industry was admirable; but today they have  
access to guns and motorboats so that a collection  
which was regulated by difficulty has been made  
easy.

Therefore, I urge preservation of Semidi, and the  
maintenance of it as a remote refuge, difficult  
of access to man.

Yours truly,

  
Hugh E. Kingery

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Support Wildlife  
Refuge for Semidi  
Islands.

John C. Kouklis  
JOHN C. KOUKLIS  
207 N. 6 ST.  
TACOMA WASH 98403

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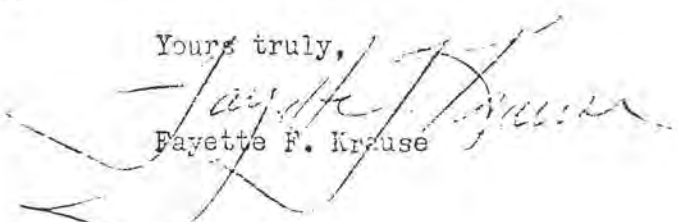
Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dr. Fayette F. Krause  
3640 Bagley N.  
Seattle, Wa. 98103

Dear Sir:

I recently read that the Fish and Wildlife Service recommended the inclusion of the Semidi Nat'l Wildlife Refuge in the Nat'l Wilderness Preservation System. I would like to voice my strong support of this recommendation and urge that wilderness status be conferred on this area as quickly as possible. While I have not visited the area in question, my wife and I have had the privilege of visiting similar islands where millions of sea birds breed. It was truly an awe-inspiring experience. The Fish and Wildlife Service is to be commended for this far-sighted proposal. Again, I urge the swift enactment of the recommendations.

Yours truly,

  
Fayette F. Krause

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Jan. 21, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street,  
Anchorage,  
Alaska 99501

Mr. Langworthy and I shall be unable to attend the public hearing on the Semidi Wildlife Refuge on Feb. 20, 1973, therefore we are writing to urge the recommendation that that area be placed within the National Wilderness Preservation System. The remote area of 8,422 acres is well qualified under the Wilderness Act.

A personal note: Kindly remember us affectionately to Mr. Joe Blum. We visited Alaska two years ago, but unfortunately missed seeing him.

Respectfully yours,

*Mrs. N. B. Langworthy*

Mrs. N.B. Langworthy

808 S. Umbra Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21224  
February 15, 1973

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I understand that you are holding hearings regarding the advisability of declaring the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge to be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I wholeheartedly concur with such a procedure and feel that you are indeed displaying not only wisdom for such a sensible and needed plan but that you are also displaying a really intelligent plan for the future.

Although I have not personally visited the area, I do hope to some day to view the birds from a vantage point that will not disturb them. I would be opposed to any and all fishing activities within the area and feel the inclusion of Semidi Refuge under Wilderness designation would be most vital.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*Sirkka T. Lee*

(Mrs.) Sirkka T. Lee

P.S. Of course, although I am not a resident of the state of Alaska, I feel that all Americans should support any area in our country that will preserve it for future generations.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Public Hearing - Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Sir:

I note there is to be a hearing on the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge for the purpose of including it in the National Wilderness preservation system.

Having been an Alaska visitor four times in the space of two years, and captivated by a whole gamut of Alaskan areas (from St. Petersburg to Sitka to Juneau to Anchorage to Fairbanks to Tanana to Anaktuvuk Pass, and areas in between) I would advocate the most earnest kind of consideration be given to inclusion of wilderness areas into the national system because from my vantage point in the lower 48, I am increasingly aware of the number of people who want to consider and plan to visit Alaska. This can well become your greatest industry in that state, and planning for it is important in arranging the territory into a setup where people can enjoy the land on the basis of its primitive beginning which is one of the greatest attractions the State of Alaska has.

Very truly yours,

LINDQUIST CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

  
George W. Lindquist

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ERIC LINDROTH, M.D.  
MEMBER LOS ANGELES COUNTY MED. ASSOC.  
2133-C VIA PUERTA  
LAGUNA HILLS, CALIF. 92653

Jan. 22, 1973

The Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
830 D Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re.: Semidi Nat. Wildlife Refuge  
Wilderness Proposal

Dear Sir:

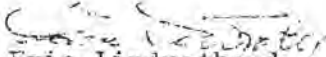
Well, here is the wonder of wonders: a Wilderness proposal where probably the conservationists, the bureaucrats and the politicians can all agree that a 100% protection under the Wilderness Act ~~protection~~ should be provided .

This is evidently an area so inaccessible, windblown and foggy that nobody but the millions of seabirds and marine animals could scratch a living about the Semidi islands in foreseeable time. Nine principal islands and many rocks for a total of 8,400 acres of land, together with submerged land, making in all 256,000 acres of Refuge.

We as preservationists and conservationists are extremely grateful and fully agree with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's proposal for Wilderness of Semidi.

Please make this letter a part of the public hearing in ~~An~~ Anchorage, Feb. 20th, 1973.

Sincerely,

  
Eric Lindroth and  
Mrs. Eric L-th

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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1119 Orchard Way  
Silver Spring, MD.  
20904  
February 18, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
+ Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I support the recommendation of  
the Fish and Wildlife Service  
that the entire Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge, including  
surrounding submerged lands,  
be included in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,  
Thomas V. Lucas

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ROBERT H. McCARTER, M. D.

82 MARLBOROUGH STREET  
BOSTON, MASS. 02116

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February 15, 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I urge designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a Wilderness area. This means both the islands and submerged lands. It is a priceless heritage that needs the legal protection such designation would give.

Sincerely,

*Robert H. McCarter*

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Robert H. McCarter, M.D.

Jan. 20th, 1973

Dear Sirs,

As an individual citizen from California, there is nothing I would rather do than attend the Public Hearing of the Wilderness Act on Feb. 20th, 1973. Since I cannot do so, I would like to go on record as being as terribly in favor of the Bureau Wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I only hope those attending will see the Semidi Islands as a needed haven for the many kinds of birds.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. J. Wazze  
40 Code Cordova  
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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

In regard to the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I would like to urge that it be classified as wilderness. Inasmuch as it is such an important seabird nesting area, and has been found unsuitable for other uses, please add my voice to those who have already testified in favor of wilderness classification for this area.

Sincerely,

Mrs. J. D. [Signature]  
Box 307, Douglas Alaska 99824

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February 17, 1973  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

John A. Miller  
805 Salmon Fish Street  
Seattle, WA 98115  
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Office of the Acting Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

This letter is intended to officially register my strong support ~~you~~ for your proposal to designate the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a federal wilderness area under terms of the 1964 Wilderness Act. This remote wildlife refuge should be preserved as is so that future generations can enjoy such endangered species as the peregrine falcon and American bald eagle. I would hope some day to visit this area with my young son and observe the wildlife in their natural habitat.

The foresightedness of your department in proposing this designation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
John A. Miller

Box 308,  
Silver City, New Mexico 88061  
February 16, 1973

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Dear Sir:

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

As a conservationist I strongly favor the Semidi Wilderness Proposal and recommendations by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge which lies in the Gulf of Alaska, about 35 miles from the Alaska Peninsula and some 110 miles southwest of Kodiak Island, whereby all of the 256,000-acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge consisting of submerged lands, and having nine small islands and associated offshore rocks containing some 8,422 acres, would inclusively be designated as the Semidi Wilderness for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

This is an excellent wilderness proposal. The entire refuge is of tremendous value and importance in serving to provide essential habitat and to sustain a great concentration of wildlife.

It is very fortunate and highly commendable that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge was wisely established in 1932 and also that it has been so appropriately administered since that time to yet remain in completely natural and seemingly undisturbed condition suitable for wilderness designation. Since wilderness designation does not remove or alter such an area's status as a National Wildlife Refuge, but also promotes added protection and preservation of its wilderness character, this refuge can serve its most valuable purpose throughout the future in having the added legislative and administrative protection which the Wilderness Act affords.

Please include this letter in the hearing record.

Respectfully yours,

*W. B. Miller*

W. B. Miller  
Box 308  
Silver City, New Mexico  
88061

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Department of Zoology  
Utah State University  
Logan, Utah 84321  
January 22, 1973

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is in reference to the proposed classification of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska as wilderness.

This remote set of islands provides virtually undisturbed habitat for myriads of sea birds, marine mammals, and even one species of terrestrial mammal. The islands are of no economic value to any humans and provide an excellent, unchanged area well suited to wilderness classification. This is a region which should be left as it is, in a primitive and beautiful state.

I fully support the proposed classification of this refuge as a wilderness, and suggest further that human activities be stopped on the islands if they exist at present. Man can only upset the functioning of this isolated and interesting ecosystem.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen J. Montgomery

2004 Dolphin Road  
Lanham, Maryland 20801  
Feb 9, 1973

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I most enthusiastically support the designation of The Semidi Wildlife Refuge as a Wilderness under the Wilderness Act. I support the Bureau's recommendation that the entire refuge be so designated.

It is only sad that the entire sea enclosing these islands cannot also be designated wilderness to protect all the marine inhabitants. I can envision that the presence of commercial fishing would lead to certain violations of the islands too.

Sincerely yours

Robert F. Mueller  
Robert F. Mueller

Please include this letter  
as part of the hearing record

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Freehold, N.J. 07728

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dept. of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Gordon W. Watson, Area Director  
813D Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Your most interesting and thorough presentation of the Semidi Islands and your support for wilderness status is appreciated.

We heartedly support your conclusions.

We wish this letter to become part of the hearing record.

Sincerely,



Neal and Elsie Munch

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Anchorage, Alaska

Box 7  
Moose, Wyoming 83012  
January 14, 1973

Mr. Gordon W. Watson,  
Alaska Area Director,  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,  
813 D Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Watson:

You will no doubt receive testimony from the Washington office of The Wilderness Society regarding your wilderness proposal for Semidi Island<sup>s</sup> but since I have had strong personal interests in the Aleutians for many years, I am impelled to write to you, and hope this letter may be made part of the official record of the hearing to be held on February 20, 1973.

My late husband, Claus J. Murie, as you may know, did the biological survey of the Aleutians in 1936 and 1937 and was intensely interested in that whole part of the North. Surely, from every point of view, the Semidi group of islands belongs in the national Wilderness Preservation System.

I should hope that the inclusion of these islands in the Wilderness System would proceed smoothly.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret E. Murie*  
Margaret E. Murie

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Anchorage, Alaska

Bethel, Alaska  
11 February 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife,  
813 D Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the Wilderness Society recommendation that Semidi Nation Wildlife Refuge be designated as a wilderness area.

Sincerely yours,,

*Elfrida H Nord*  
Elfrida H. Nord

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife

813 "D" St

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

We believe with other conservationists that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge area of Alaska is qualified for addition to the Wilderness System. Wilderness designation would not restrict vessels engaged in fishing activities. It is also located outside the known major petroleum provinces of Alaska as well as those of mineral deposits. There is a wilderness condition here required for the survival of wildlife. The surrounding waters are rich in marine life which provide food necessary to sustain such a massive concentration of wildlife.

We, therefore, urge the inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge area in the Wilderness System.

Sincerely yours,  
Mr and Mrs. Floyd E. Orton

5 Feb 1973

Dear Sir:

I hereby express my support  
for declaring the "Lemli National  
Wildlife Refuge" as a designated  
"Wilderness Area".

Sincerely,

Lud H. Otto

Box 49

Tanana, Alaska

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Anchorage, Alaska

40 Morrison  
Cottrell Road  
Gibson Island, Md.  
21056

Feb 16, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport, Fisheries, & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I would like to have my  
endorsement of the proposed inclusion  
of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge  
in the Wilderness Preservation  
System included in the record of  
the hearing to be held on that  
subject in Anchorage next week.

I am a resident of Fairbanks,  
Alaska, temporarily out of the state.  
The Semidi Islands appear to be  
environmentally qualified as wilderness.  
I am in favor of their designation  
as such.

Sincerely yours,

Arny W. Paige

Nina Browne Parker  
3524 Paxton Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45208

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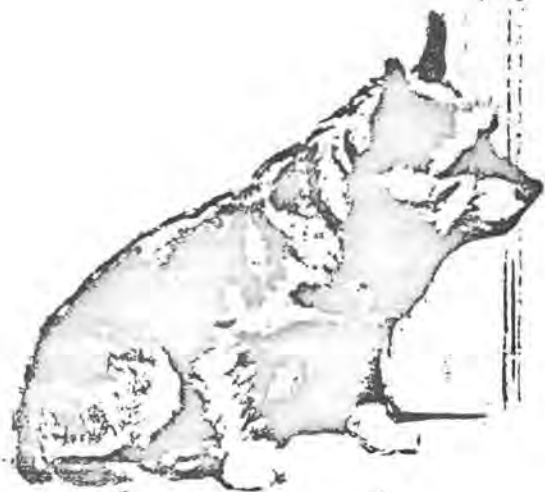
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The undersigned begs  
to urge the designation of Semidi  
Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

Respectfully

Nina Browne Parker



February 19  
1973

Sir:

I wish to be counted among  
those supporting the inclusion of  
the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge  
in the National Wilderness Preservation  
System.

Yrs.

Mrs. Robert L. Petersen  
1419 Fairfax Road  
Bellevue, Nebraska  
68005

Member National Wildlife Federation  
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Fairbanks, Alaska

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4 Ward Drive  
Angola, N.Y.  
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Environmentalist

Gretchen H. Stevenson,  
Conservationist

Arthur G. Wingerter,  
Landscape Architect

Area Director

Bureau of Fish and Wildlife  
513 D St. Anchorage Alaska 99501

Dear Sirs,

Mr. Peterson and I want to see the  
Seward National Wildlife Refuge  
be made a part of the National  
Wilderness Preservation System. Also

that the surrounding lands (submerged)  
will be made part of this wilderness to be  
forever preserved. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Grace Peterson

# Society for the Preservation of Natural Beauty and the Environment

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife

813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

We are enthusiastic over the establishment of the Semidi Wilderness, Alaska.

It will provide the habitat and survival of millions of seabirds which need wilderness to survive. Now is the time to act on this. We urge that this island refuge be part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. It is later than we think concerning wilderness preservation. Please make this part of the Public Hearing.

Very truly,

Mrs. and Mrs. Wilmer Peterson  
4 Ward Drive, Angola, N.Y. 14006

250 Paul St.  
Harrisonburg, Va. 22801  
February 9, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am so pleased to read about the proposal to include the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. This area which is the breeding lands for so many sea birds and also for the endangered American bald eagle and the peregrine falcon must be preserved and inclusion in the wilderness System is the best way in which to accomplish this. I thoroughly support your decision and would like this letter to be included in the hearing record.

Sincerely,



Ms. Marie B. Pettit

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Dear Sirs,

Let me add my voice to those who are urging Alaskans to preserve the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness refuge. Alaska is one of the few areas in the U.S. with the option to maintain land in the original state. Don't follow the rest of the U.S. into exploiting and ravaging of our land.

Thank you, Lee Petty

THE PETTYS

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Anchorage, Alaska

Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Watson:

Let it be known that I, as a citizen of the United States, STRONGLY AGREE that all or part of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I trust this letter will be used at any Public Hearing to show support of the above mentioned action from people "down below."

Let us hope we can maintain wisely what wilderness we Americans and other people have today.

With Hope for our Wilderness  
Sincerely,

*Walter C. Piotrowski*  
Walter C. Piotrowski, Biology Instructor-Field Biologist  
Consultant

321 Chippewa Street  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54701

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Mrs. P. E. Pichin

Tallmadge Lane

Litchfield, Connecticut 06759

February 14, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage  
Alaska 99501

Dear Sir;

It is heartening to learn that the Fish and Wildlife Service has recommended that the entire refuge area, including submerged lands, of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Such designation would insure that the existing colonies of pelagic birds would survive. I trust that my views in support of the decision of your bureau will be a part of the hearing to be held in March.

Sincerely yours,

*Hildegarde Pichin*

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Anchorage, Alaska

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George R. Pollard

Licensed Master Guide

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KASLOF, ALASKA 99610

Boiling Springs, Pa.  
February 7, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing in the capacity of member of the board of directors of the Kenai Peninsula Chapter, Alaska Conservation Society.

Our organization is in full accord with the B.S.F.W. proposal for a Semidi Wilderness Area. We feel that the highest and best usage of these islands lies in their preservation as a sea bird sancturay and nesting area. Because these remote islands offer nothing for human explbitation except their fog-shrouded beauty and birdlife, there should be no objection to giving them the complete protection of wilderness classification.

It is requested that this letter be included in the public hearing record.

Very truly yours,

*George R. Pollard*

George R. Pollard  
Board of Directors  
Kenai Peninsula Chapter  
Alaska Conservation Society



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January 19, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Re: Semidi Wilderness Proposal

Dear Sir:

I wish to state my support for including the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. A biologist immediately recognizes the value of preserving in an undisturbed state the nesting habitat of the sea birds found on the Semidi Refuge. The presence of the endangered peregrine falcon is additional evidence in favor of keeping Semidi free of development.

While the presence of large marine mammal and sea bird populations is of importance, the absence of terrestrial mammals other than the arctic ground squirrel is also of great importance to the ecologist. This is an unusual situation in terms of nutrient cycling. Have invertebrate populations expanded to fill the niches of the missing vertebrates? Is nutrient cycling slower, thus decreasing production on these islands? Many ecological studies could be conducted on the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in an undisturbed habitat if it is included in our wilderness system.

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ANAKENA, N. Y. 13695  
Forest Technician Program

ARRENSBURG CAMPUS  
ARRENSBURG, N. Y. 12885  
Charles Lathrop Pack  
Demonstration Forest  
Summer Field Program

Sincerely,

Roger A. Post  
Dept. of Forest  
Zoology

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

13 D. Street

Anchorage, Alaska

99501

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Ray C. Powell

Box 2285

Kodiak, Alaska

99615

Dear Sir:

I strongly support designating Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

A portion of our nation's wilderness heritage  
must be preserved today for those to enjoy in the years  
to come. Daily, natural areas are being threatened  
and destroyed at an alarming rate. Wilderness  
is the only way to go.

Sincerely,

Ray C. Powell

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# Christmas Farm Inn

JACKSON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03846 TEL. 603-383-4313

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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
213 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We are writing in support  
of your recommendation that  
all the Tundra National  
Wildlife Refuge be included  
in the National Wilderness  
Preservation System.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Craig Powell, Ph.D.  
Dr. Craig F. Powell  
011422  
Craig Powell

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8608-2nd Ave.  
Silver Spring, Md 20910.  
February 12, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813-D-Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This letter is in support of the Fish & Wildlife Service that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge & the entire refuge area including submerged lands surrounding this sanctuary be included in the National Wilderness Preservation Society.

We need these glorious places, both for our wildlife & our own enjoyment

Very sincerely,  
(Mrs) Frank D. Preston

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Anchorage, Alaska

Bert Puchter  
3 1/2 mi Goldstream  
Fairbanks, AK 99701  
Jan. 11, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street, Anchorage AK

Dear Sir:

In lieu of an oral presentation at the public hearing scheduled for Feb. 20, 1973 in regard to establishment of the Seward National Wildlife Refuge, Mr Puchter and I hereby want to express strong support for the establishment of this refuge.

Sincerely yours,  
Bertold Puchter

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RALPH REINHART SR.  
1745 STINE RD.,  
PENINSULA OHIO

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

February 10th, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Director:

Thank you very much for sending me the very complete brochure on  
the proposed wilderness designation of the

Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

located in the Gulf of Alaska about forty miles from the Alaska  
peninsula.

You are to be commended for suggesting that the entire area of  
256,000 acres both islands and submerged lands be included as  
wilderness. Wilderness it is and wilderness it should stay. This  
will protect the many kinds of marine birds that need a wilderness  
condition in order to survive.

Thank you again

Ralph Reinhart Sr.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

February 4, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
99501

Dear Sir:

We are writing to support the proposal that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System. All submerged lands in the 20-mile square area should also be included.

The isolation of this area, the lack of mineral deposits, and the large number of seabird nesting sites are all important points that argue for inclusion in the Wilderness System.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Elaine M. Rife*

Elaine M. Rife

*Richard N. Rife*

Richard N. Rife

842 Dogwood Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
99501

Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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7902 Brooklyn Bridge Rd.  
Laurel, Md. 20810  
Feb. 18, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Director:

I congratulate you on the proposal to have the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge declared wilderness. People have developed more than enough areas. It is high time to save some of the best natural areas for the native plants and animals.

The time to save species is before they get rare. If people continue to overrun all available areas, all native species will be exterminated. Native species are not only of interest in themselves to many humans. They may serve as indication of the amount and toxicity of poisons or serve as a reservoir from which new domesticated plants or animals may be bred.

Sincerely,

*Steve / McAdams*

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Miami, Fla. 33137  
Jan. 20, 1972

U.S. Dept of Interior  
Fish & Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D. St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge wilderness proposal

Sirs:

I wish to voice my support of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife proposal that the Semidi Islands be placed under the protection of the Wilderness Act.

I also appreciate receiving a copy of the proposal and a description of the Semidi Islands. Not many of us have been there.

Thanks,



Walker Roberts

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Feb 13, 1973

I support the designation  
of Lemhi National Wildlife  
Refuge as wilderness

Maybelle Roth  
1676 Ala Moana #910  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
96815

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Martha K. Rudnicki  
Radwyn Apts. H-19  
Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010

February 18, 1973

Dear Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife 157  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Dear Sir,

Although I am an easterner, I am very much interested in seeing the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge designated as a wilderness. I believe that Alaska has the greatest possibility of all our states in setting aside wilderness areas, and in guarding wildlife and natural resources of all our states. Whatever policies she now establishes will be vital to the protection in the future of greedy commercial interests. I sincerely hope that this wilderness area and wildlife refuge will be protected. I would be interested in seeing this refuge made available to ornithological groups who could study the bird habitat in a truly scientific method.

Sincerely,  
(Mrs.) Martha K. Rudnicki  
Social Science Teacher

THE REV. CARLETON SCHALLER JR.

16 SCHOOL STREET

LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03560

All Saints' Episcopal Church  
16 School Street  
Littleton, New Hampshire

The Church of the Messiah  
North Woodstock  
New Hampshire


February 14, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am very much interested in that wilderness concept as actualized legislatively in 1964 by the creation of a National Wilderness System. Accordingly, I write to you in strong and enthusiastic support for the addition to that system of the entire Semidi wildlife refuge. This remote area, so vital to a wide variety of sea and land birds, is eminently qualified for, and deserving of such protection as can only be provided by incorporation into the National Wilderness System. I personally may never have the chance to visit this wild region, but I would like to be a small part in its permanent protection as a national refuge. I hope you will use my letter toward that end.

Sincerely,

  
Carleton Schaller, Jr.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Robert W. Schery, ~~Frederick~~

Dear Sir,  
Feb. 19 1993  
Now I add my voice to others  
wondering- That the Soviet's will  
change to a more liberal  
classification. Certainly its position  
and technical characteristics qualify it  
for that more definitive classification  
of its true importance. 12th. Spring  
Robert W. Schery, ~~freedom~~

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Elfin Cove, Alaska  
February 7, 1973

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Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I would like to be counted as being in support of the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area. I think it is important to Alaska and the rest of the United States that this be added to our wilderness.

Yours sincerely,

*Agnes Schlosser*  
Agnes Schlosser

NEWCOMB, CLIFFORD, SCHREIBER & FLYNN, P.A.

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Office of the Area Director  
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Area Director  
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813 D Street  
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to your Department's wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I have read your proposal as submitted in compliance with Public Law 88-577 and here will voice my approval.

I find it necessary to go further and compliment the Fish & Wildlife Service for their continued and effective compliance with the Wilderness Act.

Sincerely yours,

Herman Schreiber, M.D.



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Area Director  
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813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

Dear Sir:

I am very eager to see the designation of  
Semi-; National Wildlife Refuge as Wilderness  
established. These are life sustaining the  
area need wilderness to survive. This will  
aid in keeping our national bird, the bald  
eagle protected. Kindly use this as part  
of the Public Hearing.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Katherine W. Schatz

Old Lake View Road

Hamburg, N.Y.

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RABBI MAX SELINGER, D.H.L.

314 SUMMIT AVENUE

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WILDERNESS PROPOSAL FOR  
SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE  
REFUGE - ALASKA

DEAR SIR:

PLEASE MAKE THIS DEPOSITION A PART OF  
THE HEARING RECORD FOR THE ABOVE PROPOSAL.

I AM IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE  
SEMIDI WILDERNESS PROPOSAL AS OUTLINED  
BY THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND  
WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR  
THEIR FORESIGHTED ACTION.

FAITHFULLY YOURS,

  
MAX SELINGER

425 Ammons Street  
Lakewood, Colorado 80226  
February 19, 1973

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LETTER  
C. J. ... Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Semidi Wilderness, Alaska

Dear Sir,

We are writing to advise you of our complete support in favor of the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. We believe that the many forms of wildlife present there will not only benefit from, but may require a wilderness condition in order to survive. Wilderness designation will provide legal protection for this wilderness island sanctuary and assure the preservation of its natural qualities.

Please include our letter in the record on the Semidi Wilderness hearing.

Yours very truly,

*James H. Shaner*  
James H. Shaner

*Teresa R. Shaner*  
Teresa R. Shaner

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Anchorage, Alaska

Star Route 4, Box 4613  
Anchorage, Alaska  
February 16, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I have studied your brochure concerning the Semidi Wilderness proposal, and would like to express my view that it is a highly desirable project.

It is never too soon to set aside a still wild, and unspoiled area as a wildlife refuge. The creation of refuges such as the proposed one will insure that coming generations of Alaskans and others also will be able to enjoy what we now take for granted.

I have a small hope that I may be able to someday visit Semidi and observe and photograph its birds -- but even if I never do, I will enjoy knowing it is protected.

Just wanted to get one citizen's views "on the record".

Sincerely,

*Clyde E. Shoe*

Mrs. Clyde E. Shoe

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon Watson  
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson,

I would like to have my views entered on the record in favor of establishing the Semidi Refuge. I feel a bird nesting area of this size should be protected.

Sincerely,

*Dan Shue*

Dan Shue

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627 D Street  
Cheney, Wa.  
Feb. 13, 1973

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813 D Street  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I want to go on record as strongly urging the inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

In my opinion, there is no valid reason why the Semidi Refuge should not be made part of our National Wilderness Preservation System, and many valid reasons why it should.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Emerson Shuck  
627 D Street  
Cheney, Washington  
99004

Sumner, Wa.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

San Juan Island Fisheries & Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

I Would like to ask that you do all in  
your power to establish The Semidi Island Group  
as a Wilderness, for the Benefit of the Sea Birds  
that make these islands their summer home &  
resting grounds.

I Put in a lot of years in Alaska, & know  
this area well.

Thanking you, I remain  
Yours Resp.

M. J. Siebenthaler.

M. J. Siebenthaler  
1313 McMillan Ave.  
Sumner, Wash. 98390

1022 Green Street  
Allentown, Penna. 18102  
February 14, 1973

Dear Sirs:

I would like to offer support of the Semide National Wildlife Refuge. It should be included in the National Wildlife Preservation System.

My only hope is that the waters surrounding the refuge will not be over-fished and that the water will remain unpolluted. Saving the birds means saving their environment which not only includes the islands but the surrounding water.

I trust that this protection offered to the islands & the birds themselves will not allow for the molesting of the birds whether they are on the islands, in the air in the vicinity of the islands, or in the seas surrounding the islands.

Sincerely yours,  
Linda L. Signarivitz

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THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY  
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DEPARTMENT OF PATHOBIOLOGY

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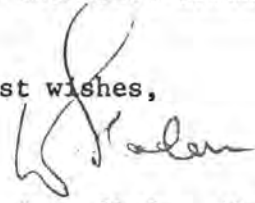
Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

This letter comes <sup>in</sup> full support of the  
Wilderness Proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge. Having spent most of my life studying sea  
birds in both Antarctica and the Arctic, I believe  
it is vital to preserve colonies intact and reduce  
disturbance to a minimum. This can only be done by  
declaring it a wilderness area.

Moreover, it is vital to take special care  
of sea bird habitats in preparation for the increased  
perturbation of mankind and his increased demand for oil.

With best wishes,

  
William J.L. Sladen, M.D., Ph.D.  
Professor

cc: Jim King

*Jim taking off for Moscow (with Joe  
Lindoski, Jack Lentfer, Col Levine & others  
on Sat 20th) Enclosed my proposal for  
your comments & hopes we can  
have a USSR person with us next summer*

Feb. 19, 1973

Charles E. Smith M.D.  
6501 Girard Ave. S.  
Richfield, Minn.  
55423

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
99501

Dear Sirs:

I will be unable to attend the public hearing on the Semidi Wilderness in Anchorage on Feb. 20. However, I would like to express my support for the Fish and Wildlife Service recommendation to include the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The islands are isolated and have few outside influences to destroy their present natural qualities. The tremendously varied animal and plant population can best be protected by their inclusion into the Wilderness System. Birds have been particularly hard pressed for survival during the last several years. In addition to having their habitat decreased by man's unconscionable exploitation of nature for himself, they are also the most adversely affected of the larger animals (at least to date) by pesticides and other chemicals. Protection of these islands would at least provide a large area of much needed nesting ground for these birds as well as provide an area which at least locally is relatively free of man's pollution.

I urge you to put the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge (islands and submerged lands) into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

*Charles E. Smith M.D.*

Charles E. Smith M.D.

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30 Boynton Street  
Worcester, Mass. 01609  
February 19, 1973.

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

From the Eastern seaboard I write to support the  
plea that the

SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

be designated part of the National Wilderness Preservation  
system. For the permanent protection of millions of seabirds of  
which we <sup>see</sup> far too little on our New England coast, do push  
forward this legislation. Surely you appreciate the value  
such a unique breeding colony has to your growing tourism as  
well as to visiting ornithologists.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary Alice Smith*

Member, Wilderness Society  
National Audubon Society

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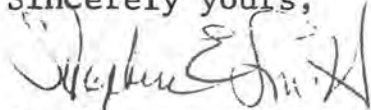
January 17, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

For every applicable moral, civic, patriotic philosophical and religious reason known to man I am in favor of the inclusion of all of the SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE within the National Wilderness Preservation System. I desire the Secretary of the Interior to make such a recommendation to the President of the United States, and would appreciate my desire being made a part of the minutes of the hearing to be held February 20, 1973 at Loussac Library, Anchorage, Alaska.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen E. Smith  
General Counsel

SES/rc

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Box 411  
Klickitat, Washington 98628  
February 12, 1973

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Having spent some time in the Kodiak Island area of Alaska and being generally familiar with the Semidi Islands environment, I wish to express support for classification of this area as wilderness, including the submerged islands.

This type of area is particularly adapted to such classification. Too much area, suitable for a multiplicity of uses, is being proposed for wilderness classification and practically non-use status. This Semidi type of area is, however, suited primarily for such classification, in my opinion.

Please make this letter a part of the official hearings record.

Sincerely,

*Ward Smith*

Ward Smith  
Forester

WS/bd

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

David Snarski  
304 Eureka St.  
Fairbanks, Alaska

U.S. Dept of Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service, BSF&W  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Dear Sir:

Please accept the following and include it in the hearing record for the Semidi Nat. Wildlife Refuge Wilderness proposal.

I fully support the BSF&W in its plan to designate the Semidi Islands as a wilderness area under the provisions of the Wilderness Act. Sea bird colonies are of special interest to me and I can fully understand why these unique natural phenomena must be protected and preserved. I was fortunate enough to become intimately acquainted with a similar, although probably much less natural and impressive, area. For a M.S. project at the U. of Alaska, I am involved in a study of the Black-legged Kittiwake population on Tuxedni National Wildlife Refuge, an area which has been given wilderness status, but which I am sure represents a much less pure wilderness than does Semidi. I succeeded in documenting two years of total or near total nesting failure there and had my eyes opened to the fact that not a whole lot is known about most of our Alaska sea bird colonies.

The Semidi Islands refuge bird populations probably exist in a much more natural state than do those of Chisik Island, which feed on Cook Inlet, an area of oil, shipping and other activity. All such areas as the Semidi Islands should be preserved and their unique natural bird populations should be given full protection. It would surely be tragedy to lose these natural phenomenon to mans careless activities before they are even superficially studied and understood.

Sea bird colonies are probably some of the most fragile of ecosystems and as such would be best managed as wilderness...this would include management of the actual breeding and nesting grounds and the surrounding areas of sea from which the birds obtain their nourishment while breeding, nesting and rearing young.

David J. Snarski

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Seattle, Washington 98125  
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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

I would like to express my support of <sup>this</sup> proposal that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. It seems that the wilderness designation would be the best way to preserve this area. In fact since the area is still in its natural state, now would be the time to act so the Semidi Wildlife Refuge will always remain in an unspoiled state and continue to serve its important function as a breeding and nesting area.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Susan C. Snover*

Susan C. Snover

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Anchorage, Alaska

P. O. Box 5267  
Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596

February 19, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Will you please include this statement in the record of the hearing on the proposal to include all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation System:

This is to express our enthusiastic support for the Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to designate as wilderness the total area of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding submerged lands.

Wilderness designation will not interfere with commercial fishing in the waters within the refuge. There are no known mineral deposits of commercial value. The known major oil resources of Alaska are located elsewhere in that state. Thus there appears to be no basis for powerful economic opposition to this proposal.

Massive concentrations of seabirds nest and breed on these islands. The rich marine life of the surrounding waters supports millions of birds of a variety of species, including certain endangered species such as the peregrine falcon and the bald eagle.

This wilderness proposal is excellent. It merits the strong support of all interested and informed citizens.

Yours very truly,

(Mr. and Mrs.) R. W. Solberg

Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Solberg

RWS/jlw

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Feb. 16, 1973.

Area Director  
Bureau Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
Anchorage

Dear Sir,

I strongly urge that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. There can be no question of such a move's conflicting, or interfering, with the interests of any commercial group. Its only value is as a wildlife refuge, and in this capacity will continue to serve a vital purpose.

Sincerely,

*Samuel Stanley*

Samuel Stanley  
3701 Conn. Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20008

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Walnut, Calif. 91789

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Fish and Wildlife Service

813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

I believe that all all of the Semidi National Wild life  
Refuge should be with-in the National Wilderness Preservation  
System.

Sincerely Yours,

M. B. Stark



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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Patricia Stark  
David Stark  
Box 31076  
College, Ak.  
99701

Dear Sir,

We are writing to tell you that we are in favor of giving the Sennidi National Wildlife Refuge wilderness status. This will not hinder commercial fishing and the island is not suitable for human groups.

Designating the Sennidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness will provide the legislative protection to the refuge, & will assure that it remains in its natural state for the use and

segment of this & future  
generations of Americans.

Sincerely,

Patricia Stark

Area Director, Bu. of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D. St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Johnstown, Pa. 15905  
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Dear Sir:

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

This letter is in relation to the Simi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska.

I wish to express to you my desire that this area be added to the Wilderness System. I am a retired school teacher who tried, during my teaching years, to instill love of nature, specially birds, into my teaching in having a Humane Club for my eighth graders, and also to have birds mounted by black in the late '20's and early '30's. I saw the birds every winter as high up as possible so numerous cats went out for them possible - I have no cats but there are too many in my neighbors homes.

I spent the last part of 72 days in Alaska in summer of '62 and thus I did see much of Alaska from the Grenadier Corvair over the route from Fairbanks to the Yukon River, to the McKinley camp grounds and out beyond the observation building for viewing Mt. McKinley, to Valdez, to Anchorage where we were guests of the Alfred Young family, to Lake Louise - I am a ret. Navy nurse - where we again shared the Young's cabin for a few days. We also spent a short time on the Adlai Rensinsul. of course I did not get out to sea except from the Air Force (or my) recreation camp when we were taken by boat out to sea to see the immense glacier out from Valdez and thus saw icebergs floating southward.

I am a Life member of our National Parks and Conservation Association and subscribe to "The Wildlife Society", "World Wildlife Fund", and the National

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Audubon society"; therefore, you understand that I have sincere desire to give my support to those who honestly, sincerely try to save wilderness areas where it is known that birds and other wild life find homes at least during parts of the year to rear their young so that our remaining species of wild life will not go the way of the Passenger Pigeon and other extinct species.

Sincerely,

*Margaret S. Steele*

(Miss) Margaret S. Steele, Lt. J. G. USN, Ret.,  
and a teacher 7 yrs. in  
local schools.

P.S.

My cousin and I were, indeed, very fortunate while in Fairbanks to discover that we could enroll in the University of Fairbanks for the course of one week on "Introduction to Alaska" which I believe was intended mainly for giving new teachers to acquire "a local background" on the vast state of Alaska before they began their years of teaching military and native school children; we enjoyed our one week of college very much - helping to pick up the persons enrolled in the course.

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Route 1, Box 114  
Spangle, Washington 99031  
February 4, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Sir:

I am writing to express approval of the proposal to place the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge under the Protection of the Wilderness Act. There appears to be no economic use or potential use of the islands which would be hindered by a "wilderness" designation. Such a designation would help to keep the islands in their present pristine state, unmodified by man. It is in this state that they have the greatest scientific value.

Sincerely yours,

  
William K. Steele

FOR THE HEARING RECORD

Feb 3, 1973

Dear Sirs,

The Daniel Steinbergs  
4174 Pomona Way  
Livermore, Calif. 94550

We were very pleased to receive a copy of the brochure describing the proposed Semidi Wildlife Refuge.

Although we will never see it, we will enjoy the company of the many birds who use it as part of their life cycle.

This proposal has our strong support. Sincerely,  
D. and Mrs. D. Steinberg

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon M. Watson, Area  
Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

This is to express my strong support for the Semidi Wilderness Proposal which will be considered at a public hearing in Anchorage on February 20, 1973. I have read the October 1972 Proposal.

I have never seen the Semidi Islands. I should like very much to see them but I may never have the opportunity to do so. I have seen Tuxedni and similar areas along the western portion of the Alaska Peninsula as far as Unimak Island, so I am familiar with the ecologic nature of the wilderness resource which the Semidi Islands represent.

I like the thought of these remote, wild, natural populations of sea birds maintained as they have always been, by purposeful action of man. Even though I may never see them I enjoy them vicariously through the eyes of biologists who visit the area, study it in its natural state, and report their visit through words and photographs.

I urge President Nixon and the U. S. Congress to designate the Semidi Island area a wilderness, as recommended in the Proposal.

Sincerely yours,

*Harold W. Steinhoff*  
Harold W. Steinhoff  
419 S. Shields  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

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9211 Lakeside Ave.,  
Anchorage, New York  
14006  
February 15, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Dear Sir,

Mr. Stevenson and I support the designation of Larrick National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. This is needed, as there are millions of seabirds here nesting on the rock ledges. The dominant species here are black-legged kittiwakes, Pacific fulmars, horned puffins, and common and thick-billed murres. They number in the millions during breeding and nesting season. Also the American bald eagle nests here, and the endangered peregrine falcon. The surrounding waters are rich in marine life, food for the birds.

Sincerely yours,  
Mrs. Richard C. Stevenson

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WILLIAM A. STIVERS  
4107 NORTH STAR STREET  
SPENARD, ALASKA 99503

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Sir:

I have reviewed the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife brochure on the Semidi Wilderness proposal, and recommend that this area be designated for inclusion within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

  
William A. Stivers

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Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Anchorage

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have read your proposal to establish the Semidi Islands Wilderness. As a bird watcher for many years I have known the thrill of seeing the great masses of nesting colonial seabirds in places such as the Semidi Islands. Quite recently I have spent several weeks at the nearby McNeil River Bear Sanctuary and seen many of the same birds and other wildlife.

So I am very pleased at the thought that Semidi Islands will be proposed as wilderness. I would like this letter to be netered as part of the official hearings to be held on February 20 and to serve as endorsement of the proposal.

What seems so inaccessible now that it might not need any additional protection might in the future prove to become over-used. We have seen McNeil River Sanctuary receiving more and more use by tourists and professional photographers to the point that some scheduling of visits may prove necessary. In this regard I would hope that no landing strip other than the gravel beaches be developed.

Sincerely yours,

*Allen W. Stokes*

Allen W. Stokes  
Professor of Wildlife Science

1722 Saddle Hill Drive  
Logan, Utah 84321

January 12, 1973

idea which may take them to Alaska

Many people are trying to be pioneers up there, & don't realize that they will be followed.

I feel sorry for our government because we are doing to the Eskimos just what we did to the Indians & now we are sorry about the Indians & of course probably in 20 yrs. we will say how bad we were to the Eskimos.

I just wonder where in the --- we will go & exploit after Alaska is thoroughly abused?

Sincerely,

K. is Stone

Rt. 3 Box 584

Wdl., Ca. 95695

P.S.

Happy Valentines Day

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director:

I am writing to say that you have my support in making the Semidi M.W.R. also a wilderness area.

In so doing it will not only insure the existing birds & mammals a refuge, but will also guarantee it to them.

Since this refuge is in Alaska, I am wondering if you happened to see "North Country"? I was upset with the movie because the abundance & ready supply of game & wildlife was stressed, with little said about conservation. It, along with other movies & talk of Alaska are giving people ideas

2/13/73

Dear Sir,

I feel the Semidi Nat'l  
Wildlife Refuge should  
be designated as Wilderness  
thus providing legal protection  
for this sanctuary. Its  
natural qualities would thus  
be preserved for sure.

Thank you,

Helen Stowell

W 2501 Madison

Spokane, Wn

99201

After 5 days, return to

HELEN F. STOWELL  
2501 W. MADISON AVE  
SPOKANE, WASH.  
99201

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JONES AND STROMSNESS  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
5832 DUNSMUIR AVENUE  
DUNSMUIR, CALIFORNIA 96025

February 16, 1973

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Anchorage, Alaska

Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
99501

Re: Semidi Islands Wilderness

Please enter this letter into the hearing record. I enthusiastically support the proposal for a 256,000 acre refuge in the Semidi Islands. The birds need someplace where they can get away from us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



CHRIS STROMSNESS  
Attorney at Law

CS/s

JOHN R. SWANSON  
P. O. Box 932  
Berkeley, California 94701

January 30, 1973.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

Please add my Attestment, as follows, to your Official Public Hearings Record concerning the proposed Wilderness classification of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

I am in full agreement with such proposal and do urge that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be classified as Wilderness and added to our National Wilderness Preservation System, as this Refuge does contain many important Wildlife and Wilderness Resources.

Sincerely,

John R. Swanson

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Gentlemen:

I totally support the designation of Semidi Natl  
Wildlife Refuge as wilderness area.

Sincerely,

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I wish to support the Fish and Wildlife Service's recommendation to include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Year after year, in this part of the country, we have been forced to watch the disappearance of wilderness, acre by acre, until only a pitiful remnant still exists — and that probably non-viable. Even though I may never get to the Semidi myself it is good to know that there is still some wilderness somewhere in the U.S.A. and that there are those with the wisdom and energy to work for its salvation. My children, or grandchildren, or their descendants will get there and they will thank us for safeguarding their heritage.

I should like to have this letter included in the record of the public hearing of February 20.

Yours sincerely,  
J. W. Tamblyn

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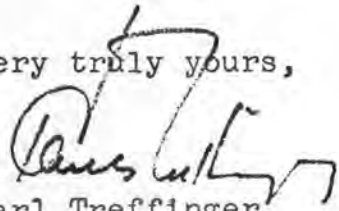
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Gentlemen:

I want to express my firm support for the inclusion of the Semidi National Wilderness Refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation System, and I strongly urge that a proposal leading to a recommendation to this effect be made to the President of the United States by the Secretary of the Interior.

Very truly yours,

  
Karl Treffinger

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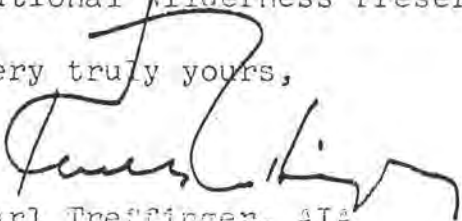
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Re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

Gentlemen:

I want to express my strong support of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's recommendation for total inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Very truly yours,

  
Karl Treffinger, AIA

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am writing about the Wilderness Hearing on the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and would like this letter to become part of the hearing record.

As explained in your brochure, the 256,000 acre Semidi Islands area seems to be ideal for inclusion in the Wilderness System. Because of the lack of any commercial interest or development in the islands, and because of their importance as a nesting area for sea birds, I support the Bureau's recommendation to include this area in the Wilderness System.

Yours truly,

*Muriel W. Mendenhall*

Miss Margaret J. West  
Box C  
Indianola, Wash. 98342

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Feb 16, 1973

Gentlemen:

I would like to urge you to designate the entire Semide Nat'l Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area, we cannot afford to lose any of this area which is so valuable for the preservation of seabirds.

Since I cannot attend the hearing, please add this letter to the record.

Sincerely,  
Margaret West

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Anchorage, Alaska

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I am hastening to  
urge you to designate  
the entire Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge (islands  
and submerged lands)  
to be included in the  
National Wilderness Pres-  
ervation System! It's  
a must -  
Sincerely

Peggy Stewart Williams

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Feb 7

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage  
Alaska

Dear Sir:

It has just been  
brought to my attention that  
a Public Hearing on The  
Semidi National Wildlife Re-  
fuge is to held on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>  
at Anchorage and as I  
can not attend the Hearing

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Ruth Windsor  
5214 - 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N.W.  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

As one who is deeply concerned  
with protecting our wildlife &  
wish to be counted as supporting  
the designation of Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

Yours truly  
Ruth Windsor

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Mrs Farnsworth Wright  
15430 N.E. 13th Pl., #1605  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

As a concerned environmental<sup>list</sup> and conservationist  
I hope and trust that the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge be included immediately in  
The National Wilderness Preservation System  
Before it is too late let us protect this  
wild area and its wild life before its  
discovery by greedy and unthinking men  
who might destroy it at some not too  
distant date, for their own personal gain.

We already have too many examples of the  
loss of our primeval forests to the greed  
of the lumber interests.

The time to be effective in whatever wild areas  
remain is now. Let us keep the Semidi  
safe for the future by declaring it National  
Wilderness.

Most sincerely

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February 14, 1973

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Dear Sirs:

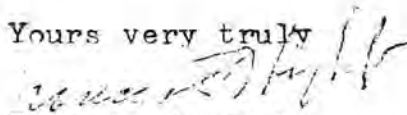
As I will not be able to attend the Public meeting set up for February 20, 1973 in Anchorage I would like to express my feelings regarding the Semidi Wildlife Refuge.

I am concerned about the diminishing areas available for all wildlife and mans continued assumption that he is entitled and has the right to 'take all he wants' regardless of what it does to the original life on this planet.

As the Fish and Wildlife Service has done such a good job, lets go a step further and have the Semidi area, both surface and submerged designated as Wilderness and give the wildlife all the future assurance of protection that we can possibly provide.

I am wholeheartedly in favor of and support any action that will provide the Semidi wildlife area as a Wilderness area.

Yours very truly

  
Francis E Wright  
12085 Northrup Lane  
Bellevue, Washington 98005

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1400 North 12th Street #11  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Thank you for sending me a copy of "Semidi wilderness proposal" prepared by your agency, with the accompanying notice of public hearing on this proposal.

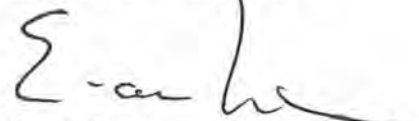
As I shall be unable to attend this hearing in person, I wish to indicate by this letter my support of the Bureau's proposal. On the basis of the description in your statement preservation of these islands for wildlife is essential. The proposal seems well thought-out.

One matter that perhaps needs additional specification concerns possible oil spills by fishing and commercial vessels that pass in the vicinity. Restrictions of shipping routes, within the confines of the jurisdiction of the United States, to protect the shores and near-shore waters of the islands should be undertaken. The negotiations with the Soviet Government regarding the loading and unloading of fishing vessels should be brought speedily to an acceptable conclusion.

Wildlife Refuges are set up by the Federal Government, under the administration of your Bureau, primarily to protect wildlife and human use and enjoyment, and even scientific study, come second. Unfortunately this order of priorities become distorted by the pressure of events. A good example of a near sell-out to the special and thoughtless interest groups is the Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia, where an important breeding ground for many waterfowls and shore animals is being decimated by sportsmen. I hope your office will see to it that such degradation will never happen to the Semidi Islands.

Please make this letter part of your official hearing record.

Yours very truly,

  
E-an Zen

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Staffanson, Robert, 403 N. 17th St., Bozeman, MT 59715.  
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Thompson, LaVerne, 501 W. 123rd St., New York, NY 10027.  
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Trader, Paul, 683 Hazel St., Oshkosh, WI 54901.  
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Van Vleck, Sarita, Captiva, FL 33924.  
Vopal, Betsy, 648A Central St., Oshkosh, WI 54901.  
Wagner, Joseph & Mary, 3315 N. 60th St., Phoenix, AZ 85018.  
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Weggel, Vee, 5307 Nevada Ave NW, Washington, D.C. 20015.  
Weigert, Dennis, U of W, Oshkosh, WI 54901.  
Weir, Thomas & Kristina, 4639 133rd Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006.  
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White, Burdette & Violet, P.O. Box 186, Idyllwild, CA 92349.  
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Zaccheo, Margery H., 276 Pearl St., Kingston, NY 12401.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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February 28, 1973

Dear Sirs:

I am a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student in Mesa Robles school. We are studying about wilderness and you about the only state that's got wilderness.

So we want the entire refuge (is lands and submerged lands to be included, in the Wilderness System. Legal protection for this sanctuary to protect bird colonies in Semide National Wildlife Refuge. This is their feeding and nesting area and is the home of the Peregrine Falcon and american Bald Eagle. So when I get older me and my family can go to see it.

15879 La Floresta dr.  
Nacimda Heights  
Calif 91205

Sincerely  
Eddie

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May 9 and my voice to  
those supporting the already  
designed of Somali Nat. Wildlife  
Refuge as a needed  
wilderness. Thank you  
A. S. Allen M.D.

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2610 Savannah  
El Paso, Tx  
79980.

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March 8, 1973  
318 Breeze Hall UW-0  
Oshkosh, WI 54901

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This letter is to express my concern that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge should become a Wilderness Area.

As a student of conservation and biology at University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, I am becoming more aware of the depletion of the natural wilderness areas, and the wildlife that is threatened. It is my hope that both can be preserved.

Please enter my letter into the hearing records in hopes that we can preserve nature. I request confirmation of the receipt of my letter.

Thank-you  
Sincerely,

Louetta Anderson

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Re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

MRS. DAVID L. ANDERSON  
154 SEVENTY-THIRD STREET  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11209

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MAR 7 1973  
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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Dear Sir: I give my strong support  
to the proposal at present under  
consideration, to including the  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge -  
the complete area, including the  
submerged lands around these  
Islands in the National Wilderness  
Preservation System.

It is ideally suited for this -  
no mineral or oil resources found,  
nothing in the wilderness plan to  
prohibit commercial fishing -  
nothing in climate or location  
to encourage human visitors!  
Let's leave it for the wild creatures!  
Very truly yours, Ruth H. Anderson  
(Mrs. David L. Anderson)

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March 10

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and the submerged lands surrounding it should be classified as a wilderness area.

We need birds in this world of ours and this is an ideal nesting place for them. The islands are hardly suited for anything else with their high rocky cliffs + cold stormy weather.

Ruth B. Anderson  
9332-45 <sup>th</sup> & W  
Seattle WA 98136

THIS BRINGS YOU GOOD WISHES AND BENEFITS THE CHILDREN'S ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, SEATTLE - NO. 7  
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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Director:

As a citizen concerned with the issues of conservation, and as a active member of The Wilderness Society, I am writing to support the designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness as defined in the 1964 Wilderness Act.

I have seen many of Alaska's offshore islands and am in deep respect of their beauty. I feel very strongly that such areas must be given the legal protection afforded by the Wilderness Act.

Please include my letter in the hearing record.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Theodore Anderson

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Anchorage, Alaska

722 20th St.  
Santa Monica, Ca  
February 27, 1973

Area Director,  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
813 K Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

After reading the facts  
about Simidi Kall Wildlife  
Refuge in Alaska, I'd like  
you to add my name  
to the supporters of this as  
a refuge area.

From the information I have,  
it is an area eminently qualified  
to be classified in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely yours,  
W. H. S. N.

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**HELEN P. APPELL**

Sinking Springs Farms  
York, R.D. 5, Pa., 17402  
February 22, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I heartily urge and recommend that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the Wilderness Preservation System including all the islands as well as the submerged lands thereby protecting these lands forever.

Sincerely,

*Helen P. Appell*  
*(Mrs. Louis J. -)*

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Sonic National Wildlife  
Refuge as a complete  
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W. C. Cunningham

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March 13, 1973

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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I heartily concur that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be designated as a wilderness area. Its inclusion within our National Wilderness Preservation System will be a further step in not only safeguarding the future of the wildlife involved but in once again establishing our concern for the rights of all life to survive.

Very truly yours,

B. Arnov  
Assistant Professor of Education

BA/adsw

MAR 5 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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February 28, 1973

Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grader studying Ecology and I realize that it is important to save wildlife, so I want the entire refuge which includes the islands off the coast and submerged lands to be included in the Wilderness System to protect bird colonies and other animals because this is their nesting and feeding area and is peregrine Falcon and American Bald Eagle, Thankyou.

Sincerely yours

Todd Amerbach

16353 Colegio Dr.  
Hacienda Heights, CALIF.

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Anchorage, Alaska

13 March, 1973

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AREA DIRECTOR  
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES  
AND WILDLIFE  
813 D St.  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501

Dear Sir:

Please put my letter on the record of the public hearing of February 20, 1973 held in Anchorage.

I am very much in favor of including the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

As Alaska becomes more highly populated and industrialized, there will be increasing pressure to use the outlying islands for various purposes. The Wilderness Preservation System would be much stronger protection for the unique Semidi Islands area than would the present Wildlife Refuge Status.

With all of the oil spills that will soon be occurring between Alaska's Valdez and Washington's Puget Sound, we will need the Semidi area as a prolific breeding ground for replacing birds and sea life which will be killed along the Valdez-Puget Sound route.

In other words, Semidi could be a wonderful nursery; a place where at least some root stock could be preserved to be used for reseeding areas where the life is destroyed or severely damaged by these inevitable oil spills.

Very Truly Yours

Cecil E. Bailey

CECIL E. BAILEY  
7744 38th Ave. NE.  
Seattle, Washington  
98115

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1150 Arbor Dr

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Michigan 48823

26 February 1973

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
& Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

In my opinion the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge ought to be designated  
a Wilderness Area.

Please make this letter a part of the  
official hearing of March 23, 1973.

Yours truly  
Paul H. Bennett

*El Paso Sailboats Inc.*

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EL PASO, TEXAS 79914

PHONE: 915 757-1201

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I must commend you and your staff for recommending that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and the submerged lands surrounding the refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation system. Wildlife habitat is disappearing at an alarming rate. It is encouraging to know that your alert and timely recommendation may provide a permanent wildlife sanctuary for the area.

I have not visited Alaska for many years and have never seen the Semidi Refuge. However, its preservation is just as important to me as if it were located in my own state.

I wish you every success with your proposal.

Sincerely yours

*Robert C. Barto*  
Robert C. Barto

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife

813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

For the protection of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, I sincerely urge that the entire wildlife refuge (islands and submerged lands) be added to the Wilderness System. This area is still in a natural state and most certainly qualifies for legal protection under the 1964 Wilderness Act.

Sincerely,

*Marguerite M. Bartosch*

(Mrs.) Marguerite M. Bartosch

Bozeman, Montana 59715  
Route 3, Box 181

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MRS. HARRY A. BATTEN  
207 GRIEGOS ROAD N.E.  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. 87107  
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Tues. Feb. 26 '73

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs,

I am definitely in  
favor of designating the  
Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge as wilderness.

Yours truly,

Lucile v. B. Batten  
( Mrs. Harry A. Batten )



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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

March 1, 1973

Dear Sirs:

I agree that the Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge,  
including submerged lands  
surrounding the wildlife  
sanctuary, ~~should~~ be included  
in the National Preservation  
system.

Yours truly,  
(Miss) Lucille T. Becker  
2721 Ingois  
Wilmette, Illinois  
60091

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

909 W 7th St.

Plainfield, N.J. 07063

Mar. 11, 1973

Dear Sir:

I am in favor of  
including all of the Sandoz  
National Wildlife Refuge  
in the National Wilderness  
Preservation System. It is  
important to protect  
the varied wildlife  
found there.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Bittel

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March 1, 1973



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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in behalf of wildlife and wilderness, specifically the wildlife and wilderness of the Semidi Islands. Having been to many of the Alaskan areas photographing wild life, I sincerely feel that this area, so important to the millions of sea-birds that nest there, must be permanently protected by being designated officially as a wilderness area. We must preserve what little sacred pieces of wilderness we have remaining.

Sincerely yours,

*Walter and Myrna Berlet*  
Walter and Myrna Berlet

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Box 43 FLINT HALL  
Alexandria, Va. Syracuse  
NY  
March 14, 1973

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Dear Sir:

I've just read about the proposed Smith  
Wilderness Area. I fully support the proposal  
to preserve this essential haven for birds. As  
you know the future of this area is in the control  
of the President. He could conceivably lift all  
protection. We should act now to preserve  
this home for pelagic birds. The acquisition  
of this land for the Wilderness system would not  
infringe on present commercial operations in the  
area. It would perhaps improve the tourist  
potential. Hope you will strongly push for the  
creation of this part of the Wilderness system.

Sincerely,  
Benjamin C. Bell Jr.

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February 25, 1973

P.O. Box 490

Premont, Texas 78375

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director

Bureau of Sports, Fisheries, and Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Sir:

I am strongly in favor of your agency's proposal for inclusion of the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The Semidi Wilderness in Alaska would provide the best possible protection for the many forms of wildlife who make their home on the island. Creation of the Semidi Wilderness would be another victory in the fight against "development" in the great Alaskan Wilderness. I strongly urge adoption of this proposal.

Sincerely,  
David Bierschwaab

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Alison Binder  
Box 3  
River Pines, California 95675

April 6, 1973

Gordon W. Watson, Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

I would like to comment on the wilderness proposal for Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. If there has been an extension to the deadline for written testimony, please include this letter in the hearing record.

I strongly support the Bureau's proposal to include all of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Statutory protection under the Wilderness Act of 1964 will help in the maintenance of undisturbed wildlife habitat.

It is vital to give the utmost protection possible to rare and endangered species such as the American bald eagle and the peregrine falcon, which inhabit these islands according to your brochure.

Your brochure on the wilderness proposal is excellent; it is well done both in content and form.

I hope that Semidi can be classified as wilderness as soon as possible.

Good luck in your continued efforts for protection of wildlife.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Alison Binder*

Alison Binder

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144C Cornell St, SE  
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506  
March 23, 1973

Lisa Finetti,  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 E. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am very much in favor of having

the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge included

in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

This would ensure permanent legal protection

and preservation of its natural qualities.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Olinburg

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J. B. BLOOD  
ROUTE 1 - BOX 248  
COUPEVILLE  
WASHINGTON 98239

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Because we are so anxious to have  
the Peregrine Falcon, bald eagle & the  
other birds who come to the north, protection  
in every way possible we do hope that  
the Federal Wildlife Wildlife Refuge  
will be used to help us - to make  
sure the species of the birds, and  
wildlife - birds and the animals.

We are always hoping that we can  
with protection to the birds and  
the animals - birds and the animals.  
But we are always hoping that we can  
with protection to the birds and  
the animals - birds and the animals.

Yours truly,  
J. B. Blood

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Anchorage, Alaska

Hudson W. Watson,  
 Area Director,  
 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Truly and in accord with the Agency  
William Roper.

William Peabody.

But if strange that in all, we called en-  
lightened, time we have to work as hard as  
Pharisee or even such as this (?) "just for a  
new trick."

new books

So many areas are in the way of progress?  
Threatened by huge mining operations, oil  
drilling rigs, and things for big business,  
of the land, the forests, the rivers, the animals,  
and more but - "they taking to very secret  
me, kills me them - they say."

Centuries to the great <sup>beginning</sup> of the  
are that he <sup>was</sup> <sup>made</sup> <sup>at</sup> <sup>give</sup> <sup>to</sup>  
it. It will be <sup>last</sup> of the <sup>first</sup> <sup>as</sup>  
that authorities don't <sup>put</sup> <sup>there</sup> it.

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National Wildlife Refuge reservations in the National Wildlife Refuge System while it is in the natural state.

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Mr. Edward A. Bozner  
2069 N 7th Ave. A

Most sincerely  
A. L. A. Breckin

Mr. Wallace, W.  
March 20, 1973  
If he then can be  
relocated in the  
hearing heard.

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March 6, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife 355  
813 'D' Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Please, forth take of all our children  
and grandchildren, just for the intellectu-  
ment & Remind National Wildlife  
Refuge as wilderness. In this  
man-centered world the value of  
wilderness and the right to life of  
creatures other than man are too  
often disregarded. At a time we  
are recognizing this as far as possi-  
ble remedy this evil situation.

It's always the hoodlums, ignorant,  
and or greedy men who stand in the  
way - also the killers for pleasure (the  
sport men), the brutal hunters, and  
those who want all areas open for  
exploitation and fun (off road  
vehicles.)

Sincerely, Edward A. Boerner

Edward A. Boerner

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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Please add my name to the list of conservationists supporting the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. I am an ecologist and teach a course in conservation at this university. Although I have never been to Alaska I have traveled through all of the lower 48 states and plan to someday visit Alaska. As a traveler, conservationist, and ecologist I can appreciate the need for setting aside natural habitat for wildlife. From what I have read about the islands included in the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge it would seem to me that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was right in concluding that this entire refuge qualifies for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Please enter this letter in the public hearing record. I would appreciate a confirmation of the receipt of my letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Gerald L. Bothner*

Gerald L. Bothner  
Asst. Professor  
Biology Department



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Anchorage, Alaska

Box 6 FPO

Seattle, Washington 98790

5 March 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

Please be advised of our support for your Bureau's proposal to include the entire wildlife refuge of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation System. It is essential that the total mating and nesting habitat for the waterfowl occupying the Alaskan Semidi Islands area receive permanent protection by our Federal government for the well-being and future preservation of the numerous species affected.

Please also accept our concern for any excesses in commercial fishing takes from the waters surrounding the Semidi Islands that would substantially diminish or otherwise deplete the food supply of ocean bird wildlife beyond the critical level for their sustenance and for which the Bureau proposal is intended to protect.

Sincerely,

*George C. Botts*  
George C. Botts  
*Deanna S. Botts*  
Deanna S. Botts

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Dear Sir:

I am a student at Mesa Public School and my class is studying ecology. I would like the entire wildlife refuge to be included in the Wilderness System. I would also like it to have legal protection so that it will not get messed up like the rest of the places that used to be very nice. The reason for this is cause there are very few animals that are big and wild like the Bald Eagle. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely Yours,

Michael Bradford  
1955 Atlantic Dr.  
Hacienda Heights Calif.  
91745

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Route 50 & Sunburst Highway  
Cambridge, Maryland 21613 (301) 228-6900

10601 Unity Lane  
Rockville, Md.  
20854

Dear Sirs:

I urge that the Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge  
be protected as a wilderness  
area.

Yours sincerely,  
H. H. Brayman

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Anchorage, Alaska

HOWARD P. BROKAW  
2701 MONTCHANIN ROAD  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19807

March 4, 1973

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife

813 O Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

I am writing in support of the  
designation of the Lewis National  
Wildlife Refuge as a Wilderness Area.

It seems to me it is vital to  
protect the big bird nesting area  
& to give it the strong protection of  
this wilderness designation.

Respectfully

Howard P. Brokaw

1220 "F" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
February 20th, 1973

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
813 "D" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage

Gentlemen:

I am writing in regard to the Semidi Wilderness Proposal, as set forth in your brochure, entitled "Semidi Wilderness Proposal, Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska".

I am in favor of the wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, as outlined in the brochure to which I have made reference, above. I believe that this area merits and needs the protection which classification as wilderness under Public Law 88-577<sup>would provide</sup>. I further believe that this is the highest and best use of the area encompassed by the present Wildlife Refuge. I realize that such classification is not strictly necessary for the area, in order for it to continue as a wildlife refuge; I do feel, however, that wilderness classification would afford an additional measure of protection for the area, and that the area is the type which was intended for such status by Congress when it passed the Wilderness Act, P.L. 88-577.

I request that this written statement be made a part of the Public Hearing Record on the proposal.

I Am, Sincerely,

*Gerald R. Brookman*  
Gerald R. Brookman

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Anchorage, Alaska

5115 Mountain Crest Drive  
Knoxville, Tenn. 37918

March 15, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska

Dear Sir:

It is with enthusiasm that I support the proposal of the Bureau that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge (islands and submerged lands) be given wilderness designation and thus be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Remote from well populated crossroads though these islands be, man and his bull-dozer can and do go anywhere. Thus it is desirable to give official wilderness protection to these remote islands.

I request that this letter be made a part of the official Hearing Record.

Sincerely yours,

*Anne Broome*

(Mrs. Harvey Broome)

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir

I understand a public hearing was recently held to consider placing the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I believe this Wildlife Refuge Qualifies as wilderness and heartily endorse its inclusion in the Wilderness system. I am writing as a private citizen with concern for our diminishing wilderness and wildlife.

Very truly yours

Frank M. Brower  
615 Linwood Drive  
Midland Mich

409

March 8, 1973  
Rm. 107 Breeza  
OSHKOSH, Wis  
5/801

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regard to establishing the Semidi Nat. Wildlife Refuge into a permanent Wilderness area. I am a student taking conservation and natural resources at UW-OSHKOSH. From this class I have become very concerned about the situation of <sup>the</sup> depleting wilderness areas for our wildlife.

Please enter this letter into the hearing records as being in favor of making the Semidi Nat. Wildlife Refuge into a wilderness area.

Please send confirmation of the receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,  
John Brungreen

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75 Skully Rd. Rte #1  
Somers, Ct. 06071  
Mar. 18, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Sirs:

From all information I have about the  
Semidi National Wild Life Refuge it is  
my firm belief that it should be  
included in the wilderness system in its  
entirety.

Sincerely

Mrs. James C. Brunner

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GENTLEMEN:  
I SINCERELY HOPE YOU ARE  
SUCCESSFUL IN INCLUDING ALL  
OF THE SENIOR NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGES IN THE  
NATIONAL WILDERNESS  
PRESERVATION SYSTEM.

Walter Bullock

4302 Trudell  
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78213 BULLOCK

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5358 Hester Road  
Oxford, Ohio  
February 26, 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

As a member of both the Wilderness Society and the Sierra Club, I am writing to support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area.

I have had close association with the National Park system and with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Because of experience with both of these I feel that we need to preserve large sections of land in its natural condition. The aesthetic value of such regions is great. Study of such areas can help man regain a balance of nature.

I hope that the Fish and Wildlife Service is successful in its proposal to make this area a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely yours,

*Beth Burdine*  
Beth Burdine

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Box 341 Southern Station  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401  
March 8, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Please record my support for having Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge designated as wilderness in the National Wilderness  
Preservation System.

Sincerely yours,

*RL Busbee*

Raymond L. Busbee

RLB/di

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February 27, 1973

James T. Butler  
Vice President & General Manager

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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
99501

Dear Sir:

I want you to know of my strong support for wilderness classification for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

I fervently hope that the recommendations of the Fish and Wildlife Service that the entire refuge area, including the submerged lands that surround this island "Wildlife Sanctuary" be included in the National Wilderness Reservation System.

Sincerely,

*James T. Butler*  
James T. Butler

JTB/d

202 Holland Ave.  
Temple Terrace, Fla. 33617

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Dear Sir,

I'm writing in support of the designation of Semide National Refuge as wilderness.

The Fish and Wildlife Service have stated that all of the Semide National Wildlife Refuge is still in a natural state and therefore it qualifies for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Considering this refuge lies outside known petroleum provinces and contains no known mineral deposits, I urge you approve its inclusion in the Preservation System.

These islands support an abundance of wildlife, some of which are in danger of extinction.

These animals need great protection in order to survive, for example, the giant pelagic bird colonies, peregrine falcons, bald eagles, all these birds should be adequately protected.

We must preserve an area so rich in wildlife and marine life, + such areas as the

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Without such areas as the Semidi Natural Resources, many birds would be lost for good. These birds are an important niche in our environment, performing predatory actions or other important functions. The world needs them, so we must protect them.

Sincerely, Janene Caldwell

March 5, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

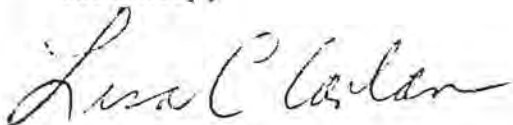
I wholeheartedly agree with and endorse your recommendation that the 256,000-acre Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, including submerged surrounding lands, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

In as much as this refuge was originally established by Executive Order, it could then again be abolished in the same way. But, if it be given official wilderness designation, preservation would be assured, forever.

This wilderness status is vitally necessary in order to maintain this area in its wilderness condition as a breeding ground and habitat for millions of seabirds, plus two species on the endangered list: the American Bald Eagle and the Peregrine Falcon.

Please enter this letter into the record of the hearing on February the 20th. Thank you.

Cordially,



Lisa C. Caplan  
11 Ardsley Road  
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

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Anchorage, Alaska

1648 Geroldton Place  
Traverse City, MI 49684

March 6, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

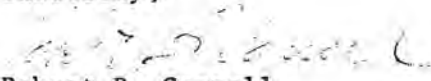
I submit this letter as my response to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's proposal to include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I request that this letter become part of the public record on this matter.

I commend the Bureau for proposing that the entire acreage of the Refuge be included in the Wilderness System. I believe that Semidi is a unique mixture of maritime remoteness and bleakness, deserving of Wilderness designation. I note that this proposal involves no trade-off of short-run economic benefits for long-run wilderness benefits, as so many of the other Wilderness proposals do. Granted, commercial fishermen do use the area, but their activities will not markedly harm the millions of seabirds who will be the primary beneficiaries of Wilderness designation. Besides, the sea itself cannot be designated as Wilderness, so absolutely no one -- fishermen, land-owners, special interest groups -- will be harmed by this proposal.

The Wildlife Refuge, created by Executive Order, can be abolished the same way. But the Wilderness System has been created by Congress, and by extension, the American people, and can only be abolished by them. This is the type of protection Semidi should have.

I completely support the Bureau's proposal and wish you every success in implementing it.

Sincerely,

  
Robert B. Carroll

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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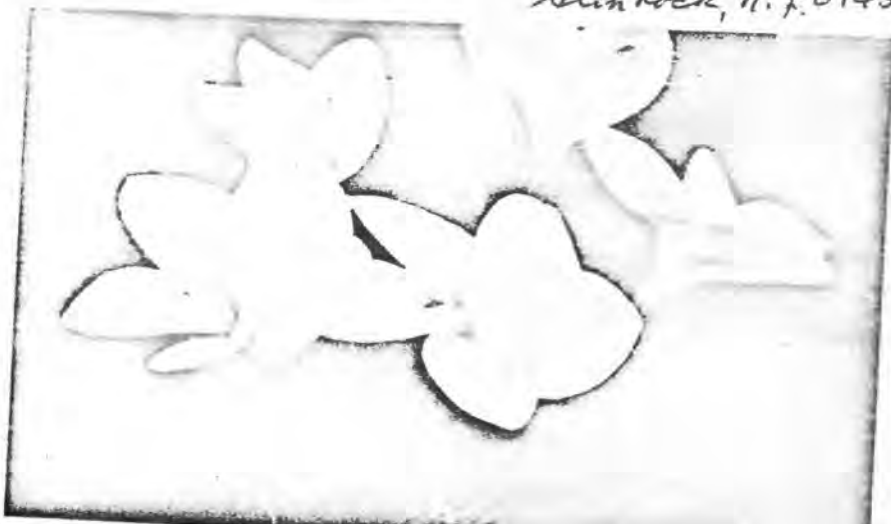
Dear Sir; -

At this point of time it is  
very important to save our wil-  
derness. It is impossible to have  
too much of it.

Therefore I wholeheartedly agree  
with the recommendation made  
by the Fish and Wildlife Service  
that the Semidi National Wild-  
life Refuge Area, including  
submerged land surrounding  
this island wildlife sanctuary,  
be included in the National Wilderness  
Preservation System.

Good luck!

Evelyn M. Carter  
336 So. Maple Ave.  
Ellen Rock, N. J. 07453



March 5, 1973

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:-

I would like to indicate to you that I strongly support the recommendation that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. It seems to me that this area meets all the qualifications and that its designation as wilderness will assure the preservation of its natural qualities.

I want to register my approval of this recommendation.

Yours Truly  
P. E. Champ

Philip E. Champ

31 No. Helderberg Pky

Shingler Lane, N.Y. 12159

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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405-G Ridge Road  
North Arlington, New Jersey 07032  
February 27, 1973

RE: SEMIDI WILDERNESS, ALASKA

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, ALASKA 99501

Dear Sir:

Please know that I strongly support the Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal which recommends that the entire refuge area known as Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, including the submerged lands surrounding this island wildlife sanctuary, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. (This 256,000-acre wildlife refuge encompasses nine rocky islands containing about 8,425 acres, with the balance consisting of submerged lands surrounding the island group.)

It would seem that this Refuge is an ideal area still in a natural state and an excellent haven for many species of birds, the arctic ground squirrel, and a variety of marine mammals which inhabit the surrounding waters. Various species of whales, harbor seals, and sea lions maintain rookeries on several of the islands. Sea otters, too, are present although not plentiful. Since no development is planned, inclusion in the Wilderness Preservation System is most desirable.

Please include my statement in the Official Hearing Record and acknowledge same. Many thanks for your attention to this request.

All best wishes to you in your efforts for the better conservation and/or restoration of our land, water, air, and precious wildlife!

Faithfully yours,

*Josephine Erickson Ciak*

(Mrs. Henry) Josephine Erickson Ciak

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Anchorage, Alaska

1645 Chestnut Street  
Bowling Green, Ky.  
42100  
February 22, 1973

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

While I do not know the area  
of the Semidi Wilderness proposed, the  
three months I spent in 1967 at Elinor  
on the Seward Peninsula make me  
feel that it would be a worthwhile  
refuge to preserve.

Very truly yours,  
(Orin) Marjorie Clagett

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Feb. 22, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing this brief letter to you simply to express my complete approval of your proposal to include the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge within the National Wilderness System.

Please include my letter in the record on the wilderness hearing.

Sincerely yours,

*Philip F. Clapp*  
Philip F. Clapp  
226 216 Cape St. John Rd.-Rte. 8  
Annapolis, Md. 21401

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Box 547  
Aniak, Alaska 99557  
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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:


In support of the recommendation in regards to the Semidi Wilderness Alaska.

Whereas:

- The Semidi Wilderness Refuge does qualify for inclusion in the National wilderness Preservation, as it still remains in its natural state.
- Waters surrounding the islands will not be included in the Preservation, therefore vessels engaged in fishing the those waters would not be restricted
- The Semidi Wilderness or rather the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge having been established to preserve the natural habitat of millions of seabirds
- Considering the alarming shrinkage of natural preserves for wildlife in general, it would be well to preserve what is still available for the seabirds
- It appearing that because of the remoteness, climate, formation, lack of good anchorages, and seemingly unfit for human habitation or use it would be an ideal Preserve for the wildlife that do make this their natural habitation, thus assuring the continuation of the species for their own value as well as protecting a species for the knowledge and pleasure for future generations of all people.

Therefore:

I would request and support the recommendation that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge area in its entirety and including the submerged lands surrounding this wildlife sanctuary be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.



L. Arlene Clay  
Member  
The Wilderness Society

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Tel 27, 1973

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Dear Sir,

Please put me on record as  
one who asks you to designate the  
Kenai National Wildlife Refuge  
to be included in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.  
Please help preserve this Refuge  
for future generations, as well  
as our own. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,  
Harold J. Cohen  
75 Broad St.

Keyport, N.J. 07735

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Anchorage, Alaska

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P.O. Box 122

Colville, Wash. 99114  
February 28, 1973

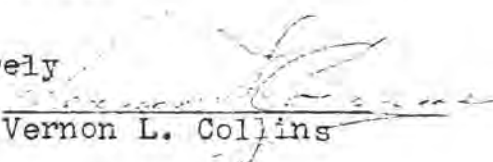
Area Director,  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife,  
813 D Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska. 99501

Dear sir:

This has to do with the proposed classification  
of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge-Alaska  
as Wilderness Area. This I definitely am in  
favour of.

While not intimately familiar with the area I have  
read detailed descriptions of its topography, loca-  
tion, limited accessibility and it's importance as  
a bird sanctuary, including the bald eagle. I can  
appreciate the double classification of Wildlife  
Refuge and Wilderness will increase protection of  
the area's future in this day and age where  
commercial exploitation may appear from many  
unanticipated directions. The area is invaluable  
for the purposes now intended for it.

Sincerely

  
Vernon L. Collins

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Office of the Area Director

March 1, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I support the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife proposal to include all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

*Richard P. Cordone*

Richard P. Cordone

*615 Fifth Ave.*

*SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901*

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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February 28, 1973

Dear Sir:

I am an elementary school student and we are studying about ecology and wildlife. I have feelings like anyone else and I heard <sup>about</sup> about the Semidi National wildlife refuge and I am very concerned since this is the home of the Peregrine Falcon and the American Bald Eagle. I think that the entire wildlife refuge islands and all should be included in the wilderness system. I also think that since it's so important it should get legal protection. I hope that you will take and think about this!

Thank you

Sincerely yours,

Artis

Cowan

2604 Fontezula

Hacienda Heights

Calif. 91745

BURLINGTON VETERINARY HOSPITAL

RURAL ROUTE 4, BOX 3

TELEPHONE 319-752-3755

BURLINGTON, IOWA - 52601

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director, Bureau Sport Fisheries + Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

Dear Sir—

Please include this letter in the  
record for Semidi Wilderness Hearing, this date.

I respectfully request that the Semidi  
Islands and submerged adjacent lands, from Aghi-  
yuk north to South Island south, be included  
as wilderness in the National Wilderness Preser-  
vation System; and further that every effort  
be made to exclude all sea, air or surface  
power machines from this area; and further  
that this area be made available to small  
parties (>10) in hand or wind powered craft,  
or on foot, especially professional &/or  
amateur biologists.

Sincerely,

R. J. Cowles, D.V.M.,

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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15 March 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This letter is to make known my position in favor of including all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Please make this letter a part of the record of the public hearing held on February 20, 1973 in Anchorage.

It is my understanding that the habitat for a very large number of seabirds would be preserved, protected and enhanced by your recommended inclusion of this refuge in the wilderness system, and I am responding to the request of the Wilderness Society in supporting your recommendation.

Sincerely,

Charles J. Crengren

CHARLES J. CRENGREN

Olivo Route

Waldron, AR 72958

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MAR 19 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

655 Franklin St.

Oshkosh, Wisc.

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March 13, 1973

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you about the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. To make this area into some sort of commercial, money making place would be a disaster. I am clearly against turning this area and islands into something for a commercial basis.

This 200,000 mile area, instead should be turned into a "wilderness" area where there would be no commercial interference. Since there is a lack of wilderness areas now, it would be unwise to turn over acres in this situation. To quote a famous naturalist and writer, Henry David Thoreau "In wilderness is the salvation of the world." To anybody, this influence would surely make them so.

Right now I am a student at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh in Conservation. Please open your eyes and see what the future can bring us.

Sincerely,

Michael H. Crawley

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430 E Harrington Apt B  
 El Cajon, Ca 92020  
 Mar 1, 1973

Area Director  
 Bureau of Sports Fisheries  
 and Wildlife  
 813 L Street  
 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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 Office of the Area Director  
 Anchorage

Dear Sir:

I support the designation  
 of Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge  
 as Woodslands. As you know the  
 entire wildlife refuge is permanent  
 for addition to the "Woodslands" system.  
 It means the legal protection which  
 woodslands designation would give it  
 away to the landowner, hence inhibiting  
 their lands reserve woodslands  
 conditions in order to survive.  
 The most taken this action now

Sincerely,

Edith Curry,

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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506 South Avenue West  
Missoula, Montana

59801

February 21, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I do sincerely hope that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge will be designated as a wilderness area. Although I am not an Alaskan resident, I do feel this refuge deserves the legal protection it would have as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Apparently this refuge being a wilderness area wouldn't hamper any industry in the vicinity and would protect the millions of birds and other forms of wildlife inhabiting this area. Setting the Semidi National Refuge away as a wilderness area would be a positive step toward securing the welfare of our wildlife.

Respectfully,

Dan Custer



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11 March 1973  
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Frederick Md.

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my support of the proposal to include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as part of our country that may receive protection under the Wilderness Act.

I hope that this important pelagic bird refuge will soon receive permanent wilderness protection.

Sincerely Yours.  
CPT W. P. Czajkowski DVM.  
United States Army.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Imogen E. Davis  
22 Mohawk Drive  
Easton, Connecticut 06612

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March 13, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

With this letter the undersigned would like to request that the SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE and the entire refuge area, including submerged lands surrounding this island wildlife sanctuary, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

It is of utmost importance to preserve the habitat of millions of seabirds! It is of utmost importance to maintain the Refuge in it's natural state! In order to survive many forms of wildlife require wilderness. And man at this stage in our over-civilized world needs open space and wilderness (including it's wildlife) for his mental well-being.

Many concerned citizens from all over the nation look to Alaska as one of the last outposts of wilderness. Please let us maintain it, and let us not destroy it.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter!

Sincerely yours,  
*Imogen E. Davis*  
(Mrs.) Imogen E. Davis

Mrs. Charles W. Davis  
 Nicholasville Road Bernhards Bay, New York 13028

Area Director  
 Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
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 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
 Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I strongly urge you to persevere in  
 your effort to get the Semidi National Wildlife  
 Refuge designated as wilderness.

We must save a few places on  
 earth for nesting birds.

Yours truly,  
 Janet Beavis

Feb. 28, 1973

I am writing to you because I wish you to know that I am in favor of supporting the recommendation that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge area be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. This would include the submerged lands surrounding the island wildlife sanctuary. The sea is not considered part of the refuge so there would be no restrictions on vessels engaged in fishing activities.

I feel that it is extremely necessary to assure the preservation of the natural qualities of this wilderness island sanctuary. The millions of seabirds which inhabit the island are provided with food by the sea which is rich in ~~marine life~~ marine life. It would be terrible to see these birds become extinct or to see the area become exploited.

I hope this area can be included in the Wilderness System.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Sincerely,

Betsy Day  
718 No. "G" St.  
Tacoma, Washington  
98403

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir

I have heard that you are keeping the  
American Bald Eagle and the Grizzly  
bear and the peregrine falcon and some  
other ones. I hope you get legal  
protection for that sanctuary.

I do not like wildlife to be  
just wiped out just like that.  
Please include the single  
National wildlife refuge in  
the wilderness system

Thank you

Sue Day

2266 Clementina

Hacienda Heights CA

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4 March 1973

Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
U. S. Department of the Interior  
Fish & Wildlife Service  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501 USA

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Watson:

I have read with interest the summary of the Semidi Wilderness Study. Unable to attend the public hearing in February, I hope this letter will be accepted as part of the hearing record.

I recommend that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. My recommendation is primarily based on the importance of the island as a nesting and feeding grounds of numerous species of birds, most notably the Pacific fulmar and the lovely, extremely endangered Peregrine falcon. Certainly the peregrine falcon situation exemplifies the stringent need for taking prudent care of the feeding areas of our wildlife.

Danmark has been famous for the storks which nest on the rooftops. However, the numbers of these majestic birds have also rapidly diminished because of the reclamation of marshes, a vital source of food.

Recognizing that the islands have little potential for industrial development and pose no conflict with Alaskan Native land selections, I see no reasons why the Semidi Islands should not be designated as wilderness land.

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W. E. Deegans

W. E. Deegans

MAR 8 1973

813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska, 995

Dear Director:

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

We write to urge the support of the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as "Wilderness."

There is no other place, probably, which has the unique advantage of being practically undisturbed. Let us seize this chance to protect the whole area with every skill needed toward this end. It is extremely difficult to inculcate saving anything, as a Nation we have wasted and destroyed so much, it is difficult to inculcate this idea. BUT IT MUST BE DONE. It must be done in order to survive, this much is quite plain to anyone and we should be grateful to Roosevelt for "thinking ahead, in time". Rock ledges with seabirds, kittiwakes, and peregrine falcons, and nesting birds. The entire refuge lands and submerged lands and wilderness designation would provide, created by administrative action-an executive order will save this heavenly spot as was intended from the beginning of time itself.

So we must have strong support to save for all time the 256,000 acre Wild Life Refuge in the Gulf of Alaska, 100 miles Southwest of Kodiak Island and 40 miles from Alaska peninsula, there are also 8,425 encompassing nine rocky islands, containing, sheer cliffs raising from one to two hundred feet above the sea. Nature has well protected these wonderful Islands-let us do the same! Willow and Crowberry and shrubs and wild flowers abound. Also the Refuge is outside major petroleum provinces and contains no mineral deposits. A normal fishing activity exists. It is a great pity that motor boats ever existed, these alone I deplore.

"As required by the 1964 Wilderness act, the Fish and wild life Service et al has studied the Semidi National Wildlife Act, and recommends that the entire area, including submerged lands surrounding the island wildlife sanctuary, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System."

Sincerely, Laura Denby

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Anchorage, Alaska

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1535 Judson Drive  
Boulder, Colorado 80303  
March 22, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
817 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Please add this letter to those received  
supporting the designation of Semidi National Wild-  
life Refuge as wilderness, plus the submerged lands.

Very truly yours,

*Maryanne A. Dickson*  
(Mrs. C. A. Dickson)

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Box 281  
Laurel, Mt. 576-107

Feb. 20, 1973

Area Director

Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife,  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

We believe that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska should be made into a Wilderness area to insure a safe Habitat for many species of Seabirds. There are few areas now that can be designated as Wilderness Areas and those that can be should be protected.

Sincerely,

*Robert Doherty*  
*Opal Doherty*

Opal and Bob Doherty

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife

Feb. 27, 1973

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Dear Sir -

Having visited Alaska last summer I feel strongly that the Semde National Wildlife Refuge should be saved as such - and that inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System is the best means for its preservation.

Maine has, and is, losing so much of its beauty and use for recreation I hope Alaska will not follow suit.

Sincerely  
Ellenore Doudet

Castine  
Maine 04421

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March 12, 1973  
Randall L. Drummond  
7004 Kennedy Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana 46323

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen;

I respectfully request that you enter this letter in the hearing record in support of making the Semidi Islands in Alaska a National Wildlife Refuge.

*Randall L. Drummond*  
Randall L. Drummond

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Anchorage, Alaska

619 Laurel Court  
Marshfield, WI 54449  
March 2, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, AL 99501

Gentlemen:

Since it is geographically impossible for me to attend your public hearing on the proposed Semidi Wilderness Area, I would like to submit this letter for the hearing record.

Because the proposed area teems with millions of black-legged kittiwakes, Pacific fulmars, horned puffins, thick-billed munes; lesser numbers of the American bald eagle and the endangered peregrine falcon, it would be ideal to designate this area as a wilderness area.

The wildlife refuge is also located outside the known major petroleum provinces of Alaska, and contains no known mineral deposits. Also, wilderness designation would not restrict vessels engaged in fishing activities.

My support is with those conservationists and citizens who are in favor of wilderness designation of this remote wildlife refuge.

Sincerely,

*Michael L. Dumas*  
Michael L. Dumas

MLD/bjj

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Anchorage, Alaska

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March 20, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Since we were unable to attend the public hearing in February, we would like to take this opportunity to express our views on the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. We strongly support the proposal to add the entire Refuge (islands and submerged lands) to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Unlike Executive Order, wilderness designation would assure the preservation of the natural qualities of the area and guarantee protection of the habitat of a significant number of seabirds.

Please include this statement in the official record of proceedings.  
Thank you for your diligent efforts.

Sincerely,

*Ronald J. Ehmsen*

Ronald J. Ehmsen

*Jean K. Ehmsen*

Jean K. Ehmsen

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WEBSTER CREEK, MO 63119

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K.D. IRONBRIDGE R

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

I would like to support  
the proposal of the designation  
of Kodiak National Wildlife  
Refuge and its surrounding  
submerged land as a wilderness  
area, as recommended by  
the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Yours truly,

Styra Eisinger

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2-22-73

FROM THE DESK OF JAN ENDSLEY

Dear Sir -

I am writing to support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area. The establishment of a protected area would provide safe territory for some of our endangered species, such as the peregrine falcon, and for our American Bald Eagle - giving these creatures a chance to multiply into safe numbers.

I urge your support in favor of wilderness designation of this remote wildlife refuge, and ask that you also make this letter a part of the February 20th clearing record.

Thank you.

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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JAN ENDSLEY  
216 A NORTH C STREET  
TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98403

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Sincerely yours,

Jan Endsley

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Mr. Charles Engelking  
P.O. Box 482  
Capitan, N.M. 88316  
Feb. 22, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I heartily agree with the recommendation of your agency that the entire wildlife refuge, including the islands and submerged lands of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, be included to our Wilderness System. To the best of my knowledge, there are no rich mineral resources, which man would want to exploit, and there is the opportunity to provide suitable habitat for millions of seabirds. I have also been informed that the national bird, the American Bald Eagle, and the peregrine falcon, an endangered species, are also found on the area, which need all the help they can get from man, and making this area a part of the wilderness system would do so.

I thank you for your time and request that my letter, in support of your agency's recommendation that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be made a part of the Wilderness System, be made a part of the public record.

Very Truly Yours,

*Charles Engelking*

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GARY E. ENGLISH  
37128 ORCHARD CIR  
WESTLAND MI 48185

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

2/21/73  
GARY E. English  
7128 S Orchard Circle  
APT 99  
Westland, Michigan  
48185

Due to the fact, as I  
know them and that the  
Fish & Wildlife Service has  
given its recommendation,  
please include the Semli  
National Wildlife Refuge as  
part of the Wilderness  
of reservation system. Include  
this as part of the official  
record.  
Sincerely,  
Gary E. English

Mr Watson

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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We are very much in favor for The  
inclusion of The Semidi Islands into  
The National Wilderness Preservation -  
System. We value very much the bird  
Colonies and marine mammals which  
exist on The islands and the surrounding  
Ocean waters. Now is The Time To preserve  
Such Treasures for now and future generations  
before They are exploited in some way or another.

Mr. J. J. Egan  
RFB-502  
Chgo. Ill. 60607

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RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

2 College Street

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

To Alex Director  
Bureau of Fisheries Wildlife

I support the designation of Semide  
Refuge as Wilderness. I teach  
Ecology here at R.I.S.D. I feel strongly  
about importance of this issue Michael Fink

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Duke University Marine Laboratory

BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife 28516

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Feb. 23, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
313 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

I have recently been informed that the fish and wildlife service have recommended Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area. Although it is impossible for me to attend the public hearing, I strongly support the designation of Semidi wildlife refuge as a wilderness area and desire that my feelings become a part of the hearing record. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Fisher, Jr.  
Thomas R. Fisher, Jr.

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SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY • Brookings, South Dakota 57006

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES SCIENCES

Area Code 605, 688-6121

February 27, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the proposed "Semidi National Wildlife Refuge". These islands would afford excellent and continued protection for a varied avian fauna with little upkeep expense. They certainly are natural for a wildlife refuge and from what I've read, not of particular value for other resource development.

Sincerely,

*Lester D. Flake*

Lester D. Flake  
Assistant Professor

LDF:mv



From the desk of

SUE FLATLEY

103 Janus Pond Rd

Garden City, N.Y.

March 10, 1973

Dear Sirs,

Please excuse my informality but do not at this time have the opportunity of sending you a formal letter. I would however appreciate your indicating at the hearing that I am in favor of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you

Sincerely  
Susan M. Flatley

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March 8, 1973

Carl S. Jones

563 Boyd

Chilmark, MA 02541

Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to the verification classification

of the General National Institute

Refuge. I would like to

see this island protected

against private interests at

a later date.

I am a member at the

University of Wisconsin - La Crosse

and recently enrolled in a

Constitution class and am

highly interested in American

history and family issues.

From your work for Wildlife

Refuge. I feel it is important

and for the Wildlife etc.

to be saved.

Page Two

Please submit my letter  
to the forth coming hearing.  
I would appreciate a con-  
firmation stating that my  
letter has been recieved  
and submitted. Thank you.

Sincerely

Carole L. Foust

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R. D. 2, HOCKESSIN, DELAWARE 19707

1 March 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and  
Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Letter to Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This is to support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. This would include the submerged lands surrounding the island sanctuary.

Preservation of such sites for the breeding and survival of endangered species is of prime importance for the future. As an interested conservationist and private citizen, I support this proposal. Please include this letter as a part of the record of the hearing held Feb. 20, 1973. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Nancy G. Frederick

NGF:bf

FEB 26 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Lincoln, Nebr.  
Feb. 23, 1973

Bureau of Wildlife  
Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

I believe the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge should qualify as a wilderness area. Sea birds and others, including the eagle, need places like this in order to survive.

Mrs. E. E. Fulcher  
6525 So. 84, Rt. 8  
Lincoln, Nebr. 68506

1766  
Mrs. Andrew Fuller / 14505 McGinty Road, Wayzata, Minnesota 55391

Dear Sirs --

We enthusiastically support the recommendation of The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service that the entire Semidi Island Wildlife Refuge and the submerged lands around it be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Please enter this card into the public hearing record.

Yours truly, Mr. & Mrs. Ted & Julie

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

February 28, 1973

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Dear Sirs:

I am in fifth grade and very worried about wildlife, because wild animals are near extinction. I wonder if the entire wildlife refuge could be included in the Wilderness System, and have legal protection for all wildlife such as our state bird. I would appreciate it if you would try to help.

Sincerely Yours  
Theresa Marcia  
2205 Paso Verde  
Rancho Potosi  
California 91745

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MISS JO ELLEN GARDNER  
14634 LARK STREET  
SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA 94578

March 2, 1972

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I would like to urge your support  
in making the Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge a Wilderness area. There are  
many forms of wildlife here that  
need the protection of a wilderness  
in order to survive.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jo Ellen Gardner

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

February 28, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

In reference to the proposed Semidi Wilderness Area in Alaska. I missed the public hearing February 20th because I knew nothing about it until I received a folder mailed to me from the lower states.

These islands are already a National Wildlife Refuge. They are uninhabited and inaccessible and not likely to be inhabited in our lifetime as sea and weather conditions prohibit the landing of even a boat except at exceptional times of good weather. These islands are as wilderness as it is possible to be now. As a Wildlife Refuge, the birds are adequately protected.

Why should our government spend taxpayers dollars creating something that is not necessary. It would again involve protection costs that are not necessary. Forget it and leave it alone. We have more important things to spend our money on.

If the conservationists want to feel that they have done something even though they never see it, why not make a Wilderness Area out of the moon. The effect would be the same as far as I am concerned.

Sincerely,

*Ward I. Gay*  
Ward I. Gay

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602 Langdon Street  
Madison, Wisconsin  
March 19, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
613 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the proposed Semidi Wilderness Area situated in the Gulf of Alaska and currently being preserved as a National Wildlife Refuge. I think this area qualifies as a wilderness on the basis of its profuse wildlife and plant species, its lack of mineral and petroleum deposits, and its inaccessibility and inhospitality to human exploitation. I think the entire refuge, including all nine Semidi Islands and surrounding submerged lands, should be included in the boundaries of the wilderness area. The creation of this area as a wilderness would be especially meaningful to all people concerned with the fate of our national symbol, the bald eagle, since that magnificent bird frequents the islands. The preservation and protection of this area as a wilderness would also provide secure refuge for the peregrine falcon and many other kinds of fowl whose survival depends on a free and wild habitat undisturbed by the ravages of human civilization.

I hope you will take my plea into consideration as you review the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, and that you will see fit to declare it a proper candidate for wilderness status.

Sincerely,

*Viki Gaydosik*

Viki Gaydosik

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Office of the Area Director  
Annapolis, Md.

February 19, 1973

R. Gehlert  
133 W. Lenoire Street  
Baltimore, Md. 21217

We, citizens of the United States of America, vigorously support the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge (islands and submerged lands) be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

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Ruth J. Gellert, 133 W. Lenoire Street, Baltimore, Md. 21217

Alberta Crofton 2594 Druid Park Dr. Baltimore 21215

Marie Caple 1017 Thomas Road Glen Burnie MD 21061

Jay A. Muehlenberg - 6803 Fairlawn Ave. Balt., Md. 2125

Walt Wigner - 454 Marrettville Rd. Marrettville Md. 2109

Edythe Goodman - 2416 Taney Rd 21209

Sarah C. Lerner 3101A Bancroft Rd 21215

Beverly R. Lipitzky 9403 Lullwater Ave 21133

Att

Ann Barron 3441 Glenzyffe Ave. 21215 Balt. Md.

Louis Brough 4404 Colman Gardens Drive 21211 Balt. Md.

Norma Klein - 3500 Marmat Road, Balt. Md. 21208

Ninnie Hettelman 3116 Bancroft Rd. 21215 Balt. Md.

Leitha Cullen 5804 Heigley Rd. Balt., Md.

Ken Kovach 5606 Enderly Rd. Balt. Md. 21212

Ruth Rabin - 2307 Hanover Rd 21209

Ed. Apfel - 577 9401 Edinburg Ct. 21133

Sharon Pittelsohn 2004 South Rd. 21209

Martina Robbins 4236 Kaysville Rd. Balt.-Md. 21215

February 19, 1973

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We, citizens of the United States of America, vigorously support the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge (islands and submerged lands) be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Belle Goldsmith	3626 Ford Lane	Bethesda, Md.	21205
Glenn Meyer	7413 Castle Inver Rd	Baltimore, Md.	21207
Goldie Steinberg	2604 Summerson Rd.		21209
Beatrice Thostwill	1190 W. Northern Pkwy,		21210
Norma Caplan	2510 Hal Cucka		21209
Vivian T. Rubin	3501 Wild Cherry Rd		21207
Bertrude Stein	3406 Washington Ave -		21207
Louis Brough	4404 Colmar Gardens Dr. -		21211
Cookie Lerner	2372 Richard Rd.		21209
Rae L. Freeman	3610 Bellmar Rd.		21207
Minnie Littleman	3116 Bancroft Rd.		21215
Bessie Kalin	2510 Reblim Rd		21208
Lillian Sigel	7005 Concord Rd.		21205
Dorothy Field	7022 Rockledge Rd		21207
Estelle Seelanka	133 W. Sanvale St, Porto		21217
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Mary J. Hibel	461 Edgewood Rd	Paradise, Md.	21122
Mary M. Hibel	461 Edgewood Rd	Paradise, Md.	21122

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Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management

WEESEKES, 1973

MAR 14 1973

Dear Sir:

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

I understand the Bureau of Sport  
Fishing and Wildlife proposes  
to designate the Semini National  
Wildlife Refuge into a wilderness  
area.

Please place my letter in your  
records as a vote for the  
proposal.

We need all the protection  
we can get for our seabirds.

Thank you.

Virgie Galt

B. & E.

High Falls

New Mexico

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355 Serrano Drive  
San Francisco, Ca 94132  
March 16, 1973

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MAR 19 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501,

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to express my complete support for the plan which would include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The Semidi Islands provide an extremely valuable haven for birds of all types, as well as a good number of marine mammals which inhabit the surrounding waters. The area's inaccessibility and relative isolation from man are important qualities which have aided in the island's preservation of the natural state it is in today. This fact coupled with the knowledge that there will in all likelihood be no adverse economic or environmental effects in my mind sufficient to warrant a doubt, qualify the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness and full legislative protection from the intrusions of man. I urge that the Semidi Islands be made a Wilderness Area.

Sincerely,  
James A. Deviterni

MAR 9 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

**HARRY GOLDMAN**

41 MOHICAN STREET / GLENS FALLS, NEW YORK 12801 / (518) 792-1003



March 3, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage  
Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my support of the proposal designating the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as Wilderness. The entire wildlife refuge is eminently qualified for addition to the Wilderness System. Many forms of wildlife in that environment require a wilderness condition. Seabirds, black-legged kittiwakes, Pacific fulmars, horned puffins, and murre are the dominant species seen on the rock ledges and feeding off-shore. The American bald eagle and the endangered peregrine falcon can be found on the refuge. The surrounding waters, rich in marine life, provide food necessary to sustain such a massive concentration of wildlife.

I urge that the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife strongly support the proposal for bringing this area into the wilderness system. There are no alternatives in this matter. The refuge must be given the protection of the wilderness act.

Sincerely yours,

*Harry Goldman*  
Harry Goldman

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2-25-73

Hello,

I would like to voice  
my support for the inclusion  
of the Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge, including the sub-  
merged lands surrounding  
the island wildlife sanctuary,  
into the National Wilderness  
Preservation System. I  
think this wildlife refuge  
needs the legal protection of the  
National Wilderness Preservation  
System.

PLEASE support the  
designation of Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge to be included  
in the Wilderness System.

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MAR 5 1973  
Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Sincerely,  
Lois Goldman  
304 So. 3rd W.  
Missoula, Mont.  
59801

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

February 25, 1973

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Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grade student at Mesa Robles school in California. I am concerned about the Wildlife System. We are studying ecology and I would like to say something. First it would be nice to have the entire ~~wild~~ wildlife refuge to be included in the Wilderness System and legal protection for this sanctuary. I would like this to protect bird colonies in Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. This is their nesting and feeding area and is Peregrine Falcon and American Bald Eagle. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely Yours  
Lindy Gonzalez

2105 Salto Dr  
Hacienda Hts Calif.

MRS MYRA GOTT  
424 S 3RD ST  
NANPA ID 83651

February 24, 1973

For the hearing record, please

Area Director, B S F W, Anchorage Alaska

Dear Sir: I support the proposal of your Service that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and submerged islands surrounding it be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I believe that if the habitat of our wildlife is encroached upon it will lead to be most tragic - for both the wildlife itself and ultimately human well-being.

Sincerely, Myra Gott

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Anchorage, Alaska

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820 Glacier Ave., Apt. #A  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
February 21, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Since I was unable to attend the hearings on the Semidi Wilderness proposal I would like the following comments made a part of the record.

I support wilderness status for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I believe that an area as rich in pelagic bird life and in having several pairs of the endangered peregrine falcon as well as other birds and marine mammals certainly should be set aside for future generations. Many species of wildlife cannot exist without wilderness and in this age of rapidly increasing human population and rapid loss of wild lands it is extremely important that such irreplaceable areas as the Semidi Islands be set aside as wilderness before they are lost forever to future generations.

Sincerely,

*Phillip L. Gray*

Phillip L. Gray  
820 Glacier Ave., Apt. #A  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

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735 S Lakoma  
Norman Okla  
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Dear Sir:

I'd like to lend my support to the designation of Lemidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. This area seems to be well-suited for such a designation and I believe the future will show this to be true.

Sincerely,  
Marjorie Green

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R W Green  
Skagit Valley College  
Mt Vernon WA 98273  
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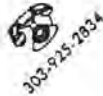
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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage Alaska 99501

Dear Sir

Please count in this letter of support  
for including the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge  
into the wilderness preservation system by  
legal designation as wilderness.

Yours sincerely  
Robert W Green



P. O. BOX 1563  
433 W. FRANCIS  
ASPEN, COLORADO 81611

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March 1st

Dear Sir:

I wish to add my letter in recommending wilderness classification for the Semidi Wilderness. It would sound that all I have read about the area indicates that it qualifies for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I therefore want to speak out in support of Alaskans testifying at the public hearing in favor of wilderness classification or designation of this remote wildlife refuge.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Gregg

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grade student at  
Mesa Robles School in California  
and I want the entire wildlife refuge  
and I want to save the islands and  
the submerged lands and I want it  
to be included in the Wilderness System.  
I want legal protection for this sanctuary,  
I want to protect bird colonies in Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge, that is ~~the~~ were their  
feeding and nesting area is and that is  
the home of the Peregrine Falcon and  
the Bald Eagle. Thank you for ~~reading~~  
reading my letter.

Sincerely Yours,

Larry Griffin

(2328 So. El Balie Pl.  
Racienda Heights, California  
91745)

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Area Director  
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and Wildlife

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212 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

I would like to express my  
support of the designation of Admiralty  
National Wildlife Refuge as a  
wilderness area. This is important  
for all concerned and urge that  
designation as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Stephen. Child

Box 22

Conway, Mass. 01341

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I am quite concerned in the reputation of U.S. Governmental agencies to declare certain areas of land as National Wildlife Refuges, National Parks, or other specifically-protected categories. This is seen in the argument that some areas which are no longer "pure" because of old (no longer used) logging trails, for example, deserve no protection at all under the Wilderness Protection Act or other acts designed to create natural refuges.

My understanding is that no such problem exists for the placement of the Windsor National Wildlife Refuge under the National Wilderness Preservation System. Therefore, I hope no delay occurs in classifying this as wilderness for the entire area.

Robert Gutzke  
4550 Scott 522  
St Louis, MO 63115

540 Hamrick Drive  
Charlotte, N.C.  
28215 Feb. 26, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

The description of the Kamidi Wet  
Wildlife Refuge makes it sound like an ideal  
habitat for seabirds and possibly some mammals.  
I want to express the hope that it will be  
included in the National Wetlands Preser-  
vation System, thus giving it legal protection  
and hopefully better preserving its  
natural advantages for wild life.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Horace A. Heape

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Some familiarity with the fauna as represented by specimens in Museums from the Semidi Islands leads me to support enthusiastically the proposal to include these islands in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Very truly yours,

*E. R. Hall*

E. Raymond Hall  
Professor of Systematics  
and Ecology (Emeritus)

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Susan Hansen

March 8, 1973

126 Stewart Hall

Oshkosh, Wis. 54901

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regard to making Semidi National Wildlife Refuge into a part of the National Wilderness System. I am a Freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and am taking a Conservation of Natural Resources course.

I believe that there is too little Wilderness left in this world. It is my sincere hope that this Refuge is joined in the National Wilderness System that future generations may have the distinct pleasure of seeing (wildlife and) Wilderness for themselves. However, that's not the only reason. Wildlife needs natural habitat for survival and this Refuge may be the "last resort" and "desperate measure" to save these animals from extinction.

ecosystem in which its cycle of life and natural balance takes place, it should be in the National Wilderness System.

Please enter my letter in the hearing records. I would appreciate a confirmation of receipt regarding this letter. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Susan Hansen

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Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. & Mrs. David W. Hargis  
6662 Jackson Drive  
San Diego, CA 92119

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Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson,

We heartily support the formation of the proposed Semidi Islands National Wildlife Refuge in the Gulf of Alaska. This unique area should be kept undeveloped, and with its habitat unchanged.

Yours truly,

David Hargis  
Maren Hargis

*David Hargis*  
*Maren Hargis*

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
KINGSTON, R. I. 02881

College of Arts and Sciences • Department of Botany

February 22, 1973

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

I urge you to support the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. The submerged lands as well as the islands need protection to assure the domain necessary for maintaining endangered species of pelagic birds.

Sincerely yours,



Marilyn M. Harlin  
Assistant Professor of Botany

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March 4, 1973

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Sir:

Designation of the Smedley Islands Wildlife Refuge as  
wilderness will insure that it will remain in an natural state  
for the enjoyment of future generations. This proposal is excellent  
and worthy of the full support of Congress and the President.

Please include my letter in the hearing record

Sincerely

H. J. Thygesen

41 Railroad Rd

Hydrex Mass 02136

Dear Sir

MAR 5 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

I am in complete support of the action to include the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I wholeheartedly agree with the proposal that this important Refuge with its nine islands and its surrounding tidal lands should be given full statutory protection.

I commend you for your wise and far thinking action.

Please include this letter in the Semidi Wilderness Hearing Record.

Sincerely,

Haris Heller  
P.O. Box 162  
Boulder Colo 80302

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

I am refering to the public hearing soon to be held on the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. It is my belief that making this ecologically important area into a Wilderness Area would positively effect man and his need for a closer relationship with nature.

Being a student at The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, and interested in ornithology and conservation, I ask that this letter be put in the hearing records. I further wish for conformation of receipt records. Thankyou.

Sincerely,

*Rick Hemb*

Rick Hemb

Rick Hemb  
WSU-Oshkosh  
Scott Hall- rm 559  
Oshkosh, Wi. 54901

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WILLIAM R. HERMAN  
2336 HARROW ROAD  
UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA. 15241

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Anchorage, Alaska

February 28, 1973.

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

Dear Sir,

Although I have no on-the-spot familiarity with the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, nevertheless I believe that this refuge should be designated as Wilderness and be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Please add my opinion to the hearing record of February 20, 1973.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*W. R. Herman*

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M. Hilman  
302 Evergreen apt  
Bozeman, Mt. 59715

February 19, 1973

I wish to support the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service to make the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

From the description of this area I do not think any other use could be more appropriate. It sounds much more inviting for sea birds than for humans.

Sincerely yours  
Margaret Hilman  
Bozeman, Mt.

February 28, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grade student in the state of California studying ecology. I want the entire wildlife refuge to be included in the Wilderness System. And legal protection for this sanctuary.

The reason why I want this is to protect bird colonies in Semidi National wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely Yours  
Carrie Hodge

2633 Yontezuela Drive  
Hacienda Heights  
California 91745

P.S. Thank You

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Anchorage, Alaska

February 28, 1973

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Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grade student in the Mesa Robles School in the state of California. I am studying ecology in school. I would like to help save the entire wildlife refuge to be included in the Wilderness System. I would like for the legal protection for this sanctuary to be kept the way it is and not ruined. I am interested in protecting the bird colonies in Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I would not like if the bird's feedings and homes are taken away because that is their living.

Sincerely Yours,

Lina C. Hodges  
1940 Atlantida Dr.  
Hacienda Heights  
California  
91745

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

510 Howard Rd.

Cherry Hill, N.J. 08034

March 15, 1973

Re: Semide Wilderness Proposal

Sir:

We believe the inclusion of the Semide Wildlife Refuge in the Wilderness system is in the best interest of all concerned.

The permanent status, inclusion in the Wilderness system grants, is of great importance. It grants the ability to plan logically for the total needs of the area without the concern of changes of status in the future.

Yours truly,  
Carl Hodelopff  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I have just learned of the proposal to include the Semidi Islands as a wildlife refuge. I believe this is a wise thing to do. I visited the group last August and have never forgotten their wild striking beauty and splendid isolation (except for some Soviet trawlers probably fishing illegally). It would be a crime to desecrate these islands with development of any kind.

I would appreciate it if you could send me any reports or literature you have on the Semidis, as well as a copy of the map as used in the last issue of Alaska Magazine, for possible use here. 3/20/73 xHE

Sincerely,

*Don Holm*  
Don Holm

Wildlife Editor

MAR 10 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

March 11, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

In the vital interests of future generations  
please record my support to the Fish  
& Wildlife Service's recommendation that -

the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge -  
(the entire refuge area) including  
submerged lands surrounding this  
island Sanctuary, be -

included in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

E. L. Holmes  
8910 Latona NE  
Seattle, WA. 98115

Dillon, Montana  
March 7, 1973

MAR 12 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir,

Please count me as one of the conservationists that thinks that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge should be designated as wilderness.

Having lived for six years in Alaska I concluded the single greatest resource for the state is simply the country itself. To protect much of it with wilderness designation would really be the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

Let's save the Semidi Islands for the unique birds that inhabit them.

Sincerely,  
May Lou Hottel

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Director  
U. S. Dep't Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

In reference to the Semidi Wilderness Proposal, I am completely in favor of it. These Semidi Islands sound pretty bleak but the birds and mammals appreciate them so they should be formally left isolated.

Please include my statement in the official record.

Sincerely,

*Margery W. Horsfall*  
Margery W. Horsfall  
1037 Oxford Dr.  
Placentia, Ca. 92670

Feb. 22, 1973

Diane D. Houchin  
4045 Stockdale Highway  
Bakersfield, California  
93309

March 20, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fishing and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

To Whom It May Concern:

Alaska State is an area where nature has her step to testing  
wildlife so it should be preserved and observed very carefully.

Of course birds of all kinds are nature's quickest way to inform.

Any land that is a sanctuary for wildlife and a habitat for  
birds is sincerely supported by me in any way that is necessary.

Sincerely yours,

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Diane D. Houchin

DDH/ss



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HENRY ~~EDWARD~~ HOWLAND  
89 MARSHALL RIDGE ROAD  
NEW CANAAN, CONN. 06840

March 7, 1973

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

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Sir:

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

The Semidi Wilderness refuge, with its many islands and submerged lands off the coast of Alaska, together with its isolation, is a fitting habitat for the bald eagle and the many seabirds that inhabit it, ~~but~~ it should definitely be included in the National Wilderness Preserve System as a sanctuary.

Henry E. Howland



This notice was mis-sent and has only just reached me (Feb 26th) too late to write in my  
**Semidi Wilderness**  
**Alaska**

strongest recommendation  
 that the Semidi Nat. Wildlife  
 Refuge be included in the  
 Nat. Wilderness  
 Preservation System.

You may be receiving this alert via third class mail. If you cannot attend the hearing, your letter - accepted up to 30 days after the hearing date - is included in the official record of proceedings and is just as effective as those submitted earlier.

Please, please save this desperately  
 needed area for our wild birds, and keep all fishing  
 away - especially the motor  
 powered boats.

As required by the 1964 Wilderness Act, the Fish and Wildlife Service has studied the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and recommends that the entire refuge area, including submerged lands surrounding this island wildlife sanctuary, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Your letter of support for this recommendation is needed!

Alaska conservationists are asking that interested persons everywhere help build a record of strong support for wilderness classification of this important wildlife area. A public hearing on the proposal will be held in Anchorage on February 20. Letters received by March 23 will be included in the hearing record.

## Public Hearing

regularly and exceeds 50 inches annually. The mean annual temperature is about 40° F. Summers short and cool, and winters long, cold and stormy. The islands are seldom visited.

The wildlife refuge is located outside the known major petroleum provinces of Alaska and contains no known mineral deposits.

## The Agency's Wilderness Proposal

The Fish and Wildlife Service rightfully concludes that all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is still in a natural state and qualifies for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. While commercial fishing with motor-powered boats is an established and necessary use of marine waters in the wildlife refuge, the sea is not technically within the refuge (only the submerged lands are reserved) and cannot be designated as wilderness. Thus, wilderness designation would not restrict vessels engaged in fishing activities. Then restrict fishing by law.



Mrs. Boyd Hunt  
 20 Calle Encanto  
 Tucson, Ariz. 85716

THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY  
 Edmund Moser, President

729 FIFTEENTH STREET, N.W.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

Stewart M. Brandborg, Executive Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

William M. Hunt  
315 Shore Rd  
Burlington Vt.  
05401

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Director,

I wish to lend by strong support of the designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I feel such an area as this is invaluable in its natural state and will contribute nothing but good to the country.

Sincerely,

William M. Hunt

KENNETH H. HUSMANN

P. O. BOX 37

BROOKINGS, S. DAK. 57006

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

This letter is written to express my strong support of your proposal to designate the entire Semadi National Wildlife Refuge (islands and submerged lands) as wilderness. This designation will give legal protection to the great colonies of pelagic birds now using the refuge and assure the ~~drift~~ preservation of the areas natural qualities. Since wilderness designation will not restrict commercial fishing and since there are no known petroleum or mineral deposits in the area I can see no objection to wilderness designation.

Sincerely,

*Kenneth H. Husmann*

Kenneth H. Husmann

P. S. Please include this letter in the record. Thank you.

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Office of Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
313 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

As a conservationist I am interest in world wide programs to save the wilderness and recreational areas of this wonderful world of ours.

I would like to see included in the wilderness area system the entire area of islands and submerged lands be included of the semidi National Wildlife Refuge. If we do not include it there is always the danger of some edict being given to destroy what is a natural heritage.

Alaska is a favorite haunt of mine and I would hate to see any of its beauty, ruggedness and wilderness destroyed by not including it in an already existing plan. This would be a terrible world without the natural life that attracts so many lovers of wilderness and Thoreau followers. Into each life we must bring a bit of the wild, the "willedness" as Thoreau called it.... we WILL it to our children and all the future generations by being attentive to what may easily be lost if it is not included in the Wilderness area. In no way would it conflict with fishing.

I hope enough wilderness areas will be saved by a touch of the pen of men like you, who have the power to do so.

Thank you so much.

Jesseh T. Imhoff

303 Long Grove Road

Long Grove, Illinois, 60047

Joseph T. Imhoff

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

PETITION

We the undersigned persons strongly support, urge and petition the designation of the "SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE" of ALASKA as a WILDERNESS to be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System of the United States. We also feel that it is equally important that the outlying submerged lands as well as the Islands themselves be included in the system in order to maintain the Ecological balance now responsible for the amount of food necessary to support the millions of birds and wildlife that nest there. Wilderness designation would provide legal protection for this wildlife sanctuary assuring the preservation of its natural qualities for future generations.

NAME

ADDRESS

*Mary E. Bynnes*  
*Joseph J. Trench*  
Harry Oldenburg  
Marion T. Oldenburg  
Mary E. Bynnes  
E. E. Bynnes  
Elsie Lufelder  
P. Lufelder  
Alisa Oldenburg

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MENDHAM, N.J. 07945  
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Somerville, N.J. 08876  
} *La City La 52240*

Orada M. Harrison

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Sanibel, Fla. 33957

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Columbus, Ohio 43212

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Anchorage, Alaska

March 17, 1973

Gordon W. Watson, Alaska Area Director,  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska

99501

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Dear Mr. Watson;

I support the proposal of the BSW to designate the Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge as a Wilderness in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

*Gerald A. Jayne*

Gerald A. Jayne  
1568 Lola St.  
Idaho Falls, Idaho  
83401

MAR 5 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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February 28, 1973

Dear Sir :

I am a student  
of Mesa Robles  
school in California.

I am very concerned  
in saving our wildlife  
in America because

I am studying  
Ecology in school.

I like your idea of  
keeping a wildlife  
refuge in Alaska.

I hope you protect  
the animals from  
all motor cars and  
motorcycles in  
the wildlife refuge.

I would like the  
wildlife refuge island  
to be included in  
the Wildlife System.

And to protect the  
bird colonies with

Thank you

Sincerely  
yours

Paul Jefferson

2507 Saradi Grande  
Hacienda Heights. Calif. 91745

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Mrs. William D. Jemison Sr.  
439 South Perkins Road  
Memphis, Tennessee 38117

BGL

Are a Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Please add the entire  
wildlife refuge (islands  
and submerged lands) — if  
we do not preserve this  
area for our wildlife  
then soon by nat protection  
the wildlife & man will be  
the next endangered animal

Hopful that you will

(Mrs. W.D. Sr) Cordially  
Blanche J. Jemison  
Jul, 20-1973

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7 Hillside Court  
Northfield, MN 55057  
February 26, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I read with great pleasure your agency's proposal to include the Bemidji National Wildlife Refuge, and surrounding subleased lands, in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We in Minnesota are rapidly losing most of our natural areas, so it is heartening to know that others are working to preserve some of the few remaining habitats of something other than man's machine.

With warmest thanks,  
Mam Jensen (Mrs. Paul)

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Office of the Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

5261-148th Ave. S.E.  
 Bellevue, Wash 98006  
 Feb. 25, 1973

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 Bureau of Sport Fisheries Wildlife  
 813 D Street  
 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
 Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

May I urge the designation of Semidi  
 National Wildlife Refuge as Wilderness,  
 in order to assure protection of the  
 seabirds which nest there.

Yours sincerely,  
 Mrs. Perry B. Johnson

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
13 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I urge that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge become a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. This includes both the islands and submerged lands surrounding them, as proposed by the Fish and Wildlife Service. These areas are the feeding and nesting grounds for millions of birds, many of which need a wilderness habitat to survive. Among them are the American Bald Eagle and the peregrine falcon, both endangered species.

Though this area is so essential to the birds that use it, it is of little value for anything else. Wilderness status would not interfere with commercial fishing.

Very truly yours,  
Doris S. Johnson &  
Barbara J. Johnson

1003 Lake Hill Road  
Montesano, Wash. 98563

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

376 KAILOA ST.  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 2, 1973

Gentlemen:

The Public Hearing on the Semidi Wilderness in Alaska has been brought to my attention. While I was unable to attend in person--there are limits, including the fact I did not receive this notice until after the Public Hearing--I understand that letters received by March 23 will be included in the hearing record. Herewith is my letter.

The 256,000-acre wildlife refuge, encompassing both land and submerged lands on the 9 rocky islands of Semidi, sound like a glorious wilderness area for millions of birds during the migratory, courting, and nesting period. Setting aside these islands as a wildlife refuge will not interfere with any travel or tourist trade, as the islands are seldom thus visited; neither will it interfere with whatever commercial fishing operates beyond the submerged lands area. What are we waiting for? Instant approval should be imminent.

Whether I ever go to Alaska or not, or to the Semidi Islands in particular, the description of millions of seabirds crowding the island rocks, thousands circling and crying overhead, the plentiful fish and food supply from the surrounding waters sends a chill down my spine and a thrill to my heart. If Alaska is the last large wilderness area remaining in the United States, surely this section deserves to be saved, too. Count on me for one vote in favor of the Semidi Islands as a national wildlife refuge.

Sincerely & aloha,

*Betty L. Johnson*

c.c. to: Betty L. Johnson (Mrs. Hal)  
Wilderness Society; 376 Kaiolu Street, #305  
Ken Sleight, Western Honolulu, Hawaii 96815  
River Guides Assoc.

February 19, 1973

United States Department of Interior  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Re: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

Gentlemen:

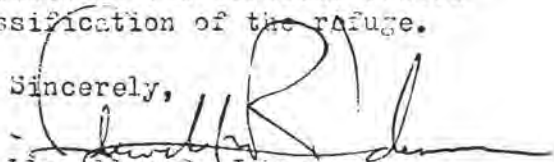
This is to support your recommendation that the captioned wildlife refuge area, including submerged lands, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The islands admirably satisfy the Wilderness Act's definition of "Wilderness" as well as the spirit of that act.

Nature is not always a good guide for the manipulation of the forces that affect the daily life of man; but undisturbed Nature knows best - far better than ordinary human intelligence - how to make men aware of the cosmos. It is that awareness of the universe considered as an orderly system which we so badly need today. Semidi in its own small way helps by remaining in its wild, natural state - forever.

I would appreciate that this statement be included in the official record of the Hearing of the proposed wilderness classification of the refuge.

Sincerely,

  
Llewellyn R. Johnson  
5051 Southampton Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

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De Pere, Wisconsin 54115  
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Anchorage, Alaska

March 9, 1973

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in regard to the Lemhi National Wildlife Refuge being made into a wilderness area.

I am in support of this project very much. I am a Biology student at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. Being interested in conservation, I have read up on the Lemhi project and think it a very worthwhile decision.

Kevin R. Jones  
631 Cook Street  
De Pere, Wisconsin 54115

Not being a good home for humans  
and not having trees or major  
known mineral deposits and only  
makes a great home for millions  
of birds.

Please enter this letter into the  
hearing records and may I ask  
for a confirmation of receipt  
for records.

Sincerely,  
Kevin R. Jones

631 Cook St  
De Pere, Wis.

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Kakela  
Star Route 1  
Steamboat, Colorado 80477

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

RE: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge hearing.  
Please include in hearing record.

Dear Sir:

I have become very concerned about the status of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and urge that it be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I am a veteran bird-watcher and have a great interest in providing wilderness conditions for birds and other wildlife and plantlife.

I am also a mother and hope that my child will have occasion in her life to see peregrine falcons, bald eagles, and horned puffins. Please save some for her.

Very truly yours,

*Linda M. Kakela*  
Linda M. Kakela

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Anchorage, Alaska

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March 16, 1973

Area Director, BSFW  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my support for the BSFW proposal to include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I hope that current actions such as this one will set a precedent for further preservation of America's remaining unspoiled lands. Conservationists are going to need the help of BSFW people who are genuinely interested in wilderness preservation in the fight to preserve other areas already being eyed by lumber, mining, and real estate concerns. Keep up the good work; and thanks.

Sincerely,

Peter I. Kalla

P.S. Please include this letter in the hearing record.

417 Green St  
Auburn, AI 36830

MRS. ALBERT KAPPEL

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Anchorage, Alaska

March 1, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

Gentlemen:

I strongly support the Fish and Wildlife Services proposal, which seeks to obtain Wilderness classification for the entire area of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska including the surrounding submerged lands.

I think it is of major importance that this Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System, in order to preserve this vital seabird habitat.

Sincerely,

*Victoria Kappel*

(Mrs.) Albert Kappel

AK: fkm

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**RICHARD C. KATTELMANN**  
4817 PROCTOR AVENUE  
Oakland, California 94618

Bureau of Sport Fishers and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Gentlemen :

I support the BSW wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I hope that much of the surrounding water will be included in the area. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*Richard Katteilmann*

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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February 28, 73

Dear Sir:

I'm a concerned citizen about ecology and wildlife. And I'd like the entire wildlife refuge, islands and submerged lands to be included in the Wilderness System. As you probably know many near extinct there - like the American Bald Eagle, the Grizzly bear, Peregrine Falcon and Mountain Loins, and that's one reason why I'm concerned. Also I'm concerned about protecting the bird colonies in the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and there is more reasons too. So once again I'd like to ask you to put the entire wildlife refuge (islands and submerged lands) to be included in

So thank you very, very  
much, for taking time to  
listen to me concerned 10  
year old 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

Sincerely Yours

Dean Keller

2032 Salto  
Hacienda Heights  
Calif. 91745

ESTATE OF F. W. KELLOGG

Owner and  
Operator of:

*The La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club  
The La Jolla Beach Club Apartments  
The Marine Room Restaurant  
"Sea Lodge" Hotel*

WILLIAM SCRIPPS KELLOGG

*Trustee-Manager*

*Office of the Area Director  
Telephone 454-7426C & 12000 Spindrift Drive • La Jolla, California 92037*

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February 22nd, 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 'D' Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

Dear Sir:

I wish to add my voice to thousands of others urging you to designate Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area.

In my opinion it is necessary that we conserve areas of this kind, both from the standpoint of scenic beauty and as a habitat for millions of sea birds.

Very sincerely,



William S. Kellogg

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c.c. Thurman Trospen

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

I am a fifth Grader in California and I want to save animals and wildlife so when I am old enough to travel I can come and see the wildlife I want the entire wildlife system to be included in the wilderness. to protect bird colonies in Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. This is the feeding and nesting grounds of the Peregrine Falcon and American Bald Eagle. will you please in the system.

Sincerely yours,

Kathryn Kelly  
2544 Sarandi Grande  
Hacienda Heights 91745

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P.O. #1 Bx 145

Berne, Y.Y. 12023

March 2, 1973

Dear Sir:

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We urgently ask your  
support to secure the

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survival of Seneca's  
Wildlife Refuge by making it  
part of the National Wilderness  
System.

Let's save what little we  
do have left. Thank you

Sincerely—  
(Mrs) Wynne T. Fort  
Ralph K. Fort.

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March 16, 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Please include this in the record of the hearing on the Semidi Wilderness which was held at the Loussac Library, Anchorage Alaska on February 20, 1973.

These isolated and unique islands and submerged lands should definitely be added to the Wilderness System in order to legally protect them and assure preservation of their natural qualities. I am particularly concerned in the case of this area since they are primarily breeding grounds and it is essential to preserve them.

Sincerely,

*Barbara P. Kerr*

Barbara P. Kerr  
309 E. 14th Street  
Tempe, Arizona 85281

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Donald Kindschi  
Prairie du Sac  
Wis. 53578

FEB. 26, 1973

Area Director  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I support your Bureau's recommendation  
to include the entire SEMIKI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
(islands and submerged lands) in the Wilderness  
Preservation System.

That's fine. Let's do it.

Please include this letter as part of the  
Public Hearing on the matter.

Thank you

Donald Kindschi, M.D.

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Malta, Montana  
February 24, 1973

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I would like to commend your department for setting up the recent hearing for including the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge into wilderness designation.

I would like to give my support in setting the area apart not only as a refuge, but also as a wilderness area. To my knowledge I understand that the area is a significant breeding area for millions of seabirds. The fact that every island in the area is used by these types of wildlife is necessity that we further establish a protection for the animals by wilderness designation. Wilderness designation would legally protect the islands against any encroachment.

As I understand much of the waters surrounding the islands teems with rich marine life. These waters should be left open to the use of fishermen, but should also be protected for the food they provide to nearby wildlife dependent of this food source.

I support your bureau's designation of the wilderness area as it is proposed. I would also like to stress that not only the islands receive wilderness designation, but also the submerged lands be protected also. This would further the protection of the area now under an Executive Order.

Yours truly,

*Rodney J. King*  
Rodney J. King

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
& Wildlife

13 D. St.

Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

OF RECENT KNOWLEDGE, IT IS STRONGLY  
RECOMMENDED THAT THE SEMIDI NATIONAL  
WILDLIFE REFUGE BE DESIGNATED AS  
WILDERNESS.

WITH EVERYTHING FROM CRIBBY SPRAWL TO  
SIC DECUATION FROM WITH THE WILDCARD  
HABITAT SUITABLE FOR ALL OUR WILDLIFE,  
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT AREAS SUCH AS SEMIDI  
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE BE RETAINED IN  
THEIR WILDERNESS CONDITION.

Thank you for your consideration.

LARRY M. KUPAR  
1745 E. 5TH ST.

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

813 H Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I should like to lend my support as an interested citizen to the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. It is my sincere belief that the refuge qualities of these islands would be more fully guaranteed given wilderness status.

The endangered peregrine falcon, I am assured, finds refuge here and I understand that millions of seabirds breed and nest here.

May I add my plea to that of the Alaska conservationists who urge wilderness classification for this significant wildlife refuge?

Sincerely yours,

Daniel L. Grohn

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7037 Chestview Dr.  
Cleveland, Ohio  
44141

2-26-73

Dear Sir:

For the record of the public hearing  
on The Semide National Wildlife Refuge - I  
wish to go on record as a strong advocate  
of this, as wilderness is so vital to maintain  
and protect, I am also speaking for  
36 members of the Brecksville garden club  
which supports the conservationists on this issue  
Thank you.

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Anchorage, Alaska

Sincerely

Ethel Kranek

Mrs. S. R. Kranek

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RICHARD L. KROGER  
R2 BOX 259C  
NEWPORT, N.C.  
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Department of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The establishment of the  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge  
as a wilderness area under  
the National Wilderness Preservation  
System would be a worthwhile  
addition to our wilderness system.  
The preservation of these islands as  
representative habitat of seabirds  
certainly warrants wilderness status.

Please make this letter a part of  
the hearing proceedings.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Kroger

SRA Box 384-B  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507  
February 26, 1973

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Mr. Gordon Watson, Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

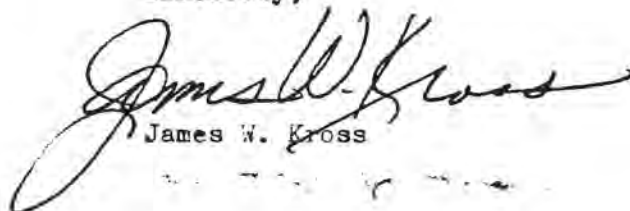
Dear Mr. Watson:

Please include this letter in the official hearing record on the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness proposal.

I support the proposal to include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I firmly agree with the agency proposal to include the entire wildlife refuge, including all submerged lands, in the Wilderness Preservation System.

Your agency is to be congratulated for an excellent proposal, especially the staff of the wilderness studies section.

Sincerely,

  
James W. Kross

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

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Dear Sirs:

It seems a Wilderness is the only way to protect a Refuge. It could become a bombing range or be taken over by some Government operation which would destroy its nature.

This breeding ground seems to be one of the few places that no one else wants at this time, so before that happens, it should become "for the Birds".

We below in the other states owe our pelagic birds a place alone to help them stay as numerous as possible for they are facing some bad times ahead, with oily waters in the Pacific Ocean and possible disasters on land for many fish, mammals, and other birds who breed in this Northern state.

I do hope this letter is not too late to go on the record. Have been away.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn Lagergren (Mrs Henry)*

208 N. 27th Ave., Yakima, Wa., 98902

MAR 5 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Feb 28, 1973

Dear Sir:

I am a fifthgrade student  
and I am very concerned about  
the killing and driving out of wildlife.  
I am studying ecology in school.  
It seems that alot of the wildlife  
is in danger. Such as the Bald Eagle.  
I wonder if it would be to-much  
to ask if you could get legal protection  
for this Sanctuary. I wonder if  
you would try to protect the entire  
wildlife refuge (islands and submerged lands)  
to be included in the Wilderness system.

So that it will stay pretty and  
the wildlife will not be driven  
out of there homes. Thankyou  
for reading this.  
from

Sheree LaPuma

16421 Camelones

Hacienda Heights, California 91745

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Anchorage, Alaska

Volhalls, Marine Route  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

813 D. Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I give my support to the  
Semidei Wilderness proposal.  
Even a few such wild places  
left can help nature keep  
its equilibrium against  
our inroads of development,  
sincerely,

Nancy Mae Larson



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87106

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

We spent a memorable vacation in Alaska this past summer, spending a good deal of our time studying and photographing wildlife. It was my first return to the area after having spent some time in the Aleutians and on Kodiak during World War II. For these reasons I am familiar with types of flora and fauna inhabiting the Semidi National Wildlife refuge although I have not visited it specifically.

I was very pleased to hear that the Fish and Wildlife Service is recommending that the Semidi Refuge and its submerged lands be included in the National Wilderness Preservation system. I strongly support this recommendation. At least by analogy to nearby areas it must be ideally suited for preservation as Wilderness. Particularly in the view of the increasing pressures in Alaska for commercial development and expansion of coastal industry, it is essential to set aside logical areas for wildlife protection before monetary considerations become overwhelming.

Sincerely,

*F. N. LeBaron*

F. N. LeBaron, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chairman

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505 East North Street  
Knoxville, Illinois 61448  
February 27, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge as wilderness.

Sincerely,

*Janella S. Lentz*  
(Miss) Janella S. Lentz

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Office of the Area Director  
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William, the  
Secretary

Thank you

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19 Rio Vista Avenue  
Oakland, Ca 94611  
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and Wildlife  
813 D Street

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Due to illness I have been  
unable to meet the March 13 deadline

However, I wish to commend you  
for your excellent proposal to designate  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as  
Wilderness.

I would like to thank you for  
your concern and efforts to preserve  
our wilderness heritage as represented  
in the remote Semidi NWR islands.  
Knowing that they may remain forever  
wild & unspoiled gives me comfort

I would be grateful if this letter  
could be added to the written record

Sincerely yours  
Robert C. Highland

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Anchorage, Alaska

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February 28, 1973

Dear Sir:

I am a 5<sup>TH</sup> grade student at Mesa Robles in Hacienda Heights, California. We are studying ecology in Miss Norantrock's class. We are very concerned in saving the wildlife in that area. I think you should include the islands and submerged lands in the Wildlife System. I also think you should even have legal protection over it. I think this should be done because we would not like it without animals! Thank you for your time

Sincerely Yours

Ann Linda  
16355 Paseo De Yocha  
Hacienda Heights Calif. P.S. (EXTRA  
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Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grader at  
Mesa Robles School in Hacienda Heights, California.  
We are studying ecology and I want the  
entire wildlife refuge to be included in the  
Wildlife refuge system. I think that you  
should have a legal protection for this  
sanctuary. I think you should do this  
because I think that it is our  
responsibility to protect the bird colonies.  
I want you also put the Peregrine Falcon  
and the American Eagle in the bird colony.  
Thank you very much ~~for your time~~ for your time

Sincerely,  
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Stacey Little of  
2539 Sarandi Grande  
Hacienda Heights California 91745

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Area Director, Bureau of  
Fisheries and Wildlife  
313 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

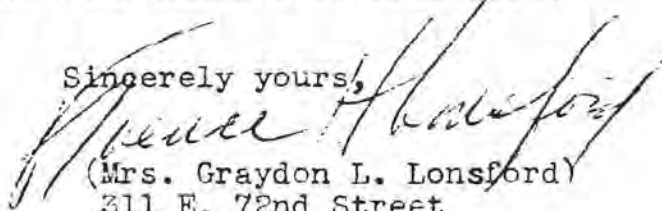
Dear Sir:

It is imperative that a wildlife refuge  
be maintained at Semidi National Refuge  
in Alaska.

Only very short-sighted people today are  
so interested in the present that they  
cannot visualize a world completely  
altered by business interests and all the  
problems that come from industrialization.

We MUST maintain space, air, wildlife  
in order to keep our human race from being  
brutalized.

Sincerely yours,



(Mrs. Graydon L. Lonsford)  
311 E. 72nd Street  
New York, N. Y. 10021

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Anchorage, Alaska

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March 9, 1973

To: Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife

Dear Sirs;

The appropriation for the Senedi National Wildlife Refuge to be included in the Wilderness System has our full support. As avid bird watchers, we realize the value of this area, and are concerned, that provisions be taken to preserve it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne and Chuck

Suzanne and Chuck Luetmann  
504 W. Kennicott  
Carbondale Illinois

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express our strong support of the proposal for including the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We feel this proposal concerns us, because we plan to make Alaska our home in the near future. My wife is a 21 year Alaska resident, and I have lived and worked in Alaska for varying periods since 1967. Also, I am presently doing research in the McNeil River Bear Sanctuary on the Alaska peninsula. Therefore, we feel qualified to present our views on this proposal.

Even though the Semidi Islands are presently seldom visited by man, we feel wilderness classification is needed to protect the area and its wildlife from exploitation in the future. Alaska is beginning to feel the pressures of a growing U.S. population in need of natural resources. Sometime in the future Alaskans may feel the pressures of a need for space also. Alaska now, represents a quality life for people who feel man must live in harmony with the land. Hopefully, the people of Alaska will realize the need for preserving a certain amount of their natural resources, both aesthetic and material, in order to preserve a quality life for future Alaskans and other Americans fortunate enough to visit Alaska.

Sincerely,

*Michael H. Luque*

*Janice D. Luque*

Michael H. Luque  
Janice D. Luque  
P.O. Box 575  
Logan, Utah 84321

Area Director,  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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March 10, 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

I support and urge that the full  
256,000 acres of water and land  
in the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge  
be included in the National Wilderness  
Preservation System.

Please enter this letter in the  
Hearings Record.

Sincerely,  
Vernon A. Luthman  
Box 4-1113  
Anchorage, Alaska 99509

March 10, 1973

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage, AK. 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

As an interested, informed & concerned citizen, I have been following wilderness proposals for Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Having spent time in that general area & recognizing the values of the National Wilderness Preservation System, I urge & support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

Sincerely,

James P. Luthy

P.O. Box 244

Death Valley, CA. 92328

N. KEMP MABRY

POST OFFICE BOX 3967

STATESBORO, GEORGIA 30458

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fish. and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Please enter this letter of support for  
the designation of Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge as wilderness. I urge that  
the entire refuge area, including the  
surrounding submerged lands be  
included in the National Wilderness  
Preservation System.

Respectfully submitted,  
N. Kemp Mabry Ph.D.

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Anchorage, Alaska

JAMES R. MACKOWSKA  
Box 59  
Soldotna, Alaska  
99669

MARCH 20, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am totally in favor of  
including the Semedi Islands as an  
area of wilderness designation.

Sincerely,

James R. Mackowski

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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: For the Hearing Record 2/20/73 Semidi National Wildlife Refuge  
Wilderness Proposal

Dear Sir:

It is hoped that the Fish and Wildlife Service wilderness proposal to include the entire 256,000 acre Semidi refuge under the protection of the National Wilderness Act will be accepted. The millions of seabirds using these islands for nesting and the submerged lands surrounding them for feeding need all the legal protection available. The maintaining of these islands in a wilderness or undeveloped condition is essential to their survival.

*Eileen Manderfield*

Eileen Manderfield  
8334 E. Devonshire  
Scottsdale, Az. 85251

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Mr. Jordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

I regret that I am unable to personally visit the Semidi Islands at this time. However, I request that my comments be duly noted. In the hearing record. As a former resident of Alaska and as a Wildlife Biologist, I am both concerned and aware of Alaska's future and her treasures in wildlife. In Gabrielson and Lincoln's book "Birds of Alaska", this classic work points out that almost half of the bird species and races are classed as water birds. Many of the great nesting colonies for these water birds are located on these coastal islands. These insular habitats are unique and those such as Semidi Islands are well worth preserving. I am therefore in favor of making the Semidi Islands a National Wilderness Area and further propose that additional similar habitat be considered for added wilderness protection.

Sincerely,

  
Alan W. Manee  
18009 1/2 Sherman Way  
Reseda, California 91335

Jm/AWM

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Ankeny, Iowa

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Dear Sir:

I recommend that the Seminoe National Wildlife Refuge be given Wilderness Status.

It would seem that such an action would provide for much needed breeding and nesting grounds of many species, including endangered species such as the American Bald Eagle and the peregrine falcon. It seems that such an act would in no way interfere with economic activities, such as fishing, in the adjacent areas.

Not to do so, may in the future, result in loss of the unique habitat.

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. June Mangano  
1415 Lincoln  
Cute, Illinois U.S.A.

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February 28, 73

Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grade student from Mesa Pablos and I am concerned about the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I hope you will do something to help the animals in that area because there isn't very much wilderness for animals around.

Yours truly

Danny Marion

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Hacienda Heights CA 91745

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c/o Beres  
628 Eye Street  
Davis, California 95616  
March 21, 1973

Alaska Area Director  
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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Dear Sir:

Please include this letter in the wilderness hearing record for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. Thank you.

I heartily support the Bureau's wilderness proposal for the Semidi Islands. I feel wilderness classification offers the best protection available to the bird and animal life of the islands and surrounding waters.

I was happy to read in the Semidi brochure that the American bald eagle and the peregrine falcon are present in the refuge. These birds are now rare in California and I have never seen them. Henry David Thoreau wrote "I wish to know an entire heaven and an entire earth." With the Semidi Islands we have the chance to protect an unspoiled ecosystem, although small, something whole. They should be given this protection, for present and future generations and for the birds!

Sincerely,

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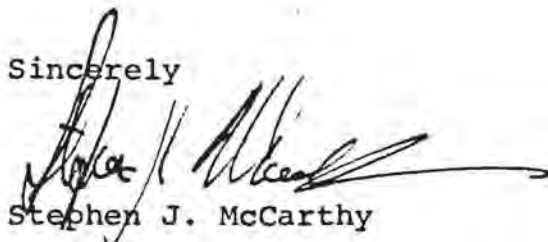
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

It is my sincere hope that the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge will be maintained as a refuge  
and be included in the preservation program.

Your organization has my full fledged  
support and backing.

Sincerely



Stephen J. McCarthy

CODE 412  
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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau Of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska. 99501

Dear Sir;

With regards to the Semidi Islands National Wildlife Refuge,  
situated in the Gulf Of Alaska.

I am wholeheartedly in support of keeping this group of islands  
in the National Wildlife Preservation System thereby assuring the  
preservation of its natural qualities.

Therefore, I ask that this letter of support be entered in the  
hearing record, as of this date.

Yours Very Truly;

*Robert H. McClintic*

Mrs Robert H. McClintic.



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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sirs -

I support the proposed designation of Semidi National Wildlife Range as wilderness.

Sincerely,

M. McCollay  
918 Surry Rd  
Wenatchee, Wa

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Tucson, Arizona 85719  
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Area Director  
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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I was pleased to read of the recent Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's recommendation that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, including the islands and the surrounding submerged lands, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I believe that this is an excellent proposal and it has my complete support. Wilderness designation would not only help to protect the natural values found in this area, but it would also insure the continued existence of this important wildlife refuge.

Please make this letter a part of the official hearing record.

Sincerely,

  
John A. McComb

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P. O. Box 1163  
Silver City, New Mexico 88061  
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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, as Wilderness

Dear Sir:

I favor the inclusion of the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, both islands and submerged lands, in the National Wilderness Preservation System as the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Service has planned it, in part because as a National Wildlife Refuge this area can be abolished, but as a wilderness it will be protected.

Protection of this area is very important because of the millions of seabirds that are supported by Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, including two endangered species--the Bald Eagle and the Peregrine Falcon.

Please include this letter in the record on the Semidi Wilderness hearing.

Sincerely,

*Myra B. McCormick*

Myra B. McCormick (Mrs. Fred D.)

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Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grader at Mesa Robles school in California. I am studying ecology and I am concerned about the wildlife refuge. I would like to save the entire wildlife refuge including the islands and submerged land. I would like this to be included in the whole Wilderness System. I would like to have legal protection for the whole sanctuary. I would like this because there are not many wildernesses like it left and if you dispose of it you will dispose of much natural wildlife and natural nesting areas of the American Bald Eagle and Peregrine Falcon. So please save it and include it the Wilderness System. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Jon Mc Gann

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: Semidi Wilderness Proposal

Dear Sir:

We would like to inform your agency that we wholeheartedly support your Semidi NWR Wilderness proposal. We feel that this small collection of islands probably can serve no "higher and better" use than to be designated wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act, to grant permanent protection to its abundant bird populations.

In addition, we wish to dispel the myth that only the "extremist-preservationist" conservationists from Outside are in favor of "locking up" significant federally-owned areas in Alaska as permanent Wilderness. In the first place, wilderness is not "locked up" in the same sense that commercial or industrial development "locks up" land; the wilderness may always be used for some other purpose later, if the national need is great enough to justify changing the statute which protects it. Land once disposed for resource development, however, has lost both the tangible and intangible elements of wilderness forever.

In the second place, we feel certain that this will not be the only letter supporting the wilderness proposal which you receive from Alaska residents. There is a significant percentage of Alaskans who feel that tomorrow will be too late to take steps to secure for future generations the wild Alaska we have for ourselves today.

We request that this letter be included in the official transcript of hearing for the Semidi Wilderness Proposal. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

*Thomas E. Meacham*

Thomas E. Meacham

*Jane C. Meacham*

Jane C. Meacham

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March 8, 1973  
Cynthia Messner  
1035 Devonshire Dr.  
Oshkosh, Wis  
54901

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regard to Semiah  
National Wildlife Refuge. I would like  
to see it become part of a national  
wildlife classification.

I am a student at the University  
of Wisconsin - Oshkosh. I am interested  
in seeing that the wildlife of this area  
be provided with an area which is  
as close to a natural habitat as possible.  
I feel we need more wildlife areas.

Please submit my letter to the forth-  
coming hearing. I would like a confirmation  
stating that my letter has been received and  
submitted.

-Thank you

Cindi Messner

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Coral Gables, Fla 3310

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
313 D. St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Please add to the Hearings Record my  
personal endorsement of the Seminole National Wildlife  
Area proposal to put the area into the Wilderness  
System. As a biologist-citizen this seems  
to me a logical & necessary addition to  
permanently protected natural regions.

Sincerely,

E. Morton Miller  
Professor Emeritus

E. MORTON MILLER,  
DEPT. OF BIOLOGY  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI  
CORAL GABLES, FLA. 33124

February 26, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street, ~~Alaska~~  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Though I could not attend the public hearing regarding the <sup>REFUGE</sup> Lemhi National Wildlife, I want to add my support to the recommendation of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

I feel the entire area, submerged lands included, should be part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The area is still in a natural state and qualifies for inclusion. Wilderness designation will provide the legal protection necessary for the preservation of this area and its natural qualities. These ~~natural~~ natural qualities are needed by millions of seabirds for survival.

Please include this letter of support in the hearing record.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Raymond M. Miller

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ROGER H. MILLER  
SIX TWENTY ASH STREET  
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

March 1, 1973

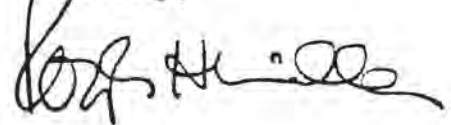
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

For the public hearing record reference the Semidi  
Wilderness in Alaska, I should like to make the  
following statement:

The Fish and Wildlife Service rightfully  
concludes that all of the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge qualifies for inclusion in  
the National Wilderness Preservation  
System. I support the designation of  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as  
wilderness.

Sincerely,



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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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To be included on the record of the Semidi Wilderness hearing.

Sirs,

I wish, at this time, to voice my support to the proposal by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to include the Semidi National Wildlife refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. With the future of Alaska so much in question today, we should all be concerned with insuring the preservation of Wilderness areas for future generations.

Not only should the islands be included in the System, but also the underwater islands should be protected. These provide great protection for fish. These areas are useful as havens for fish and will insure a good fish population.

Sincerely,

*H. Ellis Misner*

Howard Ellis Misner

4242 Gayanne Rd  
Memphis, TN 38117

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I AM IN  
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MRS. J. R. MITCHELL  
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Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
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Anchorage Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Please make this letter part of the official  
bearing record on the Semidi Wilderness Proposal.  
I have studied the brochures on the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge and I would be desirous of having the  
area classified as wilderness as recommended by  
the Fish and Wildlife Service.  
I have pro wilderness for the past twenty years and  
as classified as a "Kook" it times change. Two of our  
old politicians, Senator Allott & Congressman Casperson  
the avid Wilderness opponents are not around anymore.  
Do what you can up there in our largest state  
save what you can.

Thank you  
Ed C. Mitchell  
427 Leuker  
F Hollins Cole

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Anchorage, Alaska

East Winchester Rd.

Annapolis Md 21401

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Dear Sir:

I wish to go on record as being heartily in favor of the wilderness classification for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Living in the midst of urban civilization, I feel a strong need to know that this area of sea and rocky cliffs, fog and storms and teeming life be preserved in its natural state. This is especially so since from what I have read, the future of the bald eagle and as well as the peregrine falcon is doubtful elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Bruce H. Morgan

Olivia B. Morgan 3-10-73

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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

This is to indicate my support for your agency's proposal for designating the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as part of the national wilderness system.

Having once visited Alaska, I am interested in preserving its wild areas and especially those that offer habitat to unusual wildlife. I note that the Peregrine Falcon is among the birds of the refuge.

Please make my support part of the official record of the Feb. 20 hearing on this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

*J. Morley*  
J. Morley

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Anchorage, Alaska

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March 10, 1973  
Blaine R. Morris  
5707 Columbia Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana 46320

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen;

I respectfully request you to enter this letter in the hearing record in support of making the Semidi Islands in Alaska a National Wildlife Refuge.

Respectfully,

*Blaine R. Morris*

Blaine R. Morris

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Anchorage, Alaska

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March 10, 1973  
Brian D. Morris  
5707 Columbia Avenue  
Hammond, Indiana 46320

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen;

I respectfully request you to enter this letter in the hearing record in support of making the Semidi Islands in Alaska a National Wildlife Refuge.

Respectfully

*Brian D. Morris*

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Sirs:

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

I am writing to express our support for the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. We have visited Alaska and enjoyed it very much and believe it is imperative to preserve as much of the land as possible for wilderness, for our generation and those to come.

Kindly make this letter a part of the hearing record. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Mr. and Mrs. John Morrow  
2227 13th Avenue East  
Seattle, WN. 98102

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and Wildlife  
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Anchorage, Alaska

March 5, 1973

Dear Sir:

We strongly support the designation of the "Sewidi National Wildlife Refuge" as wilderness. We feel it is equally important to include the outlying submerged lands as well as the islands themselves in order to maintain the ecological balance now responsible for the amount of food available to support the millions of birds that nest there. Wilderness designation would provide legal protection for this island sanctuary, assuring the preservation of its natural qualities.

Sincerely, Joan Mullen

John T. Mullen

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Box 602  
Soldotna, Alaska  
March 7, 1973

Gordon W. Watson, Director  
Dept Interior  
Fish & Wildlife Service, BSWF  
813 D. St.  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I would ask that the Semidi Wilderness proposal as presented by your Department be included as one of Alaska's wilderness areas.

I value it's importance as habitat for numerous birds, sea mammals as well as king crab and halibut.

Sincerely,

*Margaret T. Mullen*

Margaret T. Mullen

GEORGE W. MUNFORD

POST OFFICE BOX 405  
GRAYLING, MICHIGAN 49738

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

February 25, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife:

Please recommend wilderness protection  
for Semidi so that scientists can seek  
wildlife secrets to benefit man. Thanks.

Most sincerely,

*George W. Munford*

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - LINCOLN  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68508

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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 "D" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I would like to request that this letter be included in the record of the public hearing on the BSW's proposal for the Semidi Wilderness in Alaska.

I strongly support the Bureau's recommendation that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge (including the submerged lands) be given the protection afforded by the National Wilderness Preservation System Act of 1964.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely

*William D. Murphy*  
William D. Murphy

to Father & Family

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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Director:

I would like the following to be included in the hearing record on the Semidi Wilderness proposal hearing held February 20, 1973 in Anchorage, Alaska.

I strongly support the proposal to grant permanent protection to the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge by including it in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I feel it is definitely in the long term best interest of the public to have areas such as this undisturbed seabird habitat and surrounding submerged land permanently protected by giving it full wilderness status. Proposals such as this represent wise long-term resource management policy,

This Refuge certainly is very qualified for such status and I heartily endorse the agency proposal.

Sincerely,

*Darby Nelson*  
Darby Nelson

MAR 5 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

16341 Santa Blanca Dr  
Hacienda Heights CA  
91745

February 28, 1973

Dear Sir:

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I am a fifth grade student in Mesa Robles school and I am very worried about animals being killed off that's what I'm writing this letter.

I don't mean to make this sound like I'm demanding, but I would like to say that I want the entire wildlife refuge to grow and if possible to have protection against hunter for this sanctuary.

And protect these two birds especially the Peregrine Falcon and the American Bald Eagle.

Would you please enter this in the Wilderness System.

Sincerely Yours  
Russ Nelson

February 19, 1973

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sirs and Madams:

Although very far away and probably not within my chance to view, the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge deserves the status of wilderness for future generations.

I am in support of the Alaskans calling for this area becoming a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph Nolley*  
P.O. Box 321  
Waterbury, Ct. 06702



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ONEONTA, NEW YORK 13820

February 27, 1973

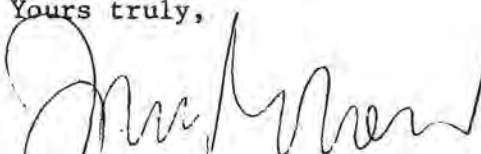
Biology Department

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sirs:

I wish to support the inclusion of the Semidi Wildlife Refuge in the Wilderness System. Having been to Alaska in the summers of 1969 and 1971 and in the Kodiak Island area, I am familiar with the region and the value of giving this area increased protection.

Yours truly,

  
John G. New, Chairman  
Biology Department

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March 7, 1973  
140 Eagle #305  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing to voice my support for the designation of the DENALI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE as a wilderness area. Wilderness designation would insure legal protection for this wilderness island sanctuary and ensure its preservation.

Sincerely,

*Lucinda Newman*  
Lucinda Newman

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Anchorage, Alaska

The Dakota  
ONE WEST 72ND STREET #96  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10023

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March 7, 1973

Dear Sir:

I believe the Semidi Islands with their natural facilities for the American bald eagle and other birds should be protected forever from any activity of man that would alter the life-support system that eons of time have evolved. Therefore, I urge that Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be designated a wilderness area, and that whatever steps are needed to assure permanent legal protection for this ~~the~~ area be actively supported by your Bureau.

Most sincerely yours,

Heidi Nitzge

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Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage Alaska 99501

Re: Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge proposal

Dear Sir

Thank you for the opportunity to review  
The well prepared proposal, subject above.

I do not believe that including the Refuge  
in the National Wilderness Preservation System would  
have any adverse effects on Alaskan development.

The Semidi proposal obviously recognizes a de facto  
wilderness situation and avoids lands that will  
be needed if our State is to progress.

The brochure which outlines the proposal states  
that there are no known minerals deposits present.  
Perhaps a brief entry on how this was determined  
would have made the document a little more  
acceptable to all concerned.

Yours Very Truly  
Collin A. Hiver

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Anchorage, Alaska

February 28, 1973

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Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grade student  
at Mesa Robles School, and we  
are studying Ecology.

I would like the entire wildlife  
refuge which includes submerged lands,  
to be included in the Wilderness  
System. I would like to have legal  
protection for this sanctuary.

The reason is to protect bird  
colonies in Seward National  
Wildlife Refuge. This is their breeding  
and nesting area and is the home  
of the Peregrine Falcon and  
America bald eagle. Thank-you

Sincerely yours,

Craig Northcote.

16284 Santa Bianca Dr.  
Hacienda Heights California  
91745

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March 9, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This is in support of the proposal <sup>to</sup> the designation of Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge for both the islands and submerged  
lands and is, please, to be made a part of the hearings.

Sincerely,

*Josephine M. Norwood*

MRS. JOSEPHINE M. NORWOOD  
319 Dartmouth Dr., SE  
Albuquerque, N. M.

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February 28<sup>th</sup> 1972

Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grade student and  
I am studying all kinds of animals  
I live where a lot of wildlife is  
and I am concerned about the  
wildlife I have been hearing  
about many kinds of animals  
disappearing like the Peregrine  
Falcon and the American Bald Eagle  
I would like you to give this  
letter to the wildlife conservation.

Thank you

Sincerely

your

Randy Owen

16404 Canaries

Hacienda Heights

CA 91745

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

Dear Sir-

I am writing to urge the  
designiation of the entire Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge to be in-  
cluded in the National Wildlife  
Preservation System.

I am sure the many  
birds that find homes there  
need it much more than  
men do, and have a prior  
right to it.

Sincerely  
Sophia B. Parker.

Mrs. Gordon Parker  
822 East Caramillo  
Colorado Springs  
Colorado 80907

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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February 28, 1973

Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grad student studying ecology, and our teacher has told us about your area.

We would like the entire wildlife refuge and islands to be included in the wilderness system.

We would like legal protection for this sanctuary.

I would like you and others to protect all bird colonies in Semidi national wildlife refuge.

This is their feeding and nesting area, so please remember the Peregrine Falcon and American bald Eagle.

So please help them!

Sincerely Yours,  
Jay Parodi

2504 Sarandi Grande drive  
Hacienda Heights California

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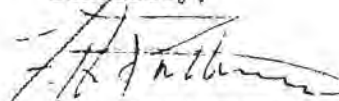
Dear Sir:

It comes as a distinct surprise that I can enthusiastically support a governmental proposal for the inclusion of land in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Such is the case concerning the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge proposal.

In my opinion, there are two strong points concerning this proposal. A habitat for various types of birdlife, including the bald eagle and the peregrine falcon will be protected, and the wildlife refuge can not be abolished by a presidential order.

For these reasons, I enthusiastically urge the acceptance of the government proposal.

Sincerely,



F.A. Patterson  
1862 Hamilton Rd E-15  
Okemos, Michigan 48864

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

After reading the Semidi Wilderness Proposal, it seems one can only wonder, What is the question? As Aldo Leopold would observe, designating them as wilderness is not making a decision; it is merely ratifying history. The Semidi Islands are, *prima facie*, wilderness in the purest form.

The evidence supporting such wilderness designation appears so overwhelming as to make reiteration here unwarranted. Therefore, we will only state our full support for the Semidi Wilderness Proposal as prepared by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Asking, as Leopold did, "Is my share in Alaska worthless to me because I shall never go there?" we thank you for this opportunity to express our views on the destiny of our last great American wilderness.

Sincerely,

*Gary L. Pearson*  
Gary L. Pearson  
Issues Chairman

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Dear Sir:

I am learning ecology and I am very concerned about it. I would want the entire wildlife refuge to be included in the Wilderness System to protect bird colonies in Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. And I would want legal protection for this sanctuary cause this is their feeding and nesting area and is the home of the Peregrine Falcon and American Bald Eagle.

Thankyou

Cheryl Pellerin

1992 Placentia Dr.

Hacienda Heights

91745 California

Box 662  
Northern Arizona University  
Flagstaff, Arizona  
86001  
February 21, 1973

Gordon R. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 K. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
99501

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Dear Mr. Watson,

As a conservationist and bird watcher as well, I would like to express my firm approval of the proposal that would grant the Aleutic Islands National Wildlife Refuge maintenance status. This area protects many millions of seabirds and also such endangered species as the bald eagle and the peregrine falcon. To give this area maintenance status would prevent any future development or change in habitat. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Melvin Phillips

6750 Valley Drive  
Riverside - Calif.  
March 1, 1973

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife

813 D Street  
Anchorage - Alaska

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Dear Sir:

Regarding the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge, I urge your  
support of adding the Refuge  
to the Wilderness System -

this would also include  
the submerged lands  
surrounding this island  
wildlife sanctuary -

Thank you -

Very Sincerely -  
Mrs. Robert M. Phillips

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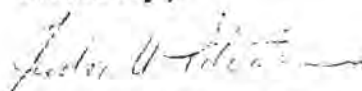
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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

I strongly support the designation of Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness. It is time for  
our nation to take effective steps to protect our  
dwindling natural resources.

Sincerely,



Feodor U. Pitcairn

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my  
views concerning the Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge.

I strongly urge and support  
the proposal by the Fish and  
Wildlife Service that the Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge be  
designated as a refuge in  
the Wilderness System.

Sincerely,  
Judy Pizarro

4 Hawthorne Rd.  
Riverside, N.J. 08026

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3942 Hughes Court  
San Diego, Ca. 92115  
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Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

The persons listed separately join me in asking that our statement be made part of the Semidi Islands Wilderness Proposal Hearing. Usually, some of our group has been to, or had area experience of, the proposed wildernesses in the National Wildlife Refuges, very much including those of Alaska. In this instance, no one has had such experience, but we nevertheless wish to go on record as approving this Proposal.

We find particularly apt the fifth paragraph under "Socio-Economic Considerations," of the, as usual, well-designed and informative brochure, that states that preservation of the great bird-flocks of the remote Semidis does add to the social betterment and satisfaction of all of us, no matter where we live, and even if, as seems likely, we shall never even glimpse the Islands. This statement needs the widest circulation, and I hope I can help spread this "word."

Sincerely,

*Roscoe A. Poland*  
Roscoe A. Poland

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916 N. 24th Street  
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58201  
March 11, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
313 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

We are writing in support of the recommendations of the Fish and Wildlife Service that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be made a Wilderness Area. As long as it appears there will be no commercial interest in the area, there should be no question about making this a Wilderness Area.

Please include this letter as a part of the hearing record for the Semidi Wilderness. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Robert Pollock*  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pollock

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir -

I wish to urge  
that Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge be  
added to the  
Wilderness System.  
Many birds nest in  
the Semidi and  
it is imperative  
for them and  
other forms of

wildlife that  
areas remain in  
a wilderness  
condition.

Very truly yours,  
Stephen G. Poole

20 March 1973

VALLEY VIEW, R.D. 2 BOX 404  
HOCKESSIN, DE 19707

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Feb. 25, 1973  
1525 So. Amherst #210  
W Los Angeles, Ca 90025

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 J Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

The proposal for no development or change of habitat  
for the Semidi Islands in the Gulf of Alaska is to be  
commended and approved.

Any area that can be preserved as a bird or wildlife  
sanctuary should be supported without reservation.

Sincerely,  
  
Marta Porter

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BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

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1537 N. E. 92nd St.  
Seattle, WA 98115  
February 23, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

RE: Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge

Dear Sir:

I agree with the proposal that the entire Semidi National Wildlife  
Refuge be added to the Wilderness System. Inclusion of the submerged  
lands will not interfere with fishing activities.

Such a remote area as this is ideal for this purpose, but appears to  
have little other value. It is important that it be given this protection  
at this time.

Sincerely,

  
Allen R. Potter

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Office of the Area Director

Dear Sir;

I am a fifth grade student at a Mass Robles school. I am writing this letter to ask you to try to have the wildlife refuge islands and submerged lands to be included in the Wilderness Sumptery. To have sanctuary. The reason why I would like this to be done is, to protect bird colonies in Santa National Wildlife Refuge. This is their feeding and nesting area and is the home of the Peregrine Falcon and American Bald Eagle.

I thank you

15856 Annelen St.  
Hacienda Heights Calif.

Sincerely Yours  
Renee Porcell

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Box 80569  
College, Alaska 99701  
March 16, 1973

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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This letter is written in support of the proposal to include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The designation of the islands in this Refuge would not conflict with other interests, including commercial fishing. With the gradual encroachment upon areas in Alaska that hitherto have been undisturbed, it is most important that the attempt be made to set aside areas such as the Semidi Islands, for preservation. If perpetuated as a wilderness area, the esthetic and scientific values of these Islands would be adequately protected; the islands are a national asset, and their remaining so would be ensured.

Please include my letter in the record of the hearings on this question.

Sincerely yours,



Robert L. Rausch

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Box 80569  
College, Alaska 99701

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

There seems to be no conflict in the aim and intent of the Wilderness Act of 3 September 1964 with the present status of the Semidi Islands as a National Wildlife Refuge. Therefore, because I think that additional protection will be given to this important Refuge if it is managed within guidelines of the National Wilderness Preservation System, I am in favor of of its being designated as a wilderness-area .

I was not able to attend the hearings in Anchorage but hope that this letter will be included in the record.

Sincerely yours,

*Virginia R. Rausch*

Virginia R. Rausch

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P.O. Box 589  
Placitas, New Mexico 87043  
March 11, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge under the wilderness classification. I understand that wilderness designation would protect the legal preservation of this wildlife refuge from abolishment via Executive Order.

The pelagic bird colonies require a wilderness environment for maintenance, survival. The islands are utilized by the many, various seabirds as nesting grounds. The surrounding waters, containing submerged lands, not open sea, provide food. This wilderness area is located outside the known major petroleum provinces of Alaska, and contains no known mineral deposits.

As a member of the Wilderness Society, from whom I received the information that I now make consideration of, I encourage the designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and surrounding submerged lands in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

*Richard A. Rhodes*

Richard A. Rhodes

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2429 24th St. Rd.  
Greeley, Colorado 80631  
February 27, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

By all means change the designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge to a Wilderness Area. These areas are important to protect and keep for future generations.

Thank you,

*Paul Richard*

Paul W. Richard  
2429 24th St. Rd.  
Greeley, CO 80631

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Anchorage, Alaska

HOLLYHOCK HOLLOW FARM, R. D., ~~ANCHORAGE~~, N. Y.  
Telephone Albany ROger 7-2273

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Feb. 28 1973

Area Director, Bur. of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

For the  
hearings  
— a plea —

My dear Sir:

Just a word to strongly endorse the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as inviolable wilderness.

Here in the States we are faced daily with the irretrievable thing we have done: scalped our land until there remain only isolated patches of our once magnificent forest, beat up our wilderness trails until they are now parade grounds for hundreds of thousands of feet yearly; made sewers out of every major river (with four of our ports recently so contaminated that ships stopping in them can no longer take on drinking water (1)), and worse of all--worked up a list of 110 species that are so imperiled that they will not last another ten years.

Our wild birds are the first to go. Bald Eagles are so rare that we have only a few hundred pair in the nation down here, and their eggs are so soft from DDT that they break in the nests; it is the same with ospreys and peregrine; they are sure for extinction. Your islands and Alaska are the only hope for survival of several species beside the American Eagle, and we sincerely hope you have learned from us. You can't save a species once it gets down to the critical point. Maybe for a few years--but an overnight calamity, storm or epidemic could end it then and there. Do save the islands for the birds!!

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Anchorage, Alaska

March 3, 1973

230 Andrews Hall

Boulder CO 80302

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

Let this letter be part of the  
hearing record in strong support  
for Wilderness Classification for the entire  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge including  
both islands and submerged lands.

You are taking a great step forward  
is such a forward approach to  
Wilderness protection. I hope more  
such areas can be included in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Rodda

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TULSA, OK. 74135.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska



Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Please include these comments in the hearing record for wilderness designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

I heartily support the Bureau's recommendation that the entire wildlife refuge, including the submerged lands, be placed in a wilderness category. The birds and other wildlife will benefit from the area's complete protection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
R. Fenton Rood

# Bobbe Rosenberg

1907 North Norton, Tucson, Arizona 85719

Please keep the Saguaro  
 Natural Wildlife Refuge as a  
 wilderness and include it as  
 a National Wilderness Preserve.

Thank you for your consideration  
 Bobbe Rosenberg  
 (see George Rosenberg)

314 Harwood Hall  
University of Alaska  
College Alaska 99701

Feb 27, 1973.

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We have read a summary of the agency's wilderness proposal for the Seward National Wildlife Refuge and are in complete agreement with it. We wish to have our letter of support included in the hearing record.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. + Mrs. Kenneth C. Roy

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

February 28, 1973

Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grade student and we are studying Ecology and I would like to save the wildlife. I understand that there is still the Bald Eagle left but there is hardly any left. I want the entire wildlife refuge (island and submerged lands) to be included in the Velders system. My reason for this letter is that I want to protect bird colonies in Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you for reading  
my letter.

Sincerely Yours,

Chris Ruby.

2423 Fontezuela Dr.  
Hacienda Heights Calif.

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Frank Reuter  
852 D Yak Estates  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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Dear Sirs,

The undersigned strongly urge the incorporation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge into the national wilderness system. Since the area is a de facto wilderness that shows no potential for commercial use, the wilderness designation would guarantee the protection of the pelagic birds' nesting areas.

Sincerely,

Frank Reuter

*Frank Reuter*

Mary Reuter

*Mary Reuter*

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MRS. E. S. RUSSELL  
13 NORTH STREET  
NORTH READING, MASS. 01864

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Feb. 19, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the recommendation that the Semikof National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation system. This seems to be an extremely important move in view of the fact that so many kinds of birds are dependant upon this area. It is good to know that there are people who care about the beauty of our world and are trying to preserve it. Thank you for your efforts in behalf of all of us.

Very truly yours,  
Ruth S. Russell

MAR 23 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

MRS. SHIRLEY A. SABBETH  
46 BULFAIRE ROAD  
EAST ROCKAWAY, N. Y. 11518

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Director, Bureau Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

This is written in support of the designation  
of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a  
wilderness.  
You are undoubtedly aware of the value of  
these islands & their surrounding submerged  
lands as a natural habitat and nesting-  
breeding area for a multitude of wild life -  
seabirds & migrating birds, including the  
American Bald Eagle & the peregrine falcon -  
already endangered.

My point is, once these lands are  
disposed and the species gone, they cannot be  
replaced.

As an American, I am urging you to  
save this nation, which we love - and  
everything that is a part of it, that  
future generations may know & and

enjoy it as we now do,

Very truly

Bill A. Sabber

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43 Glacier Court  
Bozeman, Montana 59715

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir;

I strongly urge that the entire Sanidi National Wildlife Refuge (islands and submerged lands) be designated as wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act. I am an Alaska resident temporarily out of the state to attend graduate school.

Please include this letter in the public hearing record concerning this matter on February 20, 1973.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

*J.W. Sargent*

J.W. Sargent

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Anchorage, Alaska

4050 Poplar Ave.  
Concord, Calif. 94521  
March 3, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 "D" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Semidi National Wildlife Refuge

Dear Sir:

We strongly urge that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, including submerged lands surrounding this island wildlife sanctuary, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The Semidi National Wildlife Refuge was established by Executive Order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1932, primarily to preserve the habitat of millions of seabirds. It is situated in the Gulf of Alaska, about 100 miles southwest of Kodiak Island and 40 miles from the Alaska Peninsula.

The 256,000 acre wildlife refuge encompasses nine rocky islands containing about 8,425 acres, with the balance consisting of submerged lands surrounding the island group.

The wildlife refuge is located outside the known major petroleum provinces of Alaska and contains no known mineral deposits.

The Fish and Wildlife Service rightfully concludes that all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is still in a natural state and qualifies for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We ask that this letter be made a part of the hearing record.

Very truly yours,

*William Sattler*  
*Genevieve Sattler*

275  
49 Claremont Avenue  
New York, New York 10027  
February 27, 1973

Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson,

This letter is written in support of the Semidi Wilderness Proposal from the current Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I think that the BSWF has recommended wisely and I would urge the adoption of this proposal. I would also urge that any lands that properly accrue to the refuge in the future be added to the Semidi Wilderness.

I ask that this support be noted in the record.  
Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,



William C. Saunders

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8 Beechdale Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21210  
March 11, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my support for the Fish and Wildlife Service proposal to designate the entire area of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, both the islands and the submerged lands, as wilderness.

Sincerely yours,

*Martha D. Schaffer*  
Mrs. Martha D. Schaffer

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Box 130 Mt. Edgecumbe, Alaska  
March 18, 1973

Gordon W. Watson

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Dear Sir:

Thank you for sending me information on the wilderness proposal for Semidi National Wildlife Refuge. I have read this and other materials I have obtained and would like to add my support to the proposal for Wilderness Classification. I feel that the entire area meets the qualifications for wilderness and that it can best be protected by this designation.

Please include my letter in the hearing record. As an Alaskan I am particularly interested that a great variety of our true wilderness be preserved.

Thank you.

Yours truly,  
Lee M. Schmidt M.D.

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**Society for the Preservation of Natural Beauty and the Environment**

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Anchorage, Alaska

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- Mrs. Grace Peterson  
4 Ward Drive, Angola, N.Y. 14006
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- Mrs. Inez Ahlers
- Mr. Richard J. Miller
- Miss Mildred F. Widmer

*Alma Sirota  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
818 D Street Anchorage Alaska 99501*

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- Dr. Robert F. Andrie, Bio-geographer
- Stanley P. Spisiak, Environmentalist
- Gretchen H. Stevenson, Conservationist
- Arthur G. Wingerter, Landscape Architect

*Dear Sirs:  
I would like to have you name the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness, to be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. The submerged lands surrounding the island sanctuary should be included.*

*Please make this part of the Hearing.*

*Yours truly,*

*Arne To. Schromer  
212 Lake Street  
Angola, N.Y. 14006*

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

I am writing in regard to Semidi National Wildlife Refuge and its chance to become a part of the wilderness system. I am a student at University - Wisconsin at Oshkosh and am presently enrolled in a Conservation class. My family and I do a lot of wilderness camping and have enjoyed seeing and hearing the many varieties of birds and animals that live in the wild.

Semidi sounds like a perfect haven for many birds to live and love without being disturbed. There is food and water and companionship there for them, and it should always be kept that way.

Would you please enter my letter in the public record and send me my receipt. Thank you, kindly.

Sincerely,

Glory A. Schrader

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P.O. Box 1292  
Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632  
March 8, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing to support the proposal of the Bureau to include the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I understand that the area is a valuable refuge for many arctic species of seabirds.

Inclusion of the entire refuge including submerged lands would be necessary to fully protect the worth of this area as a wilderness and sanctuary.

Since the Semidi Islands are almost barren with no known mineral deposits or other resources of use to man, there should be no hesitation whatsoever to preserve them in their natural state under the protection of the Wilderness Program.

Please include this letter in the records of the Semidi Wilderness Hearing that will be held on March 23.

Yours, sincerely,

*Bradley Schwartz*  
Bradley Schwartz

February 28, 1973.

Dear Sirs:

I am studying  
about ecology. I am  
a fifth grader student  
from Mesa Robles. I want  
entire wildlife refuge  
to save all animals in  
Alaska. I would like the  
Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge to  
be included in the  
Wilderness System

Thank You,

John Seloh,  
2423 Filidad  
Hacienda Heights  
California 91745

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Anchorage, Alaska

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March 2, 1973

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Sir:

Please add my support  
to the proposal to make the  
mainland islands and the  
surrounding waters of Semidi  
in the Gulf of Alaska a  
wilderness area, to be known  
as the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge.

Thank you,

C. M. Sinske  
279 Cecilia Way  
Tiburon, Calif. 94920

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Anchorage, Alaska

3146 Petre Road  
Chesapeake, Virginia 22325  
March 1, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear sir,

I am strongly in favor of the proposal to designate the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a Wilderness Area.

The current opportunity to so easily insure permanent preservation of a small piece of seabird habitat should not be missed.

Sincerely yours,

*James D. Servais*

James D. Servais

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EDWIN B. OLDS, Superintendent

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February 22, 1973

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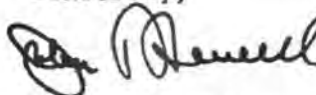
Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Semidi National Wildlife Refuge-Alaska seems a very practical site for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Because of its natural state and present absence of economic enterprise, inclusion now could assume preventative purposes.

This letter, then, urges support for the proposal of wilderness designation. All too few such sites remain where natural wildlife can follow its natural life cycle. East of the 100th meridian, in fact, such United States wilderness areas will have to be largely recreated. But, meanwhile, let us continue to preserve those few natural sites remaining to maintain our balance of animal life.

Sincerely,



John T. Sewell  
Director of Federal Programs

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Lead, So. Dak.  
Feb. 20, 1973

Area Director,  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,  
213 D Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska

While I may never be able to visit or view the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the Gulf of Alaska I urge you to do everything possible to include this sanctuary for many species of wild birds into a wilderness classification; saving these isolated islands for posterity and these birds for future generations to see if possible.

We have too few of these areas left in this world today and must do our utmost to preserve what little wild areas and wildlife that remain.

Please help those who are interested to keep our natural heritages as long as possible.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Sincerely,

*LeRoy Seyfers*

LeRoy Seyfers,  
414 So. Main,  
Lead, So. Dak.  
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 WATCHUNG H. JENSEN  
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Area Director  
 Office of the Area Director  
 Anchorage, Alaska  
 Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
 812 D Street  
 Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

I am writing to urge that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be designated as wilderness. On a recent trip to Alaska I was appalled at the changes in the lovely country and wilderness I grew up in forty years before - sections of Fairbanks and all of Point Barrow now wilderness. We need desperately to keep some areas completely out of the reach of man.

Sincerely

William Newton Shaper  
 (Formerly of Healy River Trading Post, Big Delta)

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U.S. Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

I am writing regarding the proposal to classify the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as "Wilderness" under the Wilderness Act of 1964. I am in favor of Wilderness status for the entire area encompassed by the present boundaries of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, including submerged lands.

Please enter this statement in the Public Hearing Record on the Semidi Wilderness Proposal.

Sincerely,



Arthur M. Sheets, Jr.

A.M. Sheets  
c/o Crawford and Company  
1049 West Fifth Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

March 18, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D St. Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

We are in favor of designating Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness.

Please include this letter in the hearing record.

very truly yours, .

*V. T. Sherman*  
*V. T. Sherman*

East Lakeshore  
Whitefish, Mt. 59937

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VAN SHIPP -- SHIPP TOBACCO SEED CO.  
MIDWAY, KENTUCKY 40347

PHONE 403-8673

VERSAILLES, KY.

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Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
613 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sirs:

I support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in it's entirety as ~~wilderness to be included~~ under the protection of the 1964 Wilderness Act. I note that the endangered American Bald eagle and the peregrine falcon are residents of the islands as well as many species of pelagic birds native to the area. With habitats of much wild life vanishing almost daily, I beleive it would be a wise and timely decision to give the area the utmost protection, since it is such a rich breeding and feeding ground for so many species. Please include my letter in the record.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Van Shipp

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March 4, 1973

Sirs:

Unfortunately it was impossible for me to attend recent hearing on the semidi National Wildlife Refuge proposal. However I wish to go on record as strongly favoring the establishment of such a refuge.

Sincerely, yours,

Nancy L. Simmerman

Box 548

Girdwood, Alaska 99587

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Dr. Robert F. Andrie,  
Bio-geographer

Stanley P. Spisiak,  
Environmentalist

Gretchen H. Stevenson,  
Conservationist

Arthur G. Wingerter,  
Landscape Architect

Dear Sir,

We want to support the designation  
of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a  
wilderness, including the submerged lands  
surrounding this island wildlife sanctuary —  
all to be included in the National Wilderness  
Preservation System. These areas once destroyed  
can never be replaced.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. and Mr. Francis Simonson  
Schultz Road  
Lake View, N.Y. (New York)

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

I believe that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is qualified for addition to the Wilderness System and urge that it be so designated. I believe that the Wilderness designation is necessary to provide legal protection for this wilderness island sanctuary and thus preserve its natural qualities.

Sincerely  
OD Slagle

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3 March, 1973  
3907 S.W. Orchard St.  
Seattle, Wa. 98136

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

We support the inclusion of the Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,  
*Mr. & Mrs. Donald D. Snow*  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald D. Snow

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MRS. GEORGE SOMERS • 5330 BEVERLYHILL LANE • HOUSTON, TEXAS 77027

Mar 1 '73

No one but a bird would want  
those islands so I urge that  
the Semidi Natl Wildlife Refuge  
~~be~~ be designated as Wilderness  
& given permanent Wilderness  
protection.

Alice Somers

United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
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Anchorage, Alaska

February 28, 1973

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Dear Sir:

I am very concerned about our wildlife. Because I like animals and also in school we are studying ecology, I want the entire wildlife refuge to be included in the wilderness System and I would like to see legal protection for this sanctuary.

Why I want this is to protect Iris colonies in Denali National wildlife refuge and also this is their feeding and nesting area and is the home Peregrine Falcon and American Bald Eagle and more. I hope you donate this beautiful land to these near extinct animals. Thankyou for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely yours,  
Chris Sordica,  
16455 Canaries Dr.  
Racienda Heights, 91745  
California

March 5, 1972

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Dear Sirs,

Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska is still in its natural state and should be added to the Wilderness System. I agree with the conclusions reached by the Fish and Wildlife Service that the Semidi Islands should be protected for future generations because of its unique birdlife. Would you please include this letter in the Public Hearing Record. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,  
David Sperling

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Anchorage, Alaska

David Sperling  
338 North Mountain Ave.  
Upper Montclair, N. J.  
07043

Haverford College  
Haverford, Penna. 19041  
March 10, 1973

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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my support for the inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Protection System. Such places as Semidi are most valuable, both to us and to future generations, in their natural states. The Wilderness Act of 1964 gives us the opportunity to assure that they will remain undisturbed. I feel we should take advantage of this great opportunity.

Please include my support for giving Semidi wilderness status as part of the hearing record. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

*Arthur Spingarn*

Arthur Spingarn

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
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813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501


Dear Sir:

May I express my strong conviction that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge should be designated as a wilderness area.

Our generation has the opportunity and must bear the responsibility for protecting much of the world's wildlife from extinction. The creation of wilderness areas is one of the best means of insuring the natural survival of many species.

Designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area would insure the protection of the bird and marine life for which it provides habitat. I wish to record my support for this action.

Sincerely,

  
Robert Staffanson  
403 No. 17th St.  
Bozeman, Montana 59715

Robert Staffanson

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Anchorage, Alaska

Lillie Stamm

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Blanchard Mich.  
S. Guy Road R.D.  
2-27-73

Dear Sir,

With the continuation of population growth and the need for people to escape the pressure of all that is artificial in our civilization a greater need to feel the freedom of wilderness is a growing need.

S.O.S. Please help to preserve protect and add our unspoiled wilderness. ~~Help~~ help to include the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska with the submerged lands sur-

wildlife sanctuary, in  
the National Wilderness  
Preservation System.

Bless you,

Fannie L. Starnes

(a teacher of 46  
years)

THAD C. STANFORD M.D., F.A.C.S., P.C.

Physician & Surgeon  
Orthopedic Surgery  
873 Medical Center Dr. N.E.  
Salem, Oregon 97301

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813 D Street  
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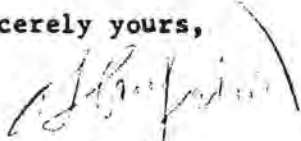
Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This is to add my support to the proposal by the Fish and Wildlife Service that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

It is important that this habitat for sea birds be preserved in its natural state.

Sincerely yours,



Thad C. Stanford, M. D.  
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402 West Forest St.  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201-We...  
February 27, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

IN RE: SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA

As an ardent conservationist and student member of The Wilderness Society, I wish to add my voice, by letter, to concur in enthusiastic agreement to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife's conclusion that ALL of the SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, ALASKA is still in a natural state and qualifies for inclusion in the NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM.

Please include this letter in the Official Hearing Record for this national wildlife refuge. Thank you!!

MBS

Yours very truly,

*Mrs. Marian Stansell*  
Mrs. Marian Stansell

402 West Forest Street 402 West  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201 Roswell

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge you to support the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area. This will provide the necessary legal protection to assure the preservation of its vital natural qualities.

Please include this letter in the official record of hearing proceedings.

Thanking you -

Respectfully yours,  
(Mrs.) Lisa J. Stebbins

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March 10, 1973  
Wesley Stephens  
964 Summer Street  
Hammond, Indiana

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Sir;

I am very much in favor of making the Semidi Islands in Alaska a National Wildlife Refuge. Therefore, I request that you enter this letter in the hearing record, dealing with this matter.

Respectfully,

*Wesley Stephens*  
Wesley Stephens

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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March 8, 1973

JAMES A. STERNWEIS  
669 SCOTT HALL  
UW-O  
OSHKOSH, WIS. 54901

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife

Dear Sir:

This letter is ~~being~~ being written  
in regard to the establishment  
of the Semidi Wildlife Refuge as  
a National Wilderness area.

I am a student at University  
of Wisconsin - Oshkosh in a Conservation  
class. It feels the entrance into the  
Wilderness area will enhance the  
aesthetic beauty and preservation of  
endangered species at Semidi.

Please include my letter  
on your records. Also, please send  
a receipt of acknowledgement of  
reception of my letter.

Sincerely,

James A. Sternweis

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Box 79, Plainfield, New Hampshire 03781  
March 18, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I strongly support the proposal by the Fish and Wildlife Service to designate the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness, under the terms of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Although I have not been there, I can imagine what it is like, having visited Cold Bay, Umnak, the Pribilofs, and Nunivak Island. I know that colonies of seabirds such as are found on these islands must be protected from permanent human incursions if they are to continue to thrive. If the birds are disturbed during the breeding season, they may fail to nest, lay eggs, or successfully raise their young. They may be visited during this period, but only by small numbers of people who are very careful not to molest or alarm them. While there is no immediate likelihood that the Semidi Islands are going to be invaded by tourists, more and more tourists are taking wilderness trips every year, and it is possible that some day they will want to visit this area. It would be sensible to include the area now in the National Wilderness Preservation System so that it can be kept in its natural state.

Sincerely yours,

*Peter Stettenheim*  
Peter Stettenheim

Singer

HOWARD STURTZ, M. D.  
1181 BOULEVARD WAY  
WALNUT CREEK, CALIFORNIA 94595

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY  
TELEPHONE 933-1333

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my support for the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as wilderness area needed.

HS/mvh

Sincerely,



Howard Sturtz, M.D.

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1511 22nd St NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
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Area Director  
BSFW  
813 D St.  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

I would like to contribute this letter as support for the designation of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area, and have it included in the Semidi hearing record.

Yours very truly,

*Sally Sweetland*  
Sally Sweetland

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Office of the Area Director  
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862-A Yak Estates  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701  
March 12, 1973

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Sir:

Would you please include in the hearing record for the proposed Semidi Wilderness this statement of support. It seems clear to us that this important wildlife habitat should be given the highest protection possible. Inclusion of it within the National Wilderness Preservation System will go far to affording that protection.

Sincerely yours,

Russell & Barbara Tabbert

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Dear Sir:

MAR 12 1973

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

I have just read of  
the Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife's proposal  
to designate the Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge  
as a Wilderness Area.

I think this is an excellent  
thing for the millions of  
seabirds that live there.

Please include my  
letter in your records for  
the proposal.

Thank you

Jackie M. Talley

Talley  
902 Ridgcrest Dr.  
Alamogordo  
New Mexico  
88310

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March 9, '73

MAR 13 1973

Dear Sir,

The <sup>proposed</sup> Seward Wildlife Wilderness in Alaska  
should include at least the entire  
256,000 acres of the Wildlife Refuge.  
As the area has no oil, mineral, or timber  
resources and very few boat anchor-  
ages, it's hard to think of an argument  
against Wilderness classification.

Sincerely,

Mary Zappel

Mary Zappel  
512 Miller Dr.  
Davis, Ca. 95616

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LAVERNE THOMPSON  
501 WEST 123RD STREET  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10027

Area Director  
Bureau of Fish & Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir

I am strongly in favor of designating the Seward National Wildlife Refuge as a part of the wilderness system. This important area should have the legal protection afforded to wilderness status. Sincerely,

Sincerely yours  
Laverne Thompson

March 12, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D. Street  
Anchorage AL 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

We are delighted to hear that the entire Semidi area including the submerged lands surround this island wildlife sanctuary be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. We understand that the fishing does not disturb the refuge area. This region does not appear to be suitable for commercial exploitation but nevertheless there are those who would be willing to spoil it in the hope of gain.

We wish to join with the many Alaskans who thank you for proposing that the entire area with submerged lands attain Wilderness Status. This land is within the twelve mile limits (which we think should be extended to safeguard our sea resources) and therefore there can be no question of international complications.

*Ethel W. Thorniley*  
Yours truly, Mr. & Mrs. R. Poland, Mr. & Mrs. L. Harwood, Mr. & Mrs. R. Anhst, Mr. & Mrs. C. Wilkins, Mr. & Mrs. R. Fountaine, Mr. & Mrs. A. Morency, Mr. & Mrs. A. Lombard, Mr. & Mrs. J. LaBerge, Lena Coleman Dorothy Farman, Mrs. Josie Knight, Mrs. Myra Stitzel.

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I emphatically support the Fish and Wildlife Service recommendation that the entire Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be designated a wilderness area, under the provisions of the 1964 Wilderness Act. This area of de facto wilderness should rightfully include the submerged lands surrounding the islands.

The Refuge has no resources of commercial interest, except fish in the surrounding waters, whose harvest would not be impaired by the designation. The islands' most important function is as a summer nesting haven for many birds (many species and a great number of some species); this important attribute has been recognized in the islands' designation as a National Wildlife Refuge--such protection should be further strengthened by giving Semidi a "wilderness" classification. There should be no doubt that the area deserves any less.

Please include this letter in the public hearing record of February 20, 1973, 7:00 p.m., which hearing was held in the Roushac Library of Anchorage, Alaska. Thank you.

Yours truly,

*William K. Thurber*

William K. Thurber

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

This is to add my whole-hearted support to the proposal of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife that the entire Semidi Wildlife Refuge, including submerged lands, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The refuge is certainly deserving of the protection a Wilderness designation would afford it.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*T.W. Tirana*

T. W. Tirana

4906 Tilden Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016

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Tom Tomlinson  
4906 North Dixie  
West Palm Beach  
Fla. 33407

Area Director

Dear Sir;

Many kinds of wildlife need a wilderness condition to survive. I would like you to support proposal to put the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, in your fine state, into the 1964 Wilderness Act. I enjoy bird life and want to come up to your wild state and see many seabirds some day. Wont you help them go on living in great numbers? Thank You.

Thomas  
Tomlinson

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813 D. Street

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs,

The Semidi Natural Wildlife Refuge should be preserved! I am a concerned college student at UW of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, U.S.A. I have been interested in natural things since I was old enough to walk outside and observe the plants and animals around us.

I know that there is an oil shortage in the world, but I also know of what waste goes on. I have worked part time at a gas station and our biggest volume of gasoline goes into gas gulping Hot Rods and cars that go on unnecessary

trips. This can be cut down greatly. I myself  
ride a bicycle when I can and double up <sup>422</sup>  
with others when using a car so that there is  
one car on the road instead of two or three.

The wildlife on that rocky island may  
seem small and insignificant but so were  
the passenger pigeons and great auks, weren't  
they? Please think about this before you  
eliminate ~~the~~ nesting sites and natural habitat.

I request that this letter is entered into  
the hearing records, and I also request that  
you send me a receipt of confirmation  
that my letter was read at the hearing.  
Thank-you very much.

Sincerely Yours,

Paul Trader

683 Hazel St.

Oshkosh, Wisc.

54901

FRANK A. TUPPER  
Box 851  
Homer, Alaska 99603

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
U.S. Department of Interior  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PROPOSAL

TO: Area Director;

I wish to go on record as being in favor of the Semidi Wilderness Area that would be known as the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, as proposed by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

I write this letter of endorsement with the knowledge that I most probably will never set foot on the Island chain. Yet the fact that I would be assured that our representative government would have the foresight to set land aside that would promote the continued propagation of 43 species of seabirds, harbor seals, sea lions, sea otters and other mammals, lends the simple and pure strength, that is reason enough for me to strongly endorse and encourage support for this Refuge proposal.

From what information I obtained, prior to writing this letter, I find it of equal importance to set aside parcels of private and tranquil areas that will allow the safe and natural return and development of some endangered species such as the Peregrine Falcon. The very survival of such animals and birds depends largely on man's continuing determination to insure that we provide such areas for these creatures, who in the long run depend on man for their very lives.

Alaska, young as a State, is deeply embedded in the throes of trying to establish a direction of Her growth, combined with trying to determine a definition of "progress". All of us must be sure that in our efforts to prepare for the future, that we take the time necessary to weigh all facets of the pending development, which has to include the setting aside of wilderness areas. If we are to err in our judgments, please let these errors stand in the light of caution. In my opinion, it is far better for all citizens to take the necessary time now, and set these lands aside, allowing Nature to be the occupant, rather than to stampede and galvanize our thoughts into a "developmental decision" that we can never recover from the outcome.

The Semidi Island, from the information I have gathered, is still very much in a natural state. There also seems to be no adverse environmental or economic impact upon the area. Therefore, I would reiterate my endorsement of this proposal. In supporting the Refuge, I feel both man and Nature will be the beneficiaries.

Earnestly submitted,

*Frank A. Tupper*

Frank A. Tupper  
Homer, Alaska

If there is any land in the world that should be left to seabirds the Semidi Islands seem to be it.

~~at some~~ live in an area of hot sun and insects where birds are being ~~cast out by overwhelming~~ development. Where Ding Darling watched thousands every day we now see dozens if we go out to look.

~~ma~~ The mere idea of wild fog-enshrouded cliffs harboring seabird young in the teeth of gales is enough to remind us that elsewhere

life perfectly attuned to its environment goes on according to natural design. This simple knowledge sustains us in the bulldozer-torn present, and gives us hope that elsewhere

Man shows wisdom that is lacking here. The inaccessibility of the islands is all the more reason to keep them wild.

Do it, for our bulldozed sakes as well as for God's.

Sarita Van Vleck

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Anchorage, Alaska

March 12, 1973

Betsy Vopal

648A Cential St

Oshkosh, Wisc 54901

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska - 99501

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regard to the Semide National Wildlife Refuge. I would like to see this area included under the "Wilderness Classification". I feel we need more areas under this classification and that the Semide Refuge is well suited for this purpose.

I am a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, majoring in Elementary Education. I am very much concerned with protecting and preserving what little wilderness area we have left - so I do consider the Semide Refuge.

Please enter this letter into the public hearing records and confirm the receipt of this letter.

Thank you very much,  
Betsy Vopal

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 "D" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

We would like to add our voices to those urging you to grant wilderness status to the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge.

Please make this letter part of the permanent record of the hearing.

Thank you.

Most respectfully yours,

*Mary and Joseph Wagner*  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Wagner  
3315 North 60th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85018



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MAR 12 1973 THE GEORGIA CONSERVANCY, INC.

Office of the Area Director 3376 PEACHTREE ROAD, N.E., SUITE 402  
Anchorage, Alaska ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30326  
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James D. Landrum  
President

7 March 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I think it is of the utmost importance to provide the maximum protection possible to wildlife areas in the whole Alaskan region. It has become too easy to plunder, despite the difficulties of weather; there are so few restraints in the process and no requirements for restoration. Furthermore, any damage becomes fairly permanent and incorrecible.

Many of the Arctic-Alpine lichens I have examined come from Alaska, collected by Dr. John V. Thomson of the University of Wisconsin. I have collected lichens from many areas in the Rocky Mountains and in the Cascades of Oregon and Washington, most by specified permit. Therefore, I am aware of both the hardness required of flora and fauna that inhabit these regions and the fragility to damage or disturbance other than the natural elements.

Therefore, I strongly urge that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge of Alaska, nine islands and submerged lands surrounding the group, approximately a total of 256,000 acres, be designated Wilderness.

Sincerely yours,

*Alma Toews Walker*

Alma Toews Walker

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Athens, Georgia 30601

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Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir,

Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

I submit the application of  
Semi-Primitive Village Range as  
a wilderness area to the National Wild-  
life Federation of Alaska. It is not  
is not proposed for any reason  
the does come under the estimate.

I hope this area is considered  
within the area is

I remain, Sir,

Very truly yours,

1513-201600.

Yapima, Ala. 95902

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

915 Will Rogers Drive  
Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074  
March 13, 1973

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Gentlemen:

This letter is written in response to your recent hearing concerning the Semidi Wilderness in Alaska, and it is requested that it be made a part of the record thereof. I support the proposal to set aside the 256,000-acre wildlife refuge for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I understand that the sea is not technically within the refuge and that commercial fishing could continue within the waters of the area.

Sincerely,

*Billy Wallace*  
Billy G. Wallace, PE

BCW:csr

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife of Alaska

Dear sir;

This letter is in support of designating the  
Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as  
wilderness, and including it in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.

The above includes the entire land refuge  
area and the surrounding submerged lands,  
other than "open sea" areas of course.

I think it is extremely important to  
preserve the wilderness condition of this  
area, and in this case no valid reasons  
exist to allow the disturbance of its ecobalance.

Truly yours  
Frank M. Waterhouse  
3151 Alki Ave SW  
Seattle Wa 98116

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sir:

I am a fifth grade student of Mesa Robles school in California and I am concerned about the wildlife in Semidi National Wildlife Refuge because we have some very important wildlife living there such as the Peregrine Falcon and the American Bald Eagle.

I was wondering if you could include this refuge on the Wilderness System to keep this area beautiful and to help these and other animals from becoming extinct. So that is why I am concerned and wish to have this included in the Wilderness System. Thank you for considering this letter.

Sincerely Yours

Ron Weber

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February 26, 1973

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Anchorage, Alaska

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TELEPHONE 624-2619  
AREA CODE 605

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,


Re: Semidi Wilderness

I write this letter in support of the recommendations of the Fish and Wildlife Service for the establishment of the Semidi Wilderness. While these islands already are classified as a wildlife preserve and are quite inaccessible to mankind, I believe that it is useful to include them as a part of the national wilderness system for two reasons, viz: (1) they so eminently qualify, and (2) the wilderness classification will provide them additional protection from development and commercialization by some unexpected means in the future.

I am firmly convinced that whatever remains of the wild lands of the earth should so remain in the future, not only for the preservation and welfare of our fellow creatures, but for the welfare and preservation of man himself.

Kindly record my support for the Fish and Wildlife Service proposal and make this letter a part of your record at the public hearing on the 20th day of February, 1973.

Yours truly,

  
Martin Weeks

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

5307 Nevada Avenue, NW.  
Washington, D.C. 20015  
March 16, 1973

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Mr. Gordon W. Watson  
Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for sending the brochure on the Semidi Wilderness Study.

I would like to express my support for your proposal to include all of this refuge in the Wilderness System.

As a prime nesting ground for seabirds, it is habitat that is rare enough in these times. It should have the added protection of being included in the Wilderness System.

I look forward to spending some time in Alaska some day--as many friends have already done--to see as many species of birds as possible on their nesting grounds. A trip around these islands--if this turns out to be feasible, e.g., with a fishing boat--would be a highlight.

I realize the waters surrounding the islands are not technically included in the Wilderness designation. However, since fishing is done here with power boats, some attention should be paid to regulating use of the waters so no oil or trash or acts of man could lessen the wilderness quality of the islands.

The use of motorboats and planes by the Fish & Wildlife Service should be permitted for patrol and surveillance and study purposes.

Please include this letter in the Hearing Record.

Thanks.

*Vee Weggel*

Vee Weggel  
Member, Sierra Club National Wildlife Committee

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife

813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Sirs;

I am writing in regard to the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge that is threatened by development and exploitation. I am a concerned college student aware of the rapidly disappearing wildlife sanctuaries in the United States. As I see it, a refuge is a place that provides protection from danger. If the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge is developed for any economic reason I'm afraid that the many flora and fauna species that live and breed on these islands are destined for a short-termed existence.

I would like this letter entered in the records and used for the ecological support of the refuge.

I would like very much too, for  
a reply to my letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Weigert

Dennis Weigert  
University of Wisconsin  
881 Scott Hall - North  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

4639 133rd Ave SE  
Bellevue, Washington 98006  
March 1, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Director,

We understand that the Fish and Wildlife Service has recommended that the islands and the submerged lands of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be set aside as a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. We would like to add our support and voice to this proposal. We hope that the Semidi Refuge will gain the additional protection that the Wilderness Act gives to our wild areas.

Most sincerely,

*Thomas W. Weir*

Thomas W. Weir, M.D.

*Kristina H. Weir*

Kristina H. Weir

Mrs. Robert R. West  
Saxtons River  
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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir,

Altho I have never been to Alaska it has a great love for me, partly I think because of its richness in wild life of all kinds.

A report came today from The Wilderness Socy to which I have sent stating their concern about Schmidt National Wildlife refuge. I respect their concern about it and wish to support their views. From the enclosed map I can readily see the geographical in-

pastance of their islands.

Sincerely

Miss Robert West

Layton's River

VT. 63-15-4

BURDETTE E. WHITE. F.P.S.A.

Naturalist - Photographer

P. O. BOX 186

IDYLLWILD, CALIFORNIA 92349

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Help Prevent The Cruel and  
Senseless Destruction of Our  
Native Wildlife!

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Area Director  
U. S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

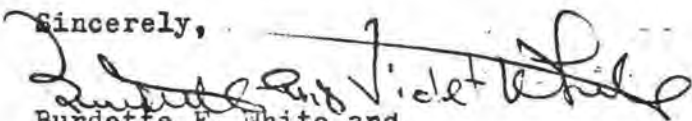
Dear Sir:

Please add our voices to those who are requesting the SEMIDI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE and its adjacent submerged lands be included in our National Wilderness Preservation System.

Although there may be no immediate threat to the rugged Semidi Islands and its associated wildlife, our observations in Alaska and especially in the lower "48" indicate such wild and remote natural treasures aren't necessarily immune from the destructive exploitation of profit-seeking interests. And, while no particular design is focused on this area, it would seem the easiest opportunity we shall have to accord it reasonable perpetuation and continuing sanctuary for the fabulous concentrations of pelagic birds and other marine animals, as well as simply to preserve in its pristine character a unique sample of our Creator's wonderful handiwork!

Please include this humble expression in the current hearing record being accumulated concerning the future status of the Semidi Islands.

Sincerely,

  
Burdette E. White and  
Violet White

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Office of the Area Director  
Anchorage, Alaska

March 14, 1973

Gordon W. Watson, Alaska Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Watson:

Thank you for calling my attention to the wilderness proposal for the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. Although I was unable to attend the hearings, I am strongly in favor of the proposal, and I therefore urge that all of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be designated as wilderness and included within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Please include my letter in the hearing record, and please acknowledge its receipt.

Very truly yours,

*Nathaniel Whitney*

Nathaniel Whitney, M.D.  
633 South Verry Pines Road  
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

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Denver, Colorado 80209  
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Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Being somewhat familiar with the Bureau's excellent management of our wildlife sanctuaries in various parts of the "lower 48", I was happy to learn that your studies concluded that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge qualified for inclusion in the Wilderness Preservation System.

I think that this designation is an excellent opportunity to point out the necessity for protection of submerged lands which surround and are part of an ecosystem. I fully support your wilderness recommendation for Semidi.

Sincerely,

  
Jean Widman

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MRS. EDWARD P. WILLIAMS  
CROSS TREES HILL ROAD  
ESSEX, CONNECTICUT 06426

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Free Director *February 26<sup>th</sup> 1973*  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge that the  
Seward National Wildlife Refuge be designated  
"Wilderness" - This refuge - islands and  
outcroppings, is a haven for pelagic  
birds - The American Bald Eagle and the  
Pomarine Jaeger nest here - Wilderness  
designation would provide legal protection  
for this wild island sanctuary -

Please do all in your power to imple-  
ment this wilderness designation -

Sincerely,

Linda G. Wilkins

(Also Edward G. Wilkins)

D. W. Williamson, D. O.

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Telephone 837-6224

812 Miller Ave.

Sunnyside, Washington 98944

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Area Director  
Bureau of Sports, Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 "D" Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I would like to speak in support of the designation of Semidi National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness refuge and lend my support to all the peoples who are interested in preserving this area in a wilderness state.

From what I know of this area, I believe it to be an important refuge for wildlife, especially the birds. It is a natural home for several of our endangered species, and it would appear to me that the inclusion of this area as a wilderness life refuge would not curtail access to any major petroleum or mineral resources and would, therefore, be an economically sound move.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

*DW Williamson, D.O.*

D. W. Williamson, D. O.

DWW/pb

ELIZABETH BAYLEY WILLIS  
ROUTE 8, BOX 8835, BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WASHINGTON 98110

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Dear Sirs:

Please record that our family  
of 26 adults all totally  
support the Fish and Wildlife  
Service's recommendations to  
include the Semidi National  
Wildlife Refuge in the National  
Wilderness Preservation System.

Wisdom and foresight such  
as this will save much  
of irreplacable value to  
later generations.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Elizabeth Bayley Willis

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We support the designation of the Seminoe  
National Wildlife Refuge as a Wilderness  
area.

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V. P. Wilson

M.S. Adhert

2328 Atlas Peak Road

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Anchorage, Alaska

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Dear Senator  
Bureau of Sports Fisheries  
and Wildlife,  
813 D Street

Anchorage, Alaska. 995-01

I support the designation of Semidi  
National Wildlife Refuge, as wilderness  
area.

This area provides good protection for  
the Semidi Island Sanctuary  
assuring the preservation of its natural  
features and its rocky ridges.  
Thousands of acres of land.

It has been known with good  
birds. Black-legged Kittiwakes,  
Pacific Herring, Herring Gulls,  
all prominent species, nesting  
in the millions during the breeding  
season also nesting seasons.

The Laysan Albatross is



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March 12, 1973  
403 East A St.  
Moscow, Idaho 83843

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 d. Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sirs:

I favor the inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge into the National Wilderness Preservation System. From what I have read, designation of wilderness of the islands is no conflict with other interests such as off shore fishing, mining or wildlife management. Therefore, I think your proposal is a good thing.

Sincerely,

David G. Wood

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March 8, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

Please include my name amongst those who strongly favor including the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Man has already destroyed so much wildlife habitat that anything we can do now to preserve areas such as the Semidi Islands is an absolute necessity.

Please include these brief comments in the hearing record.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Woodley

1935 Hetrick Ave.  
Richland, Wash. 99352

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276 Pearl St.  
Kingston, N.Y. 12401  
Feb. 19, 1973

Area Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife

813 D. Street

Anchorage Alaska 99501

Dear Sir,

I insist that the Semidi National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. This must include the submerged lands around the Semidi Islands. These islands have no commercial uses and therefore should be further protected from the invasion of man without difficulty. There are so few wild areas left. We must keep the remaining ones safe if we are to maintain the few endangered species of birds that struggle to survive.

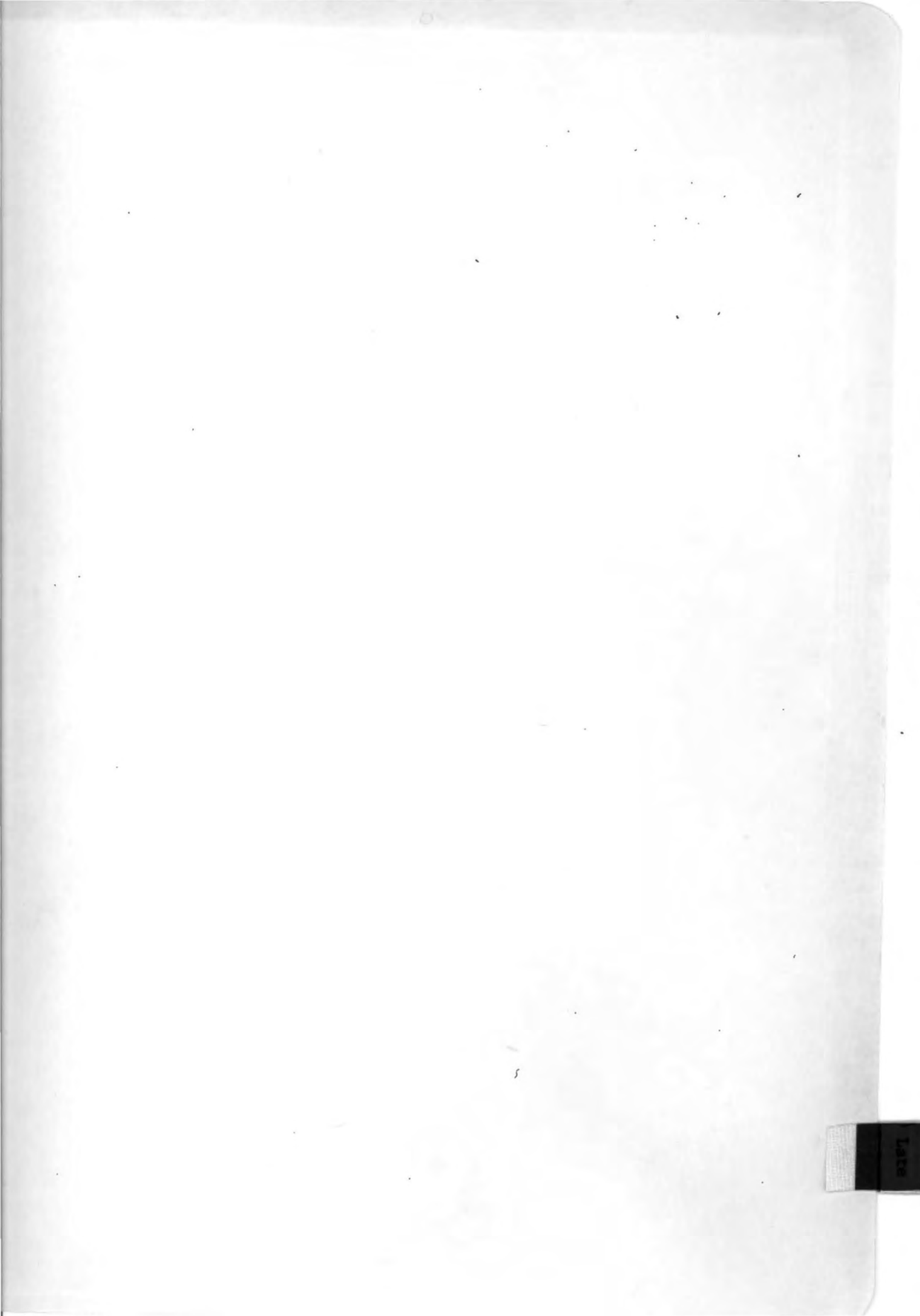
Yours truly,

(Mrs) Margery H. Zaehne

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Anchorage, Alaska



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Rt. 2 Box 54  
Pound Ridge, N.Y. 10576  
April 13, 1973

Area Director  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries  
& Wildlife  
813 D Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Sir:

I would like very much to state my support for the inclusion of the Semidi National Wildlife refuge into the National Wilderness Preservation System. The submerged lands surrounding this island wildlife sanctuary should be included as well.

I am suggesting this for two reasons namely: The refuge is haven for millions of seabirds some of which such as the pelagic bird colonies require a wilderness condition to survive. Also, the 9 rocky islands are a haven unto themselves for the many varieties of seabirds. These islands, which are so inhospitable to man, are of no value with the exception of commercial fishing which takes place now. The sea, however, is not technically within the realm of the refuge.

Sincerely,

*Barbara A. Nilson*

Barbara A. Nilson (Mrs.)  
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