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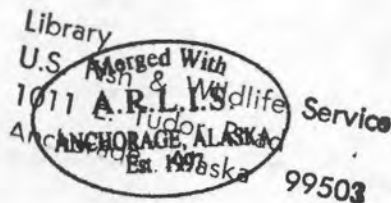


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SECTION I

WILDERNESS STUDY REPORT

CHAMISSO WILDERNESS STUDY AREA

(Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge)

Kotzebue Sound, Alaska,

Draft Copy

WILDERNESS STUDY REPORT

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife

PREFACE

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The ~~600~~-acre Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge is located in Kotzebue Sound approximately 65 miles south of Kotzebue, Alaska. It was established as a bird reserve in 1912 and consists of Chamisso Island, Puffin Island, and several small islets.

Chamisso Island is of low relief harboring a tundra vegetation so typical of this portion of Alaska. Large colonies of horned puffins, thick-billed murres, and black-legged kittiwakes occupy the rocky cliffs. The Chamisso Refuge is now being reviewed for inclusion into the National Wilderness System as required by the Wilderness Act of 1964.

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INTRODUCTION

The Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge was established by Executive Order #1658 on December ⁷~~6~~, 1912, as a preserve and breeding ground for birds.

The area is relatively remote, but is accessible by air and boat from Kotzebue and provides a nesting area for large colonies of murre, horned puffins, black-legged kittiwakes and other species.

It receives little use by man and is primarily proposed for Wilderness review because of its natural state and scientific values.

OBJECTIVES

This study was instigated by the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964, which directs that all roadless islands and areas of 5,000 acres or more within the National Wildlife Refuges shall be considered for inclusion into the National Wilderness System. The objectives of this study are:

1. To determine if the area has wilderness qualities.
2. To determine whether establishing the area as a wilderness would conflict with the original objective for which it was designated a refuge.
3. To determine what other conflicts or benefits might arise if established as a wilderness.

HISTORY

Chamisso Island was discovered August 3, 1815, by the Russian explorer Otto von Kotzebue who commanded the vessel RURIK. Aboard the vessel was the scientist of the expedition, Louis Adelbert von Chamisso, for whom the island was named.

The island was probably occupied or at least used by pre-historic man. Recent historical native use is quite evident. The flat sand spit on the eastern side of the island has numerous depressions remaining from barabaras.

A weather-worn marker in the form of a 2" x 12" plank still exists in an upright position in the rock formation at the center of Chamisso Island. Initials or names of several individuals are still legible, but what appears to be the name of a ship and date are not readable. whether this was an exploratory party leaving a marker is not known, but it probably was left by a Coast and Geodetic Survey team. A depression similar in form to a stone lamp is chipped into one of the rocks at the same location, but appears of recent origin.

LOCATION

The Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge is located in Kotzebue Sound at the mouth of Eschscholtz Bay in latitude $66^{\circ}13'N$, longitude $161^{\circ}52'W$. It lies approximately 65 miles south of Kotzebue, Alaska, a village of about 1,200 inhabitants serviced by scheduled airline.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Chamisso Island is approximately one mile wide and a little more than a mile in length, comprising slightly over 435 acres. Puffin Island is less than ten acres in size. A few rocky islets complete the refugeland mass, which totals 455 acres.

Most of the refuge is sandstone with some shale and granite covered with a thin layer of soil. The edges of Puffin Island are extremely precipitous. The eastern portion of Chamisso Island is a sand spit but the remainder of the island shoreline consists of sandy coves and rocky points with several fairly steep cliffs.

The island terrain slopes from all sides to the 246-foot elevation center. This gradual even slope gives one the feeling of standing on a large balloon. Only at the very center is the even terrain broken by a rock outcropping. Apparently this is the result of volcanic action.

The vegetation cover is a tundra of crowberry, cranberry, Labrador tea, bearberry, sedges, bog birch, mosses, lichens, and short willow. In a few of the draws near shoreline are alder shrubs which reach heights of 12-15 feet.

The climate is arctic with long cold winters, short cool summers, and little precipitation.

RESOURCES

Wildlife

Birds. The featured attraction of Chamisso are the sea bird colonies. The major rookeries are located on Puffin Island. I was unable to get on this island, but with the aid of a spotting scope large colonies of puffins, murres, and black-legged kittiwakes were visible. In fact, the island appears literally covered with these birds, numbering many thousand. The horned puffin is the most numerous of all birds. Tufted puffins are also present, but comprise less than 5 percent of the total puffin population.

Both the thick-billed and common murres were abundant. Again, the major rookeries were on Puffin Island; however, one small colony was found on the southwest shore of Chamisso Island. A colony of glaucous gulls also nested on Chamisso Island.

The Savannah sparrow was the common passerine seen while the wheatear and yellow wagtail were the most unusual.

Following is a list of the birds identified while on the island during July 27 and 28:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Red-throated loon	1 bird
Pintail	About 20 near shore

Pacific eider	A number with downy young
Red-breasted merganser	About 20
Surf scoter	About 150 offshore
Sandhill crane	3 flying over
Western sandpiper	A few
Semi-palmated sandpiper	"
Glaucous gull	Small colony
Black-legged kittiwake	Large colony
Arctic tern	Saw one
Common murre	Large colonies present
Thick-billed murre	Most abundant murre
Horned puffin	Most abundant bird on refuge
Tufted puffin	About 5% of all puffins
Raven	One on sand spit
Wheatear	Several pairs
Yellow wagtail	Saw 2
Water pipit	Saw 6
Common redpoll	Common
Savannah sparrow	Very common
Tree sparrow	"
Fox sparrow	A few
Lapland longspur	"

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson visited the refuge in July, 1946. In addition to the birds I saw he identified the following species:

Pelagic cormorant	King eider
Surfbird	Wilson's snipe

Short-billed gull

Say's phoebe

Gambel's sparrow

Hoary redpoll

Snow bunting

The remains of a willow ptarmigan were found, indicating they occasionally get on the island during winter months.

Mammals. Harbor seals use the rocks between Puffin and Chamisso Island for hauling out. No other mammals were seen, but signs indicated arctic hare and fox were residents during part of the year. During the winter months when the Bay is frozen, land mammals could easily cross to the island from the mainland.

Fish. Any fish on the refuge would be those found in saltwater surrounding the islands, as there are no freshwater ponds.

Timber, Grassland, and Shrub

The vegetation has already been described and there is none of significant commercial value.

Mineral

No minerals have been reported in the area and it is doubtful whether any occur on the refuge. The refuge is so small that even if valuable minerals were present they would not be of major commercial importance.

Recreation

Except for the attraction of the large bird colonies to photographers and bird watchers, the area probably has little recreational value. Since the town of Kotzebue has a major tourist industry, a tour of the refuge for bird observations may very well become part of the tourist program in the future. The area is accessible by boat and light planes may be landed on the waters on the leeward side of Chamisso Island.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATION

The Chamisso Refuge harbors the only extensive colonies of birds in this portion of Alaska. Natives from Kotzebue often travel here in the spring to collect eggs. Apparently this has not had a long range detrimental effect on the birds.

The island is so small and distant from human populations that the general public will show little concern whether it is placed in the Wilderness System or not. Currently no uses of the area are made by people which would conflict with wilderness.

DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

No development or management of any type is planned. The islands serve their objective as an undisturbed sanctuary.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

1. The 641-acre Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge consists of Chamisso Island, the smaller Puffin Island, and a few rock outcroppings. Chamisso is covered with a tundra vegetation. The rocky ledges of the islands harbor large colonies of murre, puffins, and kittiwakes.
2. Located 65 miles south of Kotzebue, Alaska, and established as a bird reservation in 1912, it harbors the only large seabird colonies in this part of Alaska.
3. Because of its natural state and scientific values it is recommended for inclusion in the National Wilderness System.

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Date:

Dec. 16, 1968

Approved by:

David L. Spencer
Associate Supervisor
Alaska Wildlife Refuges

Regional Supervisor
Division of Wildlife Refuges

Regional Director



Little Puffin Island and Chamisso Island in the background are located 65 miles south of Kotzebue, Alaska.



The Chamisso Refuge was set aside as a bird reserve in 1912. Large numbers of puffin, murre, and kittiwake occupy the rocky ledges. The larger rookeries are located on Puffin Island.



Habitat for murres and puffins is available on Chamisso Island.



The horned puffin is the most abundant bird.



Chamisso Island is of volcanic origin and slopes at an even degree from the center to the edges. This is typical tundra vegetation.



The shoreline is rocky and alders occupy the draws.



A field of wild iris in a wet meadow.



This marker is located at the extreme center of the Island. Some names were legible but the date and name of the ship were not.



Historic native use is evidenced by remains such as this sod house.



This chipped out stove near the marker remains a mystery.



CHAMISSO

ANCHORAGE

Breakers

Puffin Island
110 ft

CHAMISSO

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Chamisso
x 24-6
Island



750

Chamisso Island

Executive Order.

It is hereby ordered that Chamisso Island, located approximately in latitude sixty-six degrees thirteen minutes north, longitude one hundred and sixty-one degrees fifty-two minutes west from Greenwich, Alaska, together with Puffin and other rocky islets in that vicinity, as the same are shown upon the reconnaissance map accompanying Bulletin No. 247, United States Geological Survey, of the northeastern portion of Seward Peninsula, Alaska, and segregated by the broken line upon the diagram hereto attached and made a part of this Order, be and the same are hereby reserved and set aside for the use of the Department of Agriculture as a preserve and breeding ground for native birds.

It is unlawful for any person to hunt, trap, capture, wilfully disturb, or kill any bird of any kind whatever, or take the eggs of such birds, within the limits of this reservation, except under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Warning is expressly given to all persons not to commit any of the acts herein enumerated and which are prohibited by law.

This reservation to be known as Chamisso Island Reservation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE,

December 7th, 1912.

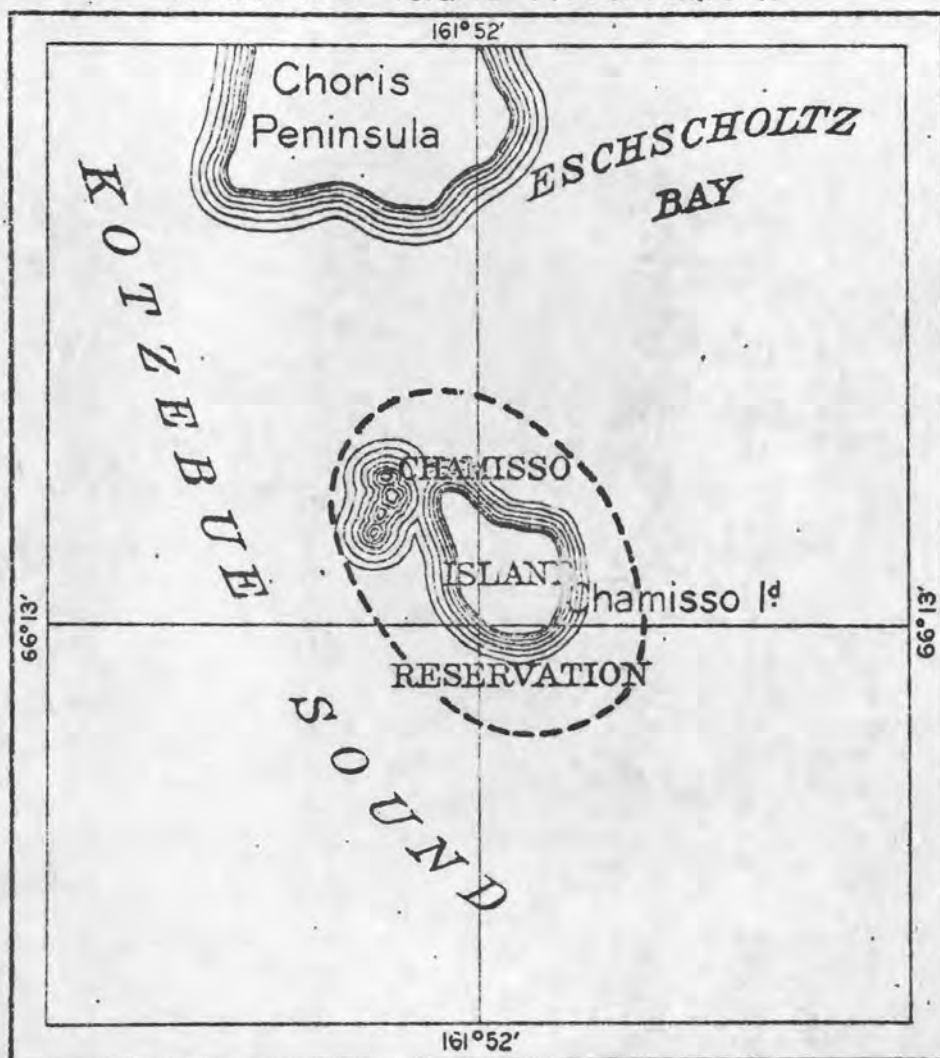
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CHAMISSO ISLAND RESERVATION

For Protection of Native Birds

ALASKA

Embracing Chamisso Island and near-by rocky islets in Kotzebue Sound, Alaska, approximately in Latitude 66°13' N. Longitude 161°52' west from Greenwich as segregated by broken lines and designated "Chamisso Island Reservation."



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
Fred Dennett, Commissioner

**Fish and Wildlife Service
CHAMISSO NATIONAL WILDLIFE
REFUGE, ALASKA**

**Notice of Public Hearing Regarding
Wilderness Proposal**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (Public Law 88-577; 78 Stat. 890-896; 16 U.S.C. 1131-1136), that a public hearing will be held beginning at 9 a.m., on November 13, 1969, in Room 509, Cordova Building, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Third Judicial District, Alaska, on a proposal leading to a recommendation to be made to the President of the United States by the Secretary of the Interior, regarding the desirability of including the proposed Chamisso Wilderness within the National Wilderness Preservation System. The proposal consists of approximately 455 acres within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and is located in the Second Judicial District, State of Alaska.

A brochure containing a map and information about the Chamisso Wilderness proposal may be obtained from the Associate Supervisor, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Post Office Box 280, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Post Office Box 3737, Portland, Oreg. 97208.

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 Regional Director at the above address by December 29, 1969.

**JOHN S. GOTTSCHALK,
Director, Bureau of Sport
Fisheries and Wildlife.**

JULY 24, 1969.

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SECTION III

MATERIALS TO BE SENT
TO NEWS MEDIA

DEPARTMENT of the INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

news release

For Release August 11, 1969

Carroll 343-5634

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON WILDERNESS PROPOSALS IN ALASKA

The Interior Department announced today that public hearings will be held November 13 in Anchorage to discuss designation of 24,931 acres of Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge and 455 acres of Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska as wilderness.

Simeonof was established in 1958 to provide for the preservation and propagation of sea otter and other wildlife. The refuge, located on the Shumagin Islands in the Pacific Ocean just off the Alaska Peninsula, contains extensive beds of kelp, which provide habitat for abundant populations of sea otter and seals. It also is used by a variety of waterfowl, water-birds and other wildlife, including the rare bald eagle.

The Chamisso Refuge was established in 1912 and is the second most northerly refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System. Located just below the Arctic Circle in Kotzebue Sound, the islands and islets that comprise this refuge are dedicated as a preserve and breeding ground for native birds.

A map and other information about the Simeonof Wilderness proposal is available from the Refuge Manager, Aleutian Islands National Wildlife Refuge, Cold Bay, Alaska 99571, or the Associate Supervisor, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 280, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

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Oral or written statements may be submitted at the hearing or written comments can be sent to the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in Portland by December 29, when the hearing record will be closed.

Notice of the hearings, to be held in the Cordova Building in Anchorage, was published in the Federal Register on July 29, 1969. The Chamisso hearing begins at 9 a.m.; the Simeonof hearing begins at 1 p.m.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
Portland, Oregon 97208

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WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

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The wilderness proposal comprises approximately 455 acres within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge in the Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. A brochure containing a map of the preliminary boundaries and additional information concerning the proposal may be obtained from the Associate Supervisor, Alaska Wildlife Refuges, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 280, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

All interested parties, including Federal, State, County, and municipal agencies, local interests and individual citizens, are invited to be present at the above time and place. They will be afforded full opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed wilderness.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of the record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing as the record of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the Secretary of the Interior. Written statements may either be mailed to the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon, 97208, in advance of the hearing, or handed to the Hearing Officer at the hearing. The Department of the Interior encourages written expression relative to the proposal at anytime. However, in order to be incorporated in the official Wilderness Record, all communications should be mailed to the Regional Director at the above address by December 29, 1969.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons known to be interested in the matter.

Signed: *Dennis S. Roberts*
Acting Regional Director

CHAMISSO

WILDERNESS PROPOSAL



KOTZEBUE SOUND, ALASKA

THE WILDERNESS ACT

The Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (Public Law 88-577) requires that the Secretary of the Interior review every roadless area of five thousand contiguous acres or more and every roadless island within the National Wildlife Refuge System within ten years after the effective date of the Act, and report to the President his recommendation as to the suitability or non-suitability of each area or island for preservation as wilderness.

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

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.

This report describes a refuge area that has been studied by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife at the direction of the Secretary of the Interior to determine its suitability for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM

The Refuge System is a National network of lands and waters managed and safeguarded for preservation and enhancement of the human benefits associated with wildlife and their environments. It presently consists of over 320 units, embracing nearly 30 million acres in 46 States. About 85 refuges containing 25 million acres in 32 States qualify for study under the Wilderness Act.



INTRODUCTION

The 455 acre Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge is located in Kotzebue Sound at the mouth of Eschscholtz Bay, Alaska. It lies about 65 miles south of Kotzebue, a village of 1,200 inhabitants, and embraces Chamisso and Puffin Islands and several islets.

The refuge was established by Executive Order No. 1658 on December 7, 1912, as a preserve and breeding ground for native birds. It is a remote, relatively undisturbed area with significant wildlife values.



FRONT COVER: Puffin Island, foreground and Chamisso Island, background, in the vastness of Kotzebue Sound.

ABOVE: The colorful horned puffin, most numerous of the refuge sea birds.

HISTORY

Chamisso Island was discovered August 3, 1815 by the Russian explorer Otto von Kotzebue, commanding the ship *Rurik*. The island was named for the expedition's scientist, Louis Adelbert Von Chamisso.

The island was occupied, or at least used, by pre-historic man. Recent historical native use is quite evident. The flat sand spit on the eastern side of the island has numerous depressions remaining from early sod huts. A depression similar in form to a stone lamp is chipped into a rock formation at the center of the island, although it appears of recent origin.

Natives from Kotzebue have traditionally travelled here in the spring to collect eggs, and this practice continues to some extent.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Chamisso Island is approximately one mile wide and a little more than a mile in length, comprising slightly over 435 acres. Puffin Island is less than ten acres in size. A few rocky islets complete the refuge land mass.

The two islands consist of sandstone with some shale and granite covered with a thin layer of soil. The edges of Puffin Island are extremely precipitous.

The eastern portion of Chamisso Island is a sand spit, but the remainder of the shoreline consists of sandy coves and rocky points with several fairly steep cliffs. The terrain ascends from all sides to the 246 foot elevation center. Only at the very center is the even terrain broken by a rock outcropping. Apparently, this is the result of volcanic action.

The vegetative cover is a tundra of crowberry, cranberry, Labrador tea, bearberry, sedges, bog birch, mosses, lichens, and short willow. A few of the draws near shoreline contain 12-15 foot high alder shrubs.

The climate is arctic, with long, cold winters, short cool summers, and little precipitation.

OPPOSITE: Historical native use is evidenced by barabara or
sagging depressions.

NEARBY: The islands are of volcanic origin with
typical tundra vegetation.



RESOURCES

The most striking quality of Chamisso Refuge is the sea bird colonies viewed within the wild naturalness of a primitive environment. The major rookeries are located on Puffin Island, although smaller colonies occur on the southwest shore of Chamisso. Horned and tufted puffins, Pacific kittiwakes, and thick-billed and common murres are abundant.

Chamisso also possesses a colony of glaucous gulls. Thirty-three species of birds have been identified on the refuge.

Harbor seals haul out on the rocks between the two islands. There are indications that arctic hare and fox are residents part of the year. During the winter months, when the bay is frozen, land mammals can easily cross to the islands from the mainland.

Fishery resources are those found in surrounding waters as there are no fresh-water ponds on the islands.

No minerals have been reported in the area. The small size of the islands would preclude economic development of such resources.

Murres and puffins find habitat conditions ideal on the precipitous ledges of Chamisso Island



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(PRELIMINARY - SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

PUBLIC USE

The area currently has little recreational value, except for the attractions of the large bird colonies to photographers and bird watchers. Such use is rare.

The extent of egg collecting by Kotzebue natives is not known, but this activity has had no apparent long term detrimental effect on bird life.



The largest rookeries
are on Puffin Island

DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

No development or physical manipulation of habitat has occurred, nor is it planned. The island's value to birds and other forms of wildlife can best be preserved by the maintenance of a natural environment. Restrictions will be necessary to avoid human disturbance to birds during breeding seasons.

The Chamisso Refuge harbors the only extensive colonies of birds in this portion of Alaska. Kotzebue has a major tourist industry, and a tour of the refuge for bird observations may very well become part of future tourist programs. The area is accessible by boat, and light planes may be landed on the water on the leeward side of Chamisso Island.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS

Access is easily gained to the picturesque
Chamisso Island shoreline





Pacific kittiwake with young. This oceanic gull is an abundant nester on the islands of the Chamisso Refuge.

CONCLUSIONS

The Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge is suitable for preservation within the National Wilderness Preservation System—a designation which would be entirely compatible with existing refuge objectives.



As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has basic responsibilities for water, fish, wildlife, mineral, land, park, and recreational resources. Indian and Territorial affairs are other major concerns of America's "Department of Natural Resources."

The Department works to assure the wisest choice in managing all our resources so each will make its full contribution to a better United States—now and in the future.

For more information, write Associate Supervisor, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P. O. Box 280, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P. O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.



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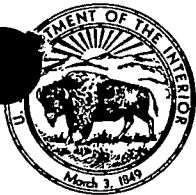
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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE



SECTION IV

PUBLIC HEARING "PACKAGE"



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

730 N. E. PACIFIC STREET
P. O. BOX 3737
PORTLAND, OREGON 97208

August 25, 1969

Dear Conservationist:

This is to bring to your attention a public hearing which will be held at Anchorage, Alaska on November 13, 1969. The hearing concerns a wilderness proposal within the Chamisso 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 December 29, 1969 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,

Acting Regional Director

Enclosure

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
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Signed: *Dennis S. Roberts*
Acting Regional Director

SECTION V

PUBLIC HEARING MAILING
LIST

Order #1
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PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES
CHAMISSO WILDERNESS PROPOSAL
CHAMISSO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

NOVEMBER 13, 1969

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The hearing officer is Hugh J. Wade, who has been designated by the Secretary of the Interior to conduct this public hearing. Most of you undoubtedly filled out an attendance card as you entered the door; if you have not done so, we would like to ask that you complete one. The information on these cards will be used by the hearing officer to help him conduct this hearing. If those of you who have not filled out cards will please raise your hands when called upon to do so, we will distribute them to you. The hearing officer will call on all those who indicated on this card that they wish to be heard or recognized. If anyone wishing to make an oral statement has to leave early, please indicate this on the card so the hearing officer can arrange for you to testify.

As indicated in the Notice of Public Hearing, this hearing is being held to obtain information relating to the desirability of establishing a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge. In arranging for this hearing, notices were sent to the United States Senators and Congressmen, the Governor of the State of Alaska, and other elected officials. Replies which have been received from them will be read later and incorporated into the transcript of this hearing. Notices were also sent to the Federal and State agencies and organizations and individuals known to be interested in the matter. You have been provided a copy of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife statement outlining the proposal. It is suggested that you read this statement as soon as possible. It should answer most of your questions.

When you are called upon for your statement, please come forward to the microphone, state your name and organization you represent, or, if you are speaking as an individual, please make this clear. All written statements will become a part of the official record whether they are filed with the hearing officer, read in the open meeting, or orally summarized. In the interest of conserving time, you are requested to file lengthy statements for the record and summarize them orally at this hearing. Please keep in mind that it is the official transcript, containing all written statements, as well as oral presentations, that will be used for review by the Department of the Interior and later by Congress in their consideration of this study. Statements will not be made under oath, and since this is not an adversary proceeding, there will be no cross-examination.

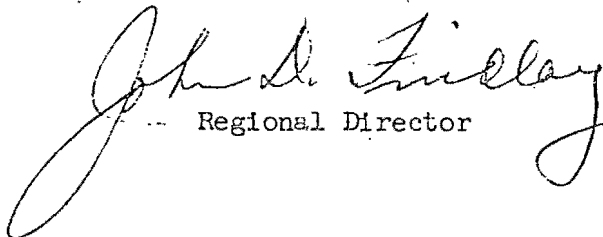
This meeting will be conducted strictly for the purpose of recording the position of the organization you represent, or your personal view. Debates between individuals or between individuals and officials of the Government or private organizations will be ruled out of order. Please direct any inquiries to the Hearing Officer who will rule as to whether the question is pertinent to the study for which this hearing has been called, keeping in mind, that the purpose of this hearing is to compile an official record of public opinion, with respect to the merits of this wilderness proposal, as directed by the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964, Public Law 88-577.

After this public hearing, a thorough review will be made of this wilderness proposal by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, but this is not the last opportunity for public expression. The record of this public hearing and all other information on the proposal will be reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior who will transmit his recommendations regarding the proposal to the President. The President will transmit his recommendations to the Congress. After appropriate consideration, which will include hearings, the Congress will accept or reject the proposal as a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The hearing will be in session from 9:00 a.m. until all interested parties have had an opportunity to express their views. Please note that the official record of the public hearing will be kept open through December 29, 1969 for those who wish to submit statements or modifications of previous statements for inclusion in the record. Send such statements to the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P. O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

The Department of the Interior welcomes your views at anytime, but in order to be included in the official record, your views should be in the offices of the Regional Director at the above address by December 29, 1969.

Thank you for attending.


Regional Director

CHAMISSO WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

Public Hearing Statement
by

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Representative
November 13, 1969

Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am John D. Findlay, Regional Director, Region I, of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Our Regional Office is in Portland, Oregon. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome you to this hearing on the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal.

As background, I should like to point out that the Wilderness Act of 1964 directed the Secretary of the Interior to review all roadless areas of 5,000 acres or more and every roadless island within the National Wildlife Refuge System to determine their suitability or non-suitability as wilderness. Also included were areas of less than 5,000 acres that are sufficient size to make preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practical.

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 are: (a) reasonably compact; (b) undeveloped; (c) possess the general characteristics of a wilderness; and (d) have no improved roads suitable for public travel by conventional automobile.

The National Wildlife Refuge System consists of over 300 units containing nearly 30 million acres. Units of the System are found on lands reaching from the shores of the Arctic Ocean to islands of the Central Pacific Ocean and from the Florida Keys to Maine. There are one or more National Wildlife Refuges in every one of the 17 major Life Zones of North America. Therefore, the ecology of each National Wildlife Refuge differs from any other refuge, although some are similar. Because of these ecological differences, management objectives of individual refuges are often quite different. It has been determined that about 90 National Wildlife Refuges, containing nearly 25 million acres, qualify for study as wilderness. These refuges are located in 32 different states.

As you can see, the wilderness review program in the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, of which this proposal is a part, encompasses a wide spectrum of lands within National Wildlife Refuges in the country. Only through careful study and analysis can a proper determination be made regarding whether a National Wildlife Refuge or a portion of a National Wildlife Refuge qualifies for consideration by the Secretary of the Interior as wilderness. We are presenting the results of our study of the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge for your consideration today.

You have a copy of the brochure which summarizes the study we have made of this proposal. Copies of the complete study report are available for your scrutiny after the hearing here on the first table. We ask you to please leave them in the hearing room after you have finished with them, because the number of copies is very limited. A copy of my statement also is available for your information and use.

This proposal involves the entire 455 acre Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge, which embraces Chamisso and Puffin Islands and several islets in Kotzebue Sound at the mouth of Eschscholtz Bay, Alaska. The refuge lies about 65 miles south of the village of Kotzebue.

The Chamisso Refuge is a remote, undeveloped area, generally far removed from human habitation or activity. Visits are presently limited to an occasional fisherman or Kotzebue native engaged in egg collecting.

The two islands support a typical tundra vegetation. The climate is arctic, with long cold winters, short cool summers, and little precipitation.

Large sea bird colonies occur on the refuge, with the major rookeries located on Puffin Island. Thirty-three species of birds have been identified. Horned and tufted puffins, Pacific kittiwakes, thick-billed and common murre and glaucous gulls are most abundant.

Harbor seals haul out on the rocks between the two islands. Land mammals can cross over to the islands from the mainland when the bay is frozen, and indications are that arctic hare and fox are residents part of the year.

Fishery resources are those found in surrounding waters as there are no freshwater ponds on the islands.

No minerals have been reported in the area, and the small size of the islands would preclude economic development of such resources if they were available.

No physical development and no management beyond wildlife protection is required on the refuge. The area currently has little recreational value, except for the attractions of the large bird colonies to photographers and bird watchers. Such use is rare. The refuge is accessible by boat, and light planes may be landed on the water on the leeward side of Chamisso Island. Restrictions will be necessary to avoid human disturbance to birds during breeding seasons.

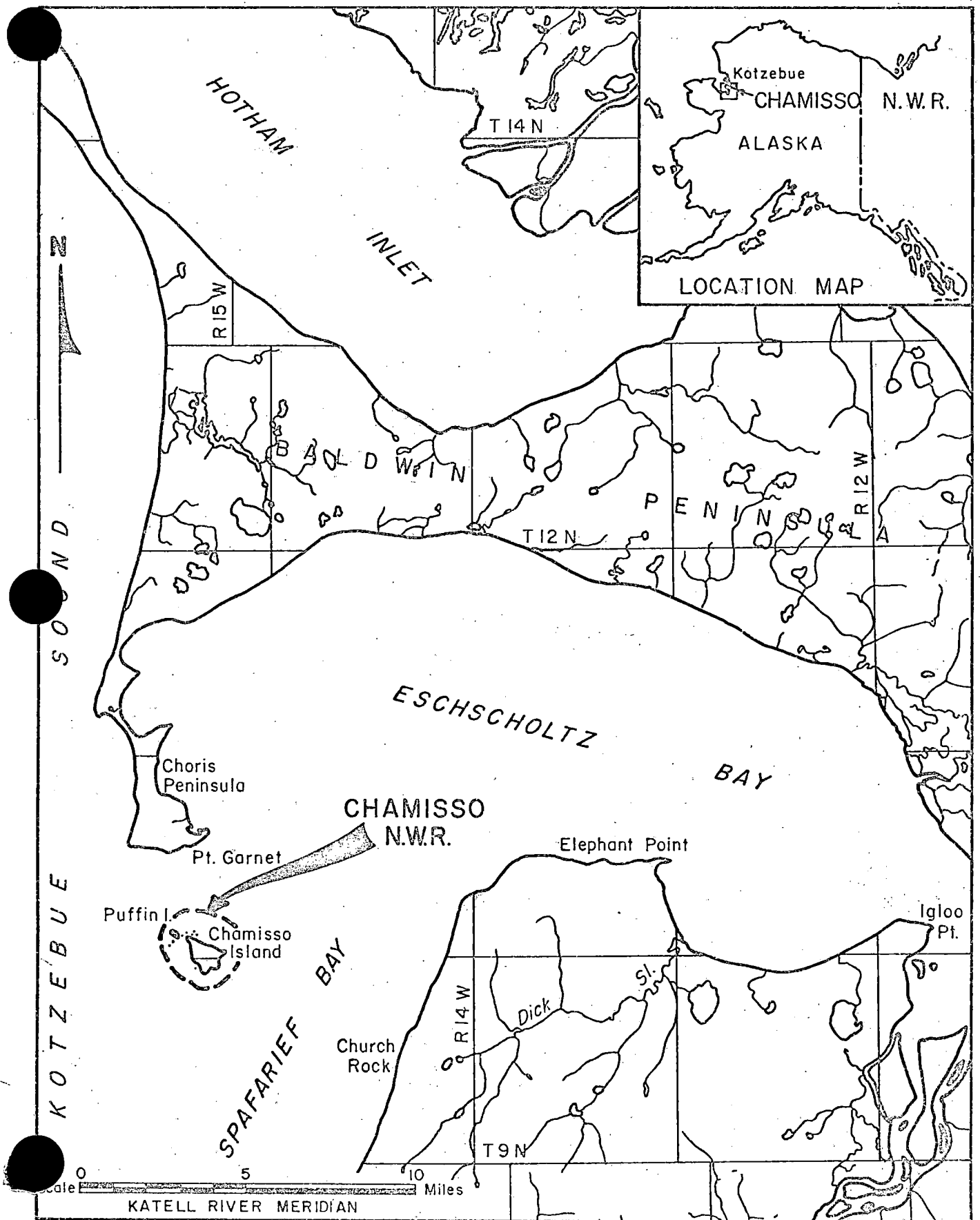
The refuge islands and islets are roadless, undeveloped and uninhabited. They possess significant wilderness values, including limited potential for recreationally-oriented wilderness experiences. It is our recommenda-

tion that the Chamisso Refuge does qualify as wilderness and that it should be considered for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I thank all of you who are here today for coming, and also those who have expressed their views by letter. Your oral and written views will be carefully studied before final Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife recommendations are submitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

John D. Lindsay

PROPOSED
CHAMISSO WILDERNESS AREA
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SECTION VII

PUBLIC HEARING

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OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
IN THE MATTER OF
WILDERNESS PROPOSAL:
CHAMISSO

November 13, 1969

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. WADE: The meeting will come to order. Pursuant to a Notice of a Public Hearing which appeared in the Federal Register on the 24th day of July, 1969, this meeting or hearing will be convened. First I would like to introduce myself. I am Hugh J. Wade, Regional Solicitor for the Anchorage Region of the United States Department of Interior, Anchorage, Alaska. I have been designated by the Secretary of the Interior to conduct this hearing. Most of you undoubtedly filled out the attendance cards as you entered the door here. I have a couple here. If those of you who have not filled out cards, will please raise your hands, we will distribute cards to you. At this time, I should like to thank the Bureau of Land Management. This is their hearing room in the Cordova Building here, and it's a fine accommodation, and we appreciate having the use of it. As announced in the Notice of Public Hearing issued on July the 24th, 1969, this hearing is being held to obtain information relating to the desirability of establishing a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System within the Chamisso Wildlife Refuge. As background information, I should like to explain that, in arranging this hearing, notices were sent to the United States Senators and Congressmen and the Governor of Alaska and other elected officials of this State. Replies which have been received from these officials will be incorporated in the transcript of this hearing. We also sent notices to the Federal and



1 State agencies and organizations and individuals known to be
2 interested in the matter.

3 The hearing is not a debate, a trial, or a question and
4 answer assembly, but an advisory hearing whereby all interested
5 persons may present statements, written or oral, or other in-
6 formation pertinent to the wilderness proposal we are considering
7 today.

8 If anyone fails to understand the statement of any person,
9 appropriate questions may be asked for the purpose of clarifying
10 such statement. All questions will be directed to me, the Hearing
11 Officer, and I shall determine whether they are pertinent.

12 This may seem a little technical and strict, but it is
13 intended to facilitate an orderly presentation of the views and
14 assure a fair and reasonable opportunity for all to be heard.

15 The Wilderness Act, Public Law 88-577, provided the authority
16 and outlined the procedure by which a national wildlife refuge,
17 or a portion of a national wildlife refuge, meeting the
18 necessary requirements, is to be considered for inclusion in the
19 National Wilderness Preservation System. This law directed the
20 study and review within ten years after September the 3rd, 1964,
21 of every roadless island and every roadless area of five thousand
22 acres or more within the National Wildlife Refuge System.

23 I wish to point out that eventual inclusion of a refuge, or
24 a portion of a refuge within the National Wilderness Preservation
25 System does not remove the area from the refuge system. The area



1 we are considering today, the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge,
2 if classified as wilderness, still will be administered as an
3 integral part of the refuge. The intent of the Wilderness Act
4 along these lines is clear. The provisions of Section 4(a) and
5 4(b) of the Act state that the purposes of the Wilderness Act
6 are to be within and supplemental to the purpose for which wild-
7 life refuges are established and administered. Also, each agency
8 administering any area designated as wilderness shall be
9 responsible for preserving the wilderness character of the area
10 and for such other purposes for which it may have been established
11 as also to preserve its wilderness character. Therefore, the
12 refuge will still be part of the National Wildlife Refuge System,
13 but with the added feature of a national wilderness area.

14 After the public hearing, a thorough review will be made
15 of the wilderness proposal, but this is not the last opportunity
16 for public expression. The record of this public hearing and all
17 other information on the proposal will be transmitted to the
18 Secretary of the Interior. After study and consultation, the
19 Secretary will transmit his recommendations regarding the
20 proposal to the President. The President will submit his
21 recommendations to Congress. After appropriate consideration,
22 which will include hearings, the Congress will accept, reject, or
23 modify the proposal as a unit of the National Wilderness
24 Preservation System. When, after hearings and study, the
25 proposal is accepted by Congress, appropriate legislation is



1 transmitted to the President. When signed by the President,
2 the wilderness area becomes a part of the National Wilderness
3 Preservation System.

4 As you can see, there is a comprehensive review of each
5 wilderness proposal of which public hearings and your views
6 are a most important part.

7 Now, I would ask Mr. John Findlay, the Regional Director
8 for the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, to present his
9 statement.

10 MR. FINDLAY: Thank you, Hugh. Good morning, ladies and
11 gentlemen. I am John D. Findlay, Regional Director, Region I,
12 of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Our Regional
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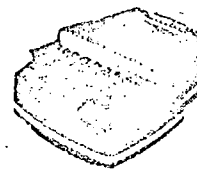
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21 part, encompasses a wide spectrum of land within the National
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24 a National Wildlife Refuge or a portion of a National Wildlife
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14 Alaska. The Refuge lies about 65 miles south of the village of
15 Kotzebue.

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17 far removed from human habitation or activity. Visits are
18 presently limited to an occasional commercial fisherman or a
19 Kotzebue native engaged in egg collecting.

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21 climate is arctic, with long cold winters, short cool summers,
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11 resources if they were available.

12 No physical development and no management beyond wildlife
13 protection is required on the Refuge.

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16 bird watchers. Such use is rare.

17 The Refuge is accessible by boat, and light planes may be
18 landed on the water on the leeward side of Chamisso Island.

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20 uninhabited. They possess significant wilderness values, includ-
21 ing limited potential for recreationally-oriented wilderness
22 experiences. It is our recommendation that the Chamisso Refuge
23 does qualify as wilderness, and that it should be considered for
24 inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

25 I thank all of you who are here today for coming, and also



1 those who have expressed their views by letter. Your oral and
2 written views will be carefully studied before final Bureau of
3 Sport Fisheries and Wildlife recommendations are submitted to the
4 Secretary of the Interior. Thank you.

5 MR. WADE: Thank you, John. We have some cards here signed
6 by people who indicate that they desire to make a public state-
7 ment, or at least submit one for the record. I will now call
8 upon Bailey O. Breedlove.

9 MR. BREEDLOVE: I have no statement for the record. I am
10 just an observer.

11 MR. WADE: How about Mr. Borgman? Do you have a statement
12 to read or to submit for the record?

13 MR. BORGMAN: I will defer to Mr. Prasil.

14 MR. WADE: Mr. Prasil?

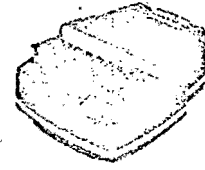
15 MR. PRASIL: We do have a statement which we will submit
16 later.

17 MR. WADE: Dr. Weeden has indicated that he has a statement
18 or wishes to make a statement. Is it a written statement, or
19 do you wish to make an oral statement?

20 DR. WEEDEN: It is a written statement which I would like
21 to have as part of the record, and I would like to deliver it
22 orally if I may.

23 MR. WADE: All right, Sir. If you will just step up here,
24 you will be close to the mike and it will be picked up.

25 DR. WEEDEN: Thank you, Chairman Wade and Mr. Findlay. My



1 name is Robert B. Weeden. I am representing the Alaska Chapter
2 of the Sierra Club at this public hearing. I respectfully
3 request that this statement be made a part of the official record
4 of the hearing on the Chamisso Island Wilderness Proposal.

5 The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has proposed
6 that Chamisso Island in Kotzebue Sound, and adjacent Puffin
7 Island, be made part of the National Wilderness System and be
8 maintained in natural condition. We agree with and whole-
9 heartedly support this proposal. Designation of this as a
10 wilderness area will not involve any change in management
11 practices or human use, as the small degree of human use of
12 these small islands is compatible with the wilderness concept.
13 Wilderness designation would, however, strengthen the Bureau's
14 basic authority and widen its responsibilities to maintain the
15 wild, untouched flavor of the area, as well as to protect the
16 bird colonies that are its chief wildlife resource.

17 We believe that Chamisso and Puffin Islands will be an
18 interesting and valuable addition to the spectrum of wild
19 environments that will comprise the National Wilderness System.
20 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 MR. WADE: Thank you, Dr. Weeden. Miss Sharon M. Cissna,
22 do you have a statement?

23 MISS CISSNA: I have a statement which I would like to
24 present, but may I present it also orally?

25 MR. WADE: Yes.



1 MISS CISSNA: My name is Sharon Cissna. I am a private
2 citizen, and I am representing myself. I will probably never
3 see Chamisso or Puffin Islands. I am a citizen who pays for and
4 benefits from services, both Federal, State and industrial. I
5 create the pressures which pave the earth, pollute the sky and
6 fill the swamps. It is my people who wish to civilize this last
7 frontier, to humanize the wildness. The Wilderness Act was made
8 because of people like me. Its aim was to protect places like
9 Chamisso for use by something other than man. If the Wilderness
10 Act had been written in the best possible way, no human would ever
11 be allowed to step in a wilderness area, for man has proven
12 that even his esthetic and scientific appreciation can often be
13 destructive. So, rather than feeling that we are the last to
14 see the beautiful wild places, the important and life-giving
15 places, I heartily agree that Chamisso and Puffin Islands be
16 included in our best as humanly possible classification, Wilderness.
17 Although we may never see it, it will be wonderful to know that
18 it's there.

19 Thank you for this opportunity to testify, and I would like
20 to have this statement be a part of the record.

21 MR. WADE: It will be inserted in the record. Thank you
22 for coming. Now, is there any other person present who cares to
23 make a statement and who has come in after--I see there is one
24 person who has not yet filled out a card, but as soon as the
25 card is filled out we will announce her name and give her an



1 opportunity to make a statement. In the meantime, I can
2 announce that we have received for inclusion in the record, a
3 letter from one State agency, a letter from one Federal agency,
4 neither of these agencies has any objections to the creation of
5 this wilderness area; twelve letters from organizations, all
6 favorable; and twenty-seven letters from individuals, all
7 favorable. There have, I think, been a couple of letters added
8 to these this morning. These letters and statements will all
9 be inserted in the record and they are here on the table and if
10 anyone present would care to examine them, they are available
11 to you. I see no use or purpose of reading them into the record
12 inasmuch as they will be printed as part of the record. Miss
13 Barbara Winkley, representing the Alaska Conservation Society,
14 of the Cook Inlet Chapter, Anchorage, Alaska. Do you have a
15 written statement?

16 MISS WINKLEY: Yes, I will submit the written statement
17 later. I am Barbara Winkley. I am on the Executive Committee of
18 the Upper Cook Inlet Chapter of the Alaska Conservation Society,
19 of which we have over a hundred members, for whom I would like
20 to present this testimony. The members of the Upper Cook Inlet
21 Chapter of the Alaska Conservation Society are in favor of the
22 inclusion of Chamisso into the Wilderness Refuge System. We
23 feel the unusual bird colonies on the islands and the fact that
24 no minerals have been reported in the area, is sufficient reason
25 to make it a wilderness area. The rugged cliffs and isolation



1 of the islands will afford safety for these rookeries in years
2 to come. Since the United States Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
3 has recommended it for Wilderness, we feel their recommendation
4 is sufficient evidence that it will make an ideal Wilderness
5 area. Thank you.

6 MR. WADE: Thank you, Miss Winkley. Will you give me your
7 written statement?

8 MISS WINKLEY: I will submit a written statement later.

9 MR. WADE: And you will submit it when?

10 MISS WINKLEY: Within two days.

11 MR. WADE: And you will address it to the Bureau here, so that
12 we can transmit it to the person making the transcript of the
13 record.

14 MISS WINKLEY: Yes.

15 MR. WADE: Thank you. Now according to the manual here, and
16 because they have been specifically notified of the hearing and
17 invited to attend and present testimony if they care to do so,
18 I am going through the formality of announcing that if the
19 Governor is here, or a representative of his office, we would
20 like to hear from him in person.

21 (No response)

22 Is there any member of Congress present, or anyone represent-
23 ing a member of Congress?

24 (No response)

25 Are there any members here of the State Legislature?



1 (No response)

2 Are there any officials of the borough present, any of the
3 boroughs of the State?

4 (No response)

5 Are there any officials of any State agencies that care
6 to testify?

7 (No response)

8 Are there any officials of Federal agencies that care to
9 make an oral statement?

10 (No response)

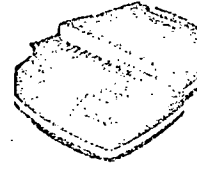
11 Are there any persons here who care to make a statement
12 that have not already had the opportunity and have presented
13 their statement?

14 (No response)

15 Before the record is closed, which will be some time, it will
16 be held open for a certain length of time to give everybody an
17 opportunity to present their views. There will be included in
18 the record the letter that was sent to the Governor of this
19 State, and to the members of Congress, so that the record will
20 show that there has been complete compliance with the Wilderness
21 Act which requires that these officials be specifically invited
22 to express their views in this matter. Now we will take a
23 slight recess here and reconvene in just a minute.

24 (RECESS)

25 We will reconvene and go back on the record and conclude



1 the hearing. May I again ask if there is anyone present who
2 desires to make a statement regarding this matter who has not
3 already done so?

4 (No response)

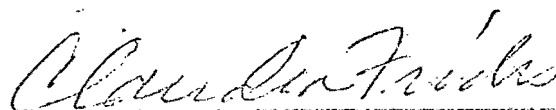
5 I see no one indicating that they wish to testify that have
6 not already testified, so I do want to announce that the record
7 of this proceeding will be held open for forty-five days,
8 which will be December the 29th, 1969, and this will give an
9 opportunity for anyone who has not already done so and who might
10 desire to do so to present his expressions in writing. These
11 expressions should be sent to the Regional Director of the
12 Bureau at the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Post
13 Office Box 3737, Portland, Oregon, Zip 97208.

14 If there are no further matters to come before the hearing,
15 at this time the hearing will recess and the hearing of course
16 will be closed as far as the record is concerned, on the 29th
17 of December, 1969.

18 Meeting adjourned.
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1 This is to certify that the attached proceedings before the
2 Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in the Matter of
3 Wilderness Hearing: Chamisso, held on November 13, 1969,
4 beginning at the hour of 9:00 a.m., were held as herein
5 appears, and that this is the original transcript thereof
6 for the file of the Department.

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10 Official Reporter
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
Portland, Oregon 97208

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

Pursuant to provisions of the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (P.L. 88-577; 78 Stat. 890-896; 16 U.S.C. 1131-1136) a PUBLIC HEARING will be held in Room 509, Cordova Building, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska, on November 13, 1969 beginning at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of developing information with respect to the desirability of including the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The wilderness proposal comprises approximately 455 acres within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge in the Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. A brochure containing a map of the preliminary boundaries and additional information concerning the proposal may be obtained from the Associate Supervisor, Alaska Wildlife Refuges, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 280, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

All interested parties, including Federal, State, County, and municipal agencies, local interests and individual citizens, are invited to be present at the above time and place. They will be afforded full opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed wilderness.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of the record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing as the record of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the Secretary of the Interior. Written statements may either be mailed to the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon, 97208, in advance of the hearing, or handed to the Hearing Officer at the hearing. The Department of the Interior encourages written expression relative to the proposal at anytime. However, in order to be incorporated in the official Wilderness Record, all communications should be mailed to the Regional Director at the above address by December 29, 1969.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons known to be interested in the matter.

Signed: James S. Roberts
Acting Regional Director

"Ladies and Gentlemen: First, let me introduce myself. I am Hugh J. Wade, Regional Solicitor, Anchorage Region, United States Department of the Interior, Anchorage, Alaska. 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. (Pause until cards are distributed).

"At this time I should like to thank the Bureau of Land Management for their assistance in making this place available to us today. It is very adequate, and we are grateful.

"As announced in the Notice of Public Hearing issued on July 24, 1969 this hearing is being held to obtain information relating to the desirability of establishing a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System within the Chena National Wildlife Refuge. As background information, I should like to explain that, in arranging for this hearing, notices were sent to the United States Senators and Congressman, the Governor of the State of Alaska and other elected officials. Replies which have been received from them will be read later and incorporated into the transcript of this hearing. We also sent notices to Federal and State agencies and organizations and individuals known to be interested in the matter.

Now for a few words about procedure. This hearing is not a debate, a trial, or a question and answer assembly, but an advisory hearing whereby all interested persons may present statements, written or oral, or other information pertinent to the wilderness proposal we are considering today. If anyone fails to understand

the statement of any person, appropriate questions may be asked for the purpose of clarifying such a statement. All questions will be directed to me, and I shall determine whether they are pertinent.

"This may seem a little technical or strict, but it is intended to facilitate an orderly presentation of views and assure a fair and reasonable opportunity for all to be heard.

"The Wilderness Act, Public Law 88-577 provided the authority and outlined the procedure by which a national wildlife refuge, or a portion of a national wildlife refuge, meeting the necessary requirements, is to be considered for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. This law directed the study and review within 10 years after September 3, 1964, of every roadless island and every roadless area of 5,000 acres or more within the National Wildlife Refuge System.

"I wish to point out that eventual inclusion of a refuge, or a portion of a refuge, within the National Wilderness Preservation System does not remove the area from refuge status. The area we are considering today within Chumash National Wildlife Refuge, if classified as wilderness, still will be administered as an integral part of the refuge. The intent of the Wilderness Act along these lines is clear. The provisions of Section 4(a) and 4(b) of the Act state that the purposes of the Wilderness Act are to be within and supplemental to the purpose for which wildlife refuges are established and administered. Also, each agency administering any area designated as wilderness shall be responsible for preserving the wilderness character of the area and for such other purposes for which it may have been established as also to preserve its wilderness character. Therefore, the refuge will still be a part of the National Wildlife Refuge System but with the added feature of a national wilderness area.

"After this public hearing, a thorough review will be made of this wilderness proposal, but this is not the last opportunity for public expression. The record of this public hearing and all other information on the proposal will be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior. After study and consultation, the Secretary will transmit his recommendations regarding the proposal to the President. The President will transmit his recommendations to the Congress. After appropriate consideration, which will include hearings, the Congress will accept, reject, or modify the proposal as a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System. When, after hearings and study, the proposal is accepted by the Congress, appropriate legislation is transmitted to the President. When signed by the President, the wilderness area becomes a part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. As you can see, there is a comprehensive review process of each wilderness proposal of which public hearings and your views are a most important part.

"Now, I ask _____ of _____ office to explain the wilderness proposal to you. Before Mr. _____ presents his statement, however, I should like to explain again that this is not an adversary proceeding. If you want to ask a question in order to clarify a certain point, please feel free to do so. All questions, however, will be directed to me, and I shall determine whether they are pertinent."

(If a representative of another Federal agency, which has contributed to the study is present, he should sit with the hearing officer, or be stationed nearby, and present the results of their studies when asked to do so by the hearing officer.)

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES
CHAMISSO WILDERNESS PROPOSAL
CHAMISSO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
NOVEMBER 13, 1969

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As indicated in the Notice of Public Hearing, this hearing is being held to obtain information relating to the desirability of establishing a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge. In arranging for this hearing, notices were sent to the United States Senators and Congressmen, the Governor of the State of Alaska, and other elected officials. Replies which have been received from them will be read later and incorporated into the transcript of this hearing. Notices were also sent to the Federal and State agencies and organizations and individuals known to be interested in the matter. You have been provided a copy of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife statement outlining the proposal. It is suggested that you read this statement as soon as possible. It should answer most of your questions.

When you are called upon for your statement, please come forward to the microphone, state your name and organization you represent, or, if you are speaking as an individual, please make this clear. All written statements will become a part of the official record whether they are filed with the hearing officer, read in the open meeting, or orally summarized. In the interest of conserving time, you are requested to file lengthy statements for the record and summarize them orally at this hearing. Please keep in mind that it is the official transcript, containing all written statements, as well as oral presentations, that will be used for review by the Department of the Interior and later by Congress in their consideration of this study. Statements will not be made under oath, and since this is not an adversary proceeding, there will be no cross-examination.

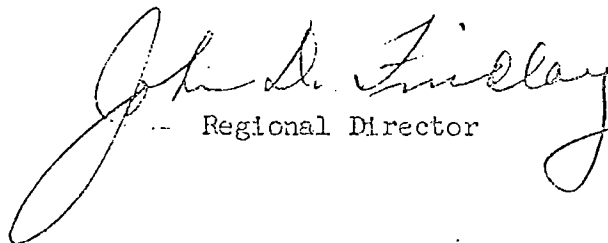
This meeting will be conducted strictly for the purpose of recording the position of the organization you represent, or your personal view. Debates between individuals or between individuals and officials of the Government or private organizations will be ruled out of order. Please direct any inquiries to the Hearing Officer who will rule as to whether the question is pertinent to the study for which this hearing has been called, keeping in mind, that the purpose of this hearing is to compile an official record of public opinion, with respect to the merits of this wilderness proposal, as directed by the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964, Public Law 88-577.

After this public hearing, a thorough review will be made of this wilderness proposal by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, but this is not the last opportunity for public expression. The record of this public hearing and all other information on the proposal will be reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior who will transmit his recommendations regarding the proposal to the President. The President will transmit his recommendations to the Congress. After appropriate consideration, which will include hearings, the Congress will accept or reject the proposal as a unit of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The hearing will be in session from 9:00 a.m. until all interested parties have had an opportunity to express their views. Please note that the official record of the public hearing will be kept open through December 29, 1969 for those who wish to submit statements or modifications of previous statements for inclusion in the record. Send such statements to the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P. O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

The Department of the Interior welcomes your views at anytime, but in order to be included in the official record, your views should be in the offices of the Regional Director at the above address by December 29, 1969.

Thank you for attending.


Regional Director

CHAMISSO WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

Public Hearing Statement

by

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife Representative

November 13, 1969

Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am John D. Findlay, Regional Director, Region I, of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Our Regional Office is in Portland, Oregon. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome you to this hearing on the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal.

As background, I should like to point out that the Wilderness Act of 1964 directed the Secretary of the Interior to review all roadless areas of 5,000 acres or more and every roadless island within the National Wildlife Refuge System to determine their suitability or non-suitability as wilderness. Also included were areas of less than 5,000 acres that are sufficient size to make preservation and use in an unimpaired condition practical.

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 are: (a) reasonably compact; (b) undeveloped; (c) possess the general characteristics of a wilderness; and (d) have no improved roads suitable for public travel by conventional automobile.

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As you can see, the wilderness review program in the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, of which this proposal is a part, encompasses a wide spectrum of lands within National Wildlife Refuges in the country. Only through careful study and analysis can a proper determination be made regarding whether a National Wildlife Refuge or a portion of a National Wildlife Refuge qualifies for consideration by the Secretary of the Interior as wilderness. We are presenting the results of our study of the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge for your consideration today. You have a copy of the brochure which summarizes the study we have made of this proposal. Copies of the complete study report are available for your scrutiny after the hearing here on the first table. We ask you to please leave them in the hearing room after you have finished with them, because the number of copies is very limited. A copy of my statement also is available for your information and use.

This proposal involves the entire 455 acre Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge, which embraces Chamisso and Puffin Islands and several islets in Kotzebue Sound at the mouth of Eschscholtz Bay, Alaska. The refuge lies about 65 miles south of the village of Kotzebue.

The Chamisso Refuge is a remote, undeveloped area, generally far removed from human habitation or activity. Visits are presently limited to an occasional fisherman or Kotzebue native engaged in egg collecting.

The two islands support a typical tundra vegetation. The climate is arctic, with long cold winters, short cool summers, and little precipitation.

Large sea bird colonies occur on the refuge, with the major rookeries located on Puffin Island. Thirty-three species of birds have been identified. Horned and tufted puffins, Pacific kittiwakes, thick-billed and common murre and glaucous gulls are most abundant.

Harbor seals haul out on the rocks between the two islands. Land mammals can cross over to the islands from the mainland when the bay is frozen, and indications are that arctic hare and fox are residents part of the year.

Fishery resources are those found in surrounding waters as there are no freshwater ponds on the islands.

No minerals have been reported in the area, and the small size of the islands would preclude economic development of such resources if they were available.

No physical development and no management beyond wildlife protection is required on the refuge. The area currently has little recreational value, except for the attractions of the large bird colonies to photographers and bird watchers. Such use is rare. The refuge is accessible by boat, and light planes may be landed on the water on the leeward side of Chamisso Island.

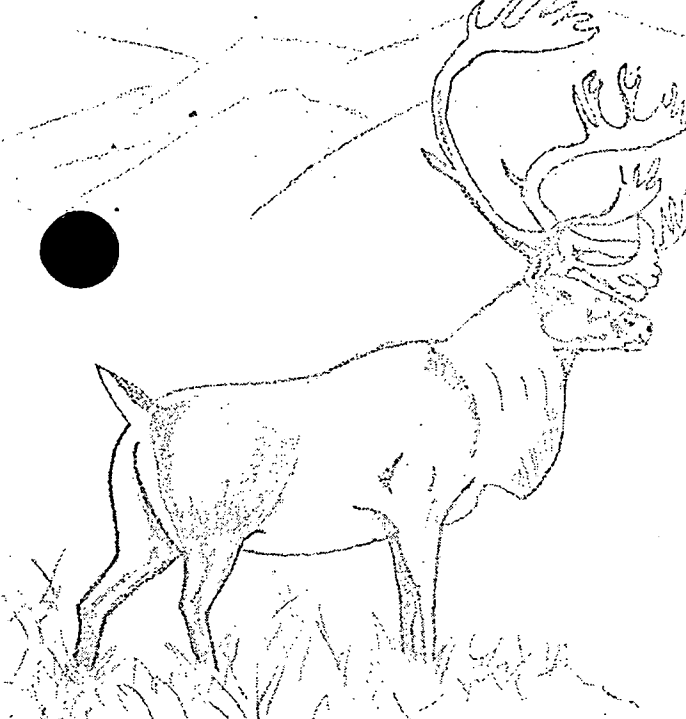
The refuge islands and islets are roadless, undeveloped and uninhabited. They possess significant wilderness values, including limited potential for recreationally-oriented wilderness experiences. It is our recommendation that the Chamisso Refuge does qualify as wilderness and that it should be considered for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I thank all of you who are here today for coming, and also those who have expressed their views by letter. Your oral and written views will be carefully studied before final Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife recommendations are submitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

ALASKA CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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November 13, 1969



Mr. John D. Findlay
Regional Director
U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Mr. Findlay:

Simeonof

The members of the Upper Cook Inlet Chapter of the Alaska Conservation Society are in favor of inclusion of Simeonof Island in the Shumigan group to be incorporated into the Wilderness System. Because this island is the only refuge in Alaska that includes tidal waters extending 1 mile beyond the island perimeter, we feel this constitutes a greater habitat for the marine mammals which it harbors than most refuges.

The unique nature of the white sandy beaches we feel is reason enough to set aside this small island. The combined qualities of the beaches and the rich marine environment is a double endorsement for the placing of the island into the Wilderness System.

Chamisso

The members of the Upper Cook Inlet Chapter of the Alaska Conservation Society endorse the incorporation of Chamisso Island into the Wilderness Refuge System.

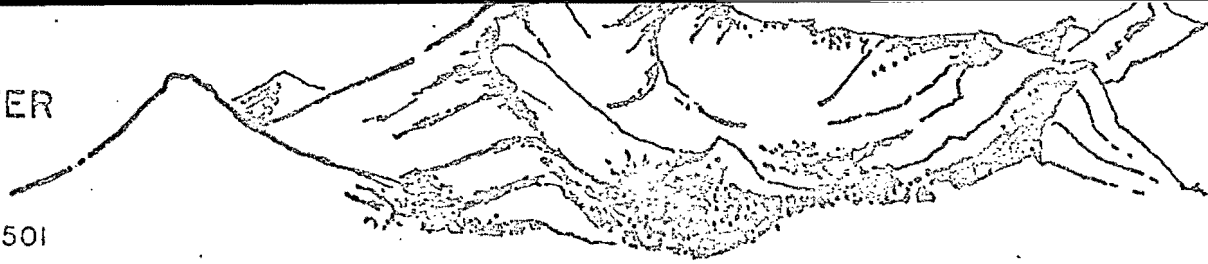
We feel the unusual bird colonies on the island and the fact that there have been no reported minerals in the area is sufficient reason to make it a wilderness area. The rugged cliffs and isolation of the island will afford safety for these rookeries in years to come.

Chamisso (continued)

Since the U.S. Fish and Wildlife has recommended Chamisso for wilderness, we feel their recommendation alone is sufficient evidence to give this island wilderness status.

Barbara Minkley
Upper Cook Inlet Chapter
Alaska Conservation Society

ALASKA CHAPTER
Sierra Club
P.O. Box 2025
Anchorage, Alaska 99501



TESTIMONY OF DR. ROBERT B. WEEDEN
ON THE CHAMISSO WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

November 13, 1969

Mr. Chairman, my name is Robert B. Weeden. I am representing the Alaska Chapter of the Sierra Club at this public hearing. I respectfully request that this statement be made a part of the official record of the hearing on the Chamisso Island Wilderness Proposal.

The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has proposed that Chamisso Island in Kotzebue Sound, and adjacent Puffin Island, be made part of the National Wilderness System and maintained in natural condition. We agree with and wholeheartedly support this proposal. Designation of this as a Wilderness Area will not involve any change in management practices or human use, as the small degree of human use of these small islands is compatible with the wilderness concept. Wilderness designation would, however, strengthen the Bureau's basic authority and widen its responsibilities to maintain the wild, untouched flavor of the area, as well as to protect the bird colonies that are its chief wildlife resource. We believe that Chamisso and Puffin Islands will be an interesting and valuable addition to the spectrum of wild environments that will comprise the National Wilderness System.



SM Cissna
Box 1086
Anchorage
Alaska

TESTIMONY OF SHARON M. CISSNA FOR PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
CHAMISSO WILDERNESS PROPOSAL.

November 13, 1969

My name is Sharon Cissna. I will probably never see Chamisso or Puffin Islands. I am a citizen who pays for and benefits from services, both Federal, State and Industrial. I create the pressures which pave earth, pollute sky and fill swamp. It is my people who wish to civilize this last frontier, to humanize the wildness. The wilderness act was made because of people like me. Its aim was to protect places like Chamisso for use by something other than man. If the Wilderness act had been written in the best possible way, no human would ever be allowed to step in a Wilderness area, for man has proven that even his esthetic and scientific appreciation can often be destructive. So, rather than feeling that we are the last to see beautiful wild places, important and life giving places, I heartily agree that Chamisso and Puffin Islands be included in our best as human classification....Wilderness. Although we may never see it, it will be wonderful to know it's still there.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and I would like to request that this statement be made a part of the hearing record.

CHAMISSO WILDERNESS HEARING

ATTENDANCE RECORD

November 13, 1969

Name and Address	Representing	Action Taken
Ernest J. Borgman P. O. Box 2252 Anchorage, Alaska 99501	National Park Service	None
Bailey O. Breedlove P. O. Box 2252 Anchorage, Alaska 99501	National Park Service	None
Sharon M. Cissna P. O. Box 1086 Anchorage, Alaska	Individual	Written and Oral Statement
Richard G. Prasil P. O. Box 2252 Anchorage, Alaska 99501	National Park Service	Written and Oral Statement
Dr. Robert B. Weeden Box 5-425 College, Alaska 99701	Alaska Chapter, Sierra Club	None
Barbara Winkley Box 5595 Anchorage, Alaska	Alaska Conservation Society	None

ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS

August 25, 1969

Honorable Keith Miller
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Governor Miller:

This will inform you of a public hearing which will be held on November 13, 1969 in Room 509, Cordova Building, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska. The purpose of the hearing is to ascertain public views on a proposal to classify as wilderness 455 acres within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge, Second Judicial District, Alaska.

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The Wilderness Act also provides that, as Governor of the State in which the National Wildlife Refuge is located, you are to be advised of the proposed action and that such comments as you may care to make on it 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 view at the public hearing or to submit them to me in writing by December 29, 1969. Should you want to discuss the matter, I will be glad to meet with you at a time and place of your choice.

Sincerely yours,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
JOHN D. FINDLAY

Regional Director

Enclosure

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<i>E. Findlay</i>
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This letter sent to Elected Public Officials.

August 25, 1969

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STATE & LOCAL OFFICIALS,
STATE DEPTS. & AGENCIES

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FEDERAL OFFICIALS, DEPTS. & AGENCIES
Received Prior to the Hearing

FEDERAL OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

I N D E X

MAJOR TO HEARING

O'Leary, John F., Director, United States Department of the
Interior, Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C. 20240

✓ Rutter, John A., District Director, Northwest District, United
States Department of the Interior, National Park Service,
Box 2252, Anchorage, Alaska 99501

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
Portland, Oregon 97208

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

Pursuant to provisions of the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964 (P.L. 88-577; 78 Stat. 890-896; 16 U.S.C. 1131-1136) a PUBLIC HEARING will be held in Room 509, Cordova Building, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska, on November 13, 1969 beginning at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of developing information with respect to the desirability of including the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The wilderness proposal comprises approximately 455 acres within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge in the Second Judicial District, State of Alaska. A brochure containing a map of the preliminary boundaries and additional information concerning the proposal may be obtained from the Associate Supervisor, Alaska Wildlife Refuges, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 280, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208.

All interested parties, including Federal, State, County, and municipal agencies, local interests and individual citizens, are invited to be present at the above time and place. They will be afforded full opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed wilderness.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of the record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing as the record of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the Secretary of the Interior. Written statements may either be mailed to the Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon, 97208, in advance of the hearing, or handed to the Hearing Officer at the hearing. The Department of the Interior encourages written expression relative to the proposal at anytime. However, in order to be incorporated in the official Wilderness Record, all communications should be mailed to the Regional Director at the above address by December 29, 1969.

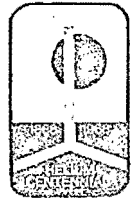
Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons known to be interested in the matter.

Signed: *Dennis S. Roberts*

Acting Regional Director



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF MINES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240



September 11, 1969

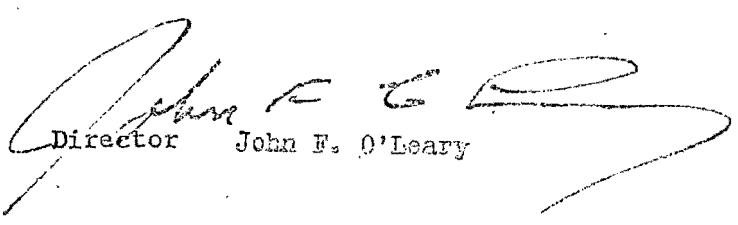
Mr. Travis S. Roberts
Acting Regional Director
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 N. E. Pacific Street
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is in reply to your letters of August 25, 1969, regarding a public hearing at Anchorage, Alaska, on November 13, 1969, on a wilderness proposal within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and the Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge.

The Bureau of Mines knows of no mineral resources of commercial value on the islands which comprise these refuges. We have no objection to the inclusion of these National Wildlife Refuges into the National Wilderness Preservation System nor do we plan to submit a statement at the public hearing.

Sincerely yours,


Director John F. O'Leary



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

ALASKA FIELD OFFICE
FEDERAL OFFICE BUILDING, BOX 2252
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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November 10, 1969

Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries
and Wildlife

From: District Director, Northwest District,
National Park Service

Subject: Wilderness Proposals - Simeonof Island and
Chamisso National Wildlife Refuges

We endorse the establishment of Simeonof Island and Chamisso
National Wildlife Refuges as wilderness areas. Our state-
ments relative to their value are attached.



John A. Rutter

Enclosure

CHAMISSO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

The significance of Chamisso as a wildlife refuge and an area of wilderness quality was recognized in 1912. This remote area has had no physical development, nor has the habitat been manipulated by humans. Its proximity to Kotzebue indicates the possibility of increasing visitor use and use by those who would desire a wilderness experience in a natural environment. The bird rookeries for which it was established can be best protected and desirably viewed in the wild naturalness of its primitive environment.

It is urged that it be included in the National Wildlife Preservation System.


John A. Rutter
District Director, Northwest District
National Park Service

COMMUNICATIONS - ORGANIZATIONS
Received Prior to Hearing

ORGANIZATIONS

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RECEIVED PRIOR TO HEARING

Alaska Conservation Society, Box 5-192, College, Alaska 99701

Alaska Conservation Society, Kenai Peninsula Chapter, P. O. Box 563,
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Arizona Wildlife Federation, P. O. Box 1769, Phoenix, Arizona 85001

Colorado Mountain Club, 1723 East 16th Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80218

Eastern Michigan Nature Association, 124 Miller Street,
Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043

Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, 419 Harney Street South,
Salem, Oregon 97302

Florida Audubon Society, P. O. Drawer 7, Maitland, Florida 32751

Izaak Walton League of America, 133 1/2 East Raymond Street, Plainfield,
Indiana 46168

Montana Wilderness Association, Great Falls Chapter, Great Falls,
Montana

National Audubon Society, Audubon House, 1130 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York 10028

Sierra Club, Alaska Chapter, Fairbanks Section, P. O. Box 5-051,
College, Alaska 99701

Tucson Wildlife Unlimited, Inc., P. O. Box 4458, Tucson, Arizona



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

730 N. E. PACIFIC STREET
P. O. BOX 3737
PORTLAND, OREGON 97208

August 25, 1969

Dear Conservationists:

This is to bring to your attention a public hearing which will be held at Anchorage, Alaska on November 13, 1969. The hearing concerns a wilderness proposal within the Chamisso 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 December 29, 1969 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,

Acting Regional Director

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UNITED STATES
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December 29, 1969

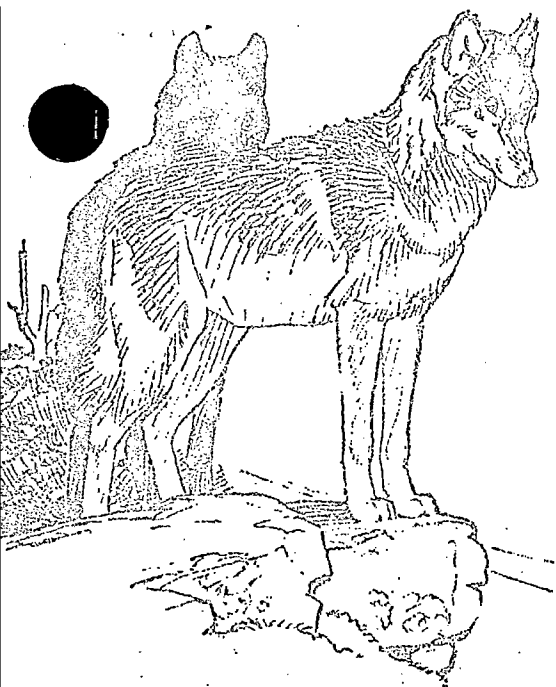
Dear Conservationist:

Your comments concerning the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska have been received and will be included in the official record.

We appreciate having the benefit of your views on the important subject of wilderness. They will receive careful consideration and will be helpful in developing recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

Travis S. Roberts
Acting Regional Director



Alaska Conservation Society

Box 5-192 College, Alaska 99701

November 8, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

RE: Hearings on inclusion of Chamisso National Wildlife
Refuge and Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge in the
National Wilderness Preservation System

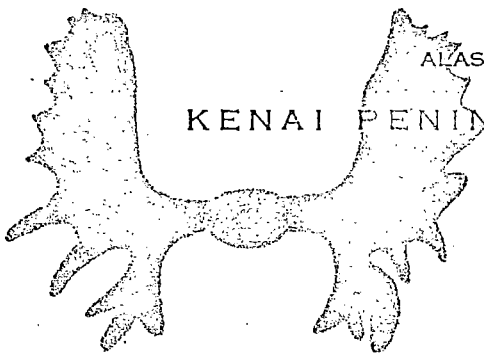
I want to place the Alaska Conservation Society on record in favor of adding both Chamisso and Simeonof Islands to the National Wilderness System. Both the personal knowledge of some of our members and the available reports and photographs speak strongly for this action.

The areas have the requisite qualities of wilderness, being remote and essentially unmarked by the activities of non-native humans. Both areas have particular qualities in addition: sizeable colonies of breeding sea birds in the case of Chamisso and truly unusual beaches in the case of Simeonof. The light grazing that has taken place on Simeonof has not created permanent changes in vegetation or caused severe erosion as far as I know. We would recommend that the grazing be terminated as soon as possible in this case; it would probably not cost very much to buy the lessee out at a fair price, thus assuring the complete return to a natural state in the fastest possible time.

Sincerely,

Frederick C. Dean

Frederick C. Dean
Acting President
The Alaska Conservation Society



ALASKA CONSERVATION SOCIETY

KENAI PENINSULA CHAPTER

P. O. BOX 563

SOLDOTNA

ALASKA 99669

September 13, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

The Kenai Peninsula Chapter of the Alaska Conservation Society endorses the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife proposal to place the 455 acre Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We believe this refuge has its most important value as a sanctuary for the thousands of sea birds now utilizing it as rookeries. Because it is the only major bird rookery in that entire area it deserves special consideration and protection.

Having no apparent economic value there should be little reason for not including it into the Wilderness System.

Sincerely,

Dr. Calvin M. Fair

Dr. Calvin M. Fair, President
Kenai Peninsula Chapter
Alaska Conservation Society



**ARIZONA
WILDLIFE FEDERATION**

P.O. Box 1769 • Phoenix, Arizona 85001 • Phone 602-253-4903

October 25, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
B.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

After careful consideration of the desirability of including the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal in the National Wilderness Preservation System, by the Board of Directors of the Arizona Wildlife Federation, we feel the Chamisso Wilderness meets the wilderness criteria and will be a valuable addition to the wilderness system.

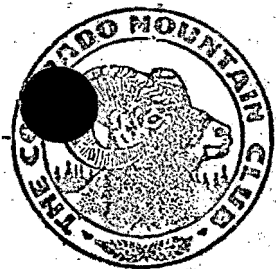
We strongly urge that this proposal be accepted.

Sincerely yours,

Tom M. Kilpatrick
Wilderness Committee

copy to: Alaska Sportsmen's Council, National Wildlife Federation
Affiliate

TK/jk



The Colorado Mountain Club

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October 13, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 N.E. Pacific Street
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Re: Proposed Chamisso Wilderness Proposal

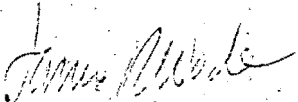
Gentlemen:

The Colorado Mountain Club has reviewed the wilderness proposal for the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge.

While we have no statistics as to the number of Mountain Club members, if any, who have visited this area recently, the Club supports the implementation of our national wilderness preservation system in principle and is reassured to know that areas are being considered for wilderness status because of their fish and wildlife values.

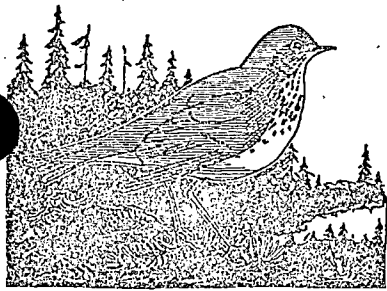
We hope that serious consideration be given to the proposal of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife regarding this area.

Yours very truly,


James R. Wade,
Conservation Chairman

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Eastern Michigan Nature Association



THELMA SONNENBERG, President
124 Miller Street
Mount Clemens, Michigan 48043

BERTHA A. DAUBENDIEK
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
1413 Marquette Street
Saginaw, Michigan 48602

October 24, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon, 97208

Dear Sir:

Re: Wilderness Proposal hearing on November 13, 1969
concerning the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge
in Kotzebue Sound at the mouth of Eschscholtz Bay,
Alaska.

Please include our Association in the record among the names of those in favor of including the above refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

It seems that designation of the Chamisso Refuge is entirely compatible with existing refuge objectives. Chamisso provides nesting space for many varieties of birds, and consequently restrictions against human disturbance to birds during breeding seasons is necessary. No minerals have been reported in this area, and the small size of the islands would preclude economic development of such resources, although mineral wealth may very well be outweighed by the natural wealth of living things. Life, after all, is dependent upon living substances as well as mineral substances.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Helen B. Brook

Public Affairs Chairman

hbg

A non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of our native wildlife

September 20, 1969

Regional Director
United States Department
of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 N.E. Pacific Street
PO Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear sir:


As the Oregon Vice President of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Environmental Council I would like to take this opportunity to indicate our support for the following wilderness proposals:

Farallon Wilderness	California
Simeonof Wilderness	Alaska
Chamisso Wilderness	Alaska
Kotzebue Wilderness	Alaska

It is necessary to include as much of the yet unprotected wild lands as possible within the Wilderness System. Without the Wilderness protection these last outposts of natural lands will cease to exist as Wilderness. Once ruined, Wilderness can never be restored. In light of these facts we believe that would be in the National Interest to have these areas preserved in the Wilderness System of the United States of America.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak out on these important issues.

Very truly yours,


Rodney P. Stubbs
Oregon Vice President
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs
419 Harney Street, S
Salem, Oregon 97302



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

730 N. E. PACIFIC STREET
P. O. BOX 3737
PORTLAND, OREGON 97208

October 20, 1969

Rodney R. Stubbs, Oregon Vice President
Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs
419 Harney Street, S
Salem, Oregon 97302

Dear Mr. Stubbs:

Your letter concerning the Farallon, Simeonof, and Chamisso wilderness proposals has been received and will be included in the official records.

We do wish to call your attention to the fact that there is no "Kotzebue" wilderness proposal, as indicated in your letter. The Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge is located in Kotzebue Sound, Alaska, and this may have been the source of the confusion.

We appreciate having the benefit of your views on the important subject of wilderness. They will be helpful in developing recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

Regional Director

(Yellow)
R. Wildeman
Simeonof
Chamisso



Florida Audubon Society

September 19, 1969

"The Voice of Conservation"

Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 N.E. Pacific Street
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208


Sir:

FOR THE RECORD


Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge consists of remote islands which provide habitat for thirty-three species of birds. Harbor seals use the island and there are indications that arctic hare and fox are residents for part of the year.

The Florida Audubon Society requests that this refuge be made part of the National Wilderness System.

Respectfully yours,


Martin R. Northrup
Florida Audubon Society

MRN:jdy



The Izaak Walton League of America

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November 10, 1969

To: Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
United States Department of Interior
P.O.Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Subject: Chamisso Wilderness Proposal.

Dear Sir:

The purposes for which Wildlife Refuge lands were established must continually be defended by spirited public interest, and sanctity for these lands must further be more fully guaranteed by the inclusion of vital habitat areas into the National Wilderness Preservation System, a law enacted by the United States Congress in 1964.

One such area, the Chamisso Refuge, consisting of Chamisso and Puffin Islands in Kotzebue Sound, Alaska, is currently being considered by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for further Congressional recognition, by establishing the Chamisso Refuge as a Wilderness, and as a part of the Wilderness System.

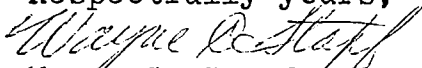
Chamisso Island, Puffin Island, and the several small islets are most worthy of this consideration, for they are the hopes and homes of migratory birds, the most extensive bird colony in this part of Alaska. Undisturbed areas and habitat are important to research, and for the preservation and proliferation of the rare and endangered species of birds of the Northern Hemisphere.

The Horned and the Tufted Puffins, the Murres, and the Pacific Kittiwakes all share the same rookery at Chamisso Refuge. (The Red-legged Kittiwake is being considered for rare and endangered classification).

No development should ever be planned on the Chamisso Refuge as it now exists. I support the idea that Chamisso and Puffin Islands be included in the Wilderness System, as the Chamisso Wilderness. I further urge that the Wilderness Proposal for Chamisso Refuge be sought by all agencies and citizens interested in this great National purpose.

I request that this statement be included in the official hearing record.

Respectfully yours,



Wayne C. Stapf, Vice President
The Izaak Walton League of America
1334 E. Raymond St.
Plainfield, Indiana 46168.

GREAT FALLS CHAPTER MONTANA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION

Great Falls, Montana
November 11, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
Box 3737
Portland, Oregon

RE: Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge

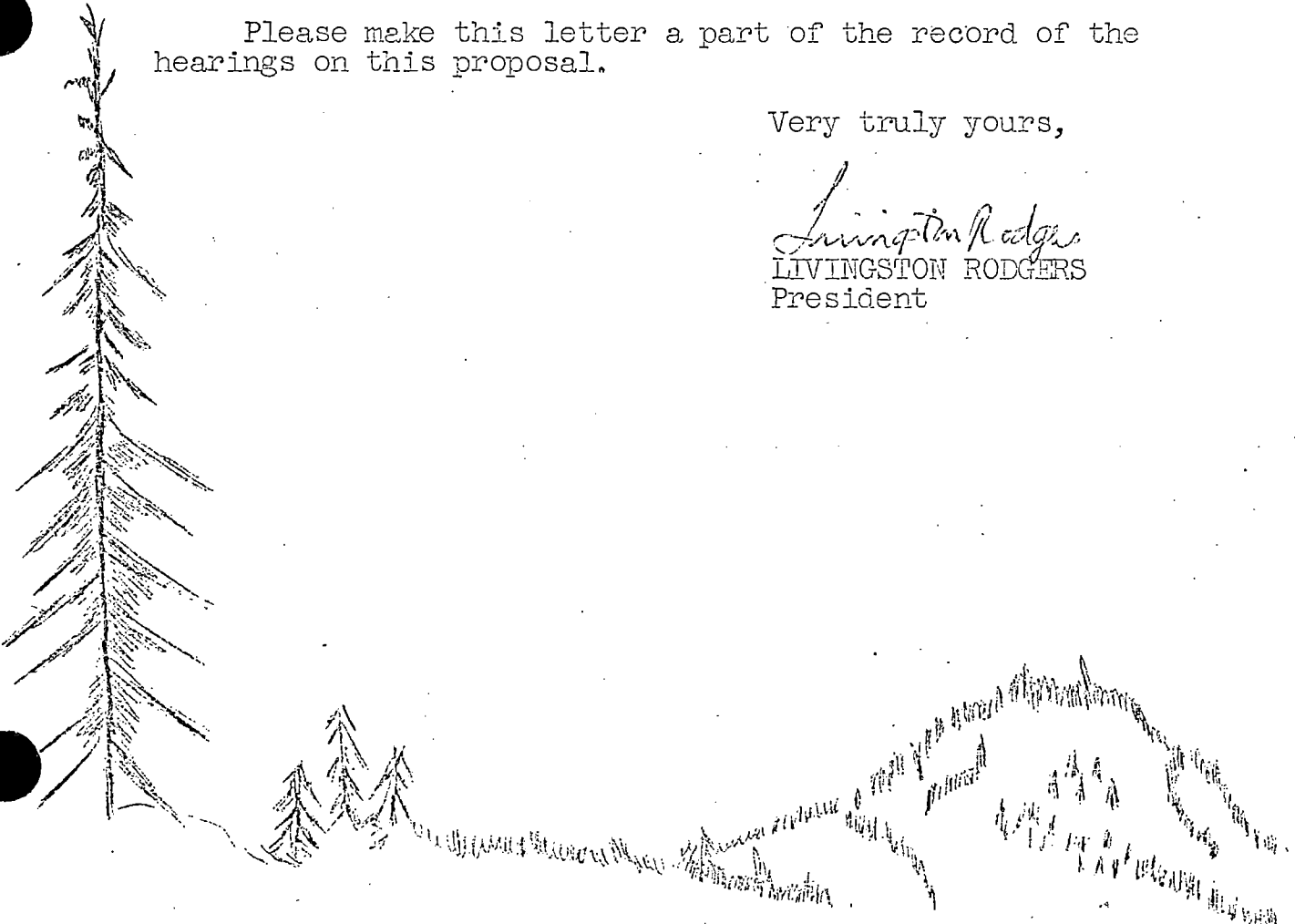
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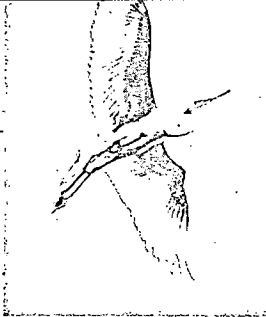
The Great Falls Chapter of the Montana Wilderness Association, at it's November 6 meeting, voted unanimously to support inclusion of the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge in the wilderness system, so that the area will have the protection of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Please make this letter a part of the record of the hearings on this proposal.

Very truly yours,

Livingston Rodgers
LIVINGSTON RODGERS
President





National Audubon Society

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1130 FIFTH AVENUE • NEW YORK, N. Y. 10028 • ENright 9-2100
Publisher of Audubon Magazine

November 4, 1969

Regional Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Sports Fisheries & Wildlife
730 N.E. Pacific Street
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The National Audubon Society will be unable to send a representative to the hearing in Anchorage November 13 on the proposal to add an area within the Châmisso National Wildlife Refuge to the National Wilderness Preservation System. I therefore request that this letter, in support of the proposal, be made a part of the official record of that hearing.

The National Audubon Society believes that these islands qualify for "wilderness" status. Its seabird nesting areas are of particular significance. We urge you to recommend that it be promptly added to the Wilderness System.

Yours truly,

Robert C. Boardman
Director, Public Information

RCB:eh

P. O. Box 5-051
College, Alaska 99701

October 7, 1969

Hearings Officer
Chamisso Wilderness Proposal
US Dept. of Interior
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
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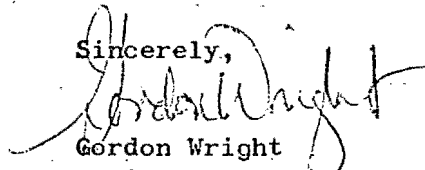
Dear Sir:

I am writing in behalf of some 50 members of the Fairbanks Section of the Alaska Chapter of the Sierra Club concerning the proposed Chamisso Wilderness. We support the recommendations of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries in their report of August 1969.

We commend the Department for its concern for wilderness, and for proposing this area under the provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

We also request that this statement be included in the printed record.

Sincerely,



Gordon Wright
Acting Chairman, Fairbanks Section
Sierra Club, Alaska Chapter

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P.O. BOX 4458

TUCSON, ARIZONA

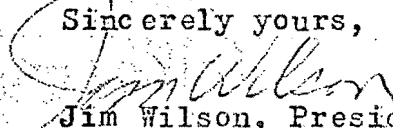
October 18, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 N.E. Pacific Street
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

The Board of Directors and members of Tucson Wildlife Unlimited, Inc. feel the Chamisso wilderness proposal would be a significant contribution to the National Wilderness Preservation System and we strongly urge that this wilderness proposal be accepted into the wilderness system.

Sincerely yours,


Jim Wilson, President
Tucson Wildlife Unlimited, Inc.

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The Izaak Walton League of America

INCORPORATED

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November 28, 1969

Regional Director,
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
United States Department of the Interior
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Subject: Chamisso Wilderness Proposal

Dear Sir:

The Indiana Division of The Izaak Walton League of America commends the Department of the Interior for its realistic proposal to secure statutory protection for the unique and irreplaceable wilderness features of the proposed Chamisso Wilderness to preserve and hold them in trust for future generations.

Since its inception, The Izaak Walton League of America has supported actions to ensure that significant and representative portions of Federal Lands are set aside to be maintained forever in their natural and wild state for the enjoyment and education of the people and for such scientific purposes as will not significantly impair their wilderness character. The Izaak Walton League strongly urges that no developments, including roads and tourist facilities, and no mechanical transportation be permitted in such wilderness areas. The Izaak Walton League has further urged — in the strongest of

terms - that no commercial or consumptive uses be allowed in wilderness areas except those which are recreational in nature and are compatible with the wilderness concept. It has been recognized, however, that such essential activities as are necessary to control fire or plant diseases and provide proper game management should be permitted as exceptions.

The Ozark Walton League of America has supported in the past - and continues to support with all possible vigor - the formal establishment of a wilderness system under law.

The Indiana Division of The Ozark Walton League of America, therefore, enthusiastically supports the recommendation of the Interior Department that the entire Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System to ensure statutory protection of its wilderness character by Congressional action.

In view of the foregoing evidence of concern, and inasmuch as the Department of the Interior has scheduled a public hearing in accordance with the procedures of the 1964 Wilderness Act to determine public opinion regarding the establishment of a Chamisso Wilderness Area, the Indiana Division of The Ozark Walton League of America submits this declaration of support for the establishment of such a wilderness and respectfully requests that this statement be included in the official hearing record.

Very truly yours,

Gene S. Ramsbey

Wilderness and Natural
Areas Committee



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REGIONAL DIRECTOR BUR OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

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PIMA COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY SUPPORTS THE CHAMISSON WILDERNESS

PROPOSALS

R F BOCK MD

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Ketchikan, Alaska
November 21, 1969

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 N.E. Pacific Street
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sirs:

We wish to support Wilderness Area classification for the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge.

The best use that can be made of this area is to protect it as a preserve and breeding ground for the numerous bird species found there.

As human activities and exploitation of resources increase in Alaska, Wilderness Area classification affords the only protection we can give to areas important for wildlife habitat.

The nearness to Kotzebue make it likely that recreational bird tours could be an important tourist attraction in the near future. We concur with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife that restrictions on human activities will be necessary to prevent disturbance of the birds during the breeding season.

Since developments are unplanned and would constitute a non-conforming use, wilderness area classification can be achieved at no cost to the Federal treasury.

We ask that this statement be made a part of the hearing record.

Sincerely yours,

Dixie M. Baade
Mrs. Dixie M. Baade
Conservation Chairmen
Southeastern Alaska
Mountaineering Association

Susquehanna Conservation Council

November 25, 1969

Regional Director
U. S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
Portland, Oregon 97208

President:

WILLIAM T. BATTIN
3128 Briarcliff Av.
Vestal NY 13850

Re: Wilderness Proposal, Chamisso National
Wildlife Refuge, Alaska

Sir:

President-Elect:

TED D. MURPHY

Secretary:

MRS. JOHN HILLS

As a non-profit citizens group concerned with conservation and environmental quality, the Susquehanna Conservation Council agrees in principle with the provisions of the wilderness Act of 1964 which mandates the Secretary of the Interior to assess all areas included in the National Wildlife Refuge System as to suitability for preservation as wilderness.

Treasurer:

MRS. STUART McCARTY
528 Murray Hill Rd.
Vestal NY 13850

Executive Director:

MRS. JOSEPH AYERS
616 Pheasant Lane
Endwell NY 13760

The Council wishes to go on record as supporting the inclusion of the above noted area in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Having reviewed the report on this proposal distributed by the Department of Interior and based on its description, resources, social and economic status and current public use, we believe this area can best be protected from future degradation and exploitation by inclusion in the Preservation System.

**Director for
Conservation**

Education:

DONALD WAGER

Since the Council will be unable to send a representative to the scheduled public hearing, we are expressing our approval of the proposal by this letter.

**Director for
Public Action:**

DAVID NEWTON

Sincerely,

**Chairman for
Scientific**

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

730 N. E. PACIFIC STREET
P. O. BOX 3737
PORTLAND, OREGON 97208

August 25, 1969

Dear Conservationist:

This is to bring to your attention a public hearing which will be held at Anchorage, Alaska on November 13, 1969. The hearing concerns a wilderness proposal within the Chamisso 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 December 29, 1969 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,

Acting Regional Director

Enclosure



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

730 N. E. PACIFIC STREET
P. O. BOX 3737
PORTLAND, OREGON 97208

December 29, 1969

Dear Conservationist:

Your comments concerning the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska have been received and will be included in the official record.

We appreciate having the benefit of your views on the important subject of wilderness. They will receive careful consideration and will be helpful in developing recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

Travis S. Roberts
Acting Regional Director

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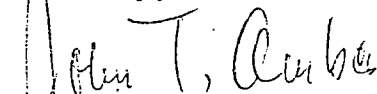
Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries
and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

I very much hope that the Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge and the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge will be granted wilderness status before it is too late.

Too many unthinking encroachments are being made these days on wildlife habitat, too many species of wildlife are more and more endangered. I strongly urge that every effort be made to have Simeonof and Chamisso declared wilderness areas in the interest of all of us, in the interest of those who follow us.

Sincerely,



John T. Amber
Editor

September 12, 1969

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY • NATURAL SCIENCE BUILDING

3 October 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

I am writing with regard to the Simeonof and Chamisso National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska and the proposals for their inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System under terms of the Wilderness Act.

I believe that both of these Refuges are suitable for inclusion in the System, and I would like to see them so included at the earliest possible date, according to the proposals published by your bureau. Except for the relatively insignificant ranching development which has occurred on Simeonof Island, both this and Chamisso Island appear to possess natural features which, in the general, long-range public interest, would best be protected from any possible future human encroachment, save for compatible recreational and scientific activities.

In my opinion, both areas would be valuable additions to the National Wilderness Preservation System and, furthermore, they are necessary from the standpoint of the goal of eventually setting aside representative examples of all natural habitat or ecosystem types in the United States. This, to me, is of considerable importance in the development and maintenance of a complete and wholesome physical and cultural human environment. It is particularly important in view of the continually growing need for places of a wilderness nature where people can find periodic relief from the burdens of overpopulation and all of the attendant problems.

Please include the above portion of this letter in the proceedings of the hearings on the Simeonof and Chamisso wilderness proposals in Anchorage on November 13.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Anderson
James H. Anderson

TESTIMONY IN REGARD TO THE
CHAMISSO WILDERNESS PROPOSAL

November 3, 1969

The State of Alaska and its surrounding territory has been one of the very few areas in the United States that has not had its natural environment altered by man. Now Alaska faces some formidable challenges. The development of the North Slope is immanent. The State of Alaska itself is finding its population growing at a record rate. Because of the influx of man and his industry and machines, Alaska faces the challenges of pollution of its rivers and air, and decimation of its wilderness and wildlife.

Alaska can meet these challenges only if it takes preparatory steps to combat the dangers mentioned above. One of the most sensible and practical ways to meet this challenge is to assure certain areas of land wilderness status. By having this status, these areas will continue to serve as a sanctuary for birds and other wildlife, and will continue to attain their original wilderness nature.

Wilderness areas also serve as a sanctuary for man, soothing his wounds suffered as a result of the dubious exploitation of his natural environment, and giving him a sense of security knowing that some wilderness will forever remain inviolate against man's constant encroachment.

Because inclusion within the National Wilderness Preservation System under the Wilderness Act will help assure the natural preservation of the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge, I strongly urge that this action be taken.

Frederick J. Badger, Jr.
Attorney at Law

Frederick J. Badger
6856 Chaffee Court
Brecksville Ohio 44141

GEORGE E. BARCLAY
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
AND
LAND SURVEYOR

October 10, 1969

Mr. Travis S. Roberts, Acting Regional Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
730 N.E. Pacific Street
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Mr. Roberts:

My attention has been directed to the hearing which is to be held at Anchorage, Alaska on November 13, 1969, concerning the establishment of a wilderness area within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge.

It is felt that with the encroachment of oil and other interests in the state of Alaska, and especially along the northern shore of that state, it is very desirable to protect as far as possible, the native species and especially the Mures and Puffins nesting habitat along the northern and western shores.

I feel that this area should be set aside for these species and other coastal and sea birds found in this part of Alaska. I would endorse this proposal for a wilderness area.

Very truly yours,

George E. Barclay
George E. Barclay
Professional Engineer

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WALTER S. BOARDMAN
1420 VAN NESS NORTH
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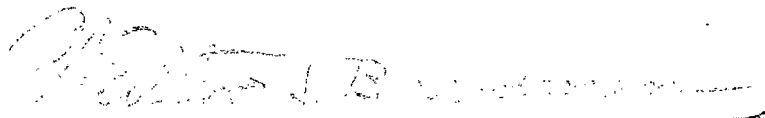
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for sending notices of public hearings on wilderness proposals regarding the Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge and Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge.

Statements will be filed and I can assure you that they will be in complete support of your proposals.

I would also like to comment that my address has changed and the Post Office requests that I give you my new address. The address as you mailed the materials and my current address appear below. I have clipped it directly from the original mailing for identification purposes.

Sincerely yours,



Walter S. Boardman
Consultant on Conservation

Mr. Walter Boardman
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November 7, 1969

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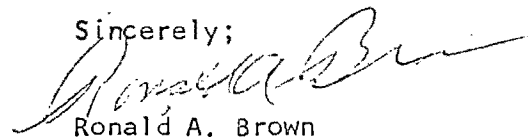
Dear Sir:

I would like to express my support for the inclusion of the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Certainly there is nothing to be gained by allowing anything to interfere with the natural status of this island. We must develop an overall philosophy of wanting to protect our few remaining areas of natural land for the generations that follow. Alaska may seem big and unspoiled to us now, just as New Jersey must have seemed that way to the early settlers. Let us not say that such lessons have been lost.

Thank you:

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald A. Brown", with a stylized, flowing script.

Ronald A. Brown

405-G Ridge Road
North Arlington, New Jersey 07032
November 4, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Re: The desirability of including
the CHAMISSO WILDERNESS PROPOSAL
in the NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION
SYSTEM

Dear Sir:

The Chamisso and Puffin Islands and several islets which comprise the Chamisso Wildlife Refuge should be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System. It is an excellent preserve and breeding ground for the native birds, which include horned and tufted puffins, Pacific kittiwakes, thick-billed and common murres and many other species. It is an ideal refuge for the harbor seals, artic hare, and fox.

It would appear that it grows more and more important to set aside as many areas of unspoiled beauty and natural environment as is possible for the use of the remaining precious wildlife both now and in the future.

Please consider the above as part of your public hearing record and advise me. Many thanks, and all best wishes to you in your work of preservation and conservation.

Faithfully yours,

Josephine Erickson Ciak

(Mrs. Henry) Josephine Erickson Ciak

205 Woodburn Road
Raleigh, N. C. 27605
8 September 1969.

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries
and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon, 97208.

Dear Sir:

Please include this letter in the hearings testimony concerning the saving of the good earth of Alaska.

I have a friend who has recently returned from a trip to Alaska and the Northwest States. His description of the destruction caused by the oil exploiters, the surface mining industry, and the ordinary (and governmental) litterers is enough to make the most lethargic citizen of the United States burn with rage at the vandalism, the utter selfishness, the total disregard for the usefulness of the earth for all life, for the splendor and beauty of Alaska's noble extent.

These eight - inevitably eight - years of Mr. Nixon's presidency and Secretary Hickel's incumbency in the Department of the Interior are the years that will see our America defiled forever, past redemption, or will see, - if there are enough Americans who will speak out - strong pipeline Regulations, the BLM with adequate funds, sensible and enforced regulations for the control of the exploiters and the preservation of the good earth.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine Edsall
Mrs. Preston W. Edsall

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September 30, 1969

Mr. John D. Findlay, Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
Post Office Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97202

Dear John:

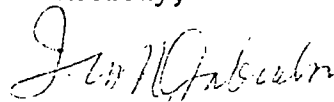
When I returned to the office from the Pacific Coast, I found a notice of the Wilderness Proposal for Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge, and I am in full support of the proposal.

In July of 1946, I spent several days around Chamisso Island, walked over it in a number of directions and was on all sides of it, as well as on Puffin Island. The outstanding bird colony, at the time of my visit, was one of the largest horn puffin colonies I have seen anywhere. The largest part of it was on Puffin Island, but there were many hundreds of birds on several of the adjacent cliffs on the main island. There was also a big colony of Pacific Kittiwakes and small numbers of Pelagic Cormorants, Glaucous Gulls, and several thousand pairs of mixed Murres, common and thick-billed were present, but the thick-billed was the more abundant. I made a report to the Service at that time of the different species of birds that I saw during the visit and I would be glad to furnish a list if you have any use for it.

A wilderness area is the finest use that could be made of this island. It is interesting, not only from the bird standpoint, but from the vegetation standpoint, and I hope that this proposed wilderness area becomes a fact.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



Ira N. Gabrielson
President

ING:dt

*R. W. Williams
Chamisso*

October 7, 1969

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, President
Wildlife Management Institute
709 Wire Building
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Dr. Gabrielson:

Thank you for your letter of September 30, 1969, regarding the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge. It will be made a part of the official hearing record.

We also appreciate your kind offer of information on bird species occurrence observed during your 1946 trip to the island. Your report is in our files, and the data was used in preparation of the resource section of the wilderness study report.

Sincerely yours,

Original signed by
Travis S. Roberts
Regional Director

acting

JPMazzoni:sls

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE REFUGES

<i>Crawford</i>
<i>SL</i>
<i>11/22/69</i>

Mr Roberts

I brought this withdrawal
question up at the Sept, Alaska
miners association meeting.

No one had any objections. They
seemed happy to see small
tracts being withdrawn instead of
huge chunks.

C. F. H.

Carl F. Heflinger, Member
Alaska State Water Board
409 Clara Street
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

November 8, 1969

U.E. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 N.E. Pacific Street
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Subject: Public Hearings on Simeonof and
Chamisso Wilderness Proposals.

Dear Sir:

As a member of the State of Alaska Water Resource Board, I have no objections to the two proposed wilderness areas, namely, Simeonof and Chamisso.

I believe that small tracts set aside in places where the public can enjoy them is a sensible approach towards implementing the wilderness Act of September 3, 1964. I would object to withdrawing more than 10 square miles in any given area, unless it was to be enlarged slightly to conform to a given geological configuration. The withdrawals should be made in places where the masses of people can get to enjoy them without having to save up for 20 years to make the trip. I would recommend that all Federal and State owned lands possible should be placed in private hands. This will get the land on the tax rolls and generate more funds to operate State and Federal Governments.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl F. Heflinger
Carl F. Heflinger

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
Box 3737
Portland, Oregon

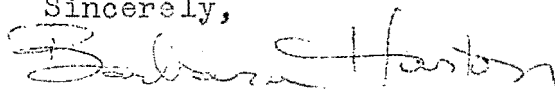
Dear Sir:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I learn a number of wilderness reclassifications are being considered which will increase our refuge acreage. I speak of the Farallon Islands, West Sister Island in Lake Erie, Chamisso and Simeonof in Alaska.

It is particularly essential I believe that in these relatively small and isolated areas the natural ecological pattern should remain undisturbed because in such circumstances the life balances are most delicate. It is for this reason that the maintenance of grazing leases in any of these areas should most surely be phased out as quickly as possible. This would be true I think even if the stock quotas set by knowledgeable wildlife management were strictly adhered to, as alas they so rarely are, human nature being what it is.

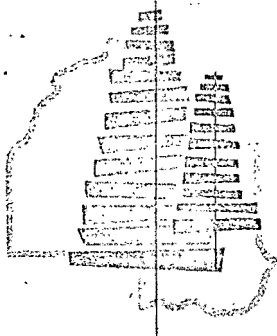
It is indeed very good news that you are working and thinking towards the creation of these biotic communities to be held in tact. Now as never before you have an awakening public sentiment behind you.

Sincerely,



Barbara Horton (Mrs. M.A.)
1869 Pasadena Glen Road
Pasadena, Calif. 91107

November 3, 1969



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Mr. Paul T. Quick, Regional Director
Bureau of Sports Fisheries & Wildlife
730 N. E. Pacific Street
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon. 97208

Dear Mr. Quick:

I have reviewed the "Chamisso Wilderness Proposal" bulletin.

Based on the information included in the publication for the most part, and on my own lifetime career with the National Wildlife Refuge system, I believe the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge should be included within the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely,

R. W. Hunt
Dir. Forestry & Wildlife

RWH:pl

November 11, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

With respect to your proposals to add Chamisso and Simeonof to the National Wilderness Preservation System, I firmly endorse your farsighted proposals.

Having traveled in the Arctic while a teacher on the Seward Peninsula, the need for immediate action to preserve suitable areas of the Arctic in its present primitive state is obvious.

There is no doubt that if the population in the area were to increase substantially and more economical modes of travel developed, the demands on the terrain and wildlife of most of the Arctic would be disastrous without proper safeguards.

Even now, where the small populations are concentrated or ease of travel is available, the adverse affect on terrain and wildlife is as surprisingly similar as that found around the largest industrial areas of the other states.

In short, the area is "egg shell" fragile. Enlightened, farsighted conservation practices are mandatory.

I would appreciate that the official records of the hearings in Anchorage, Alaska on November 13, 1969 on this matter include this letter. I further look forward to an acknowledgment of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,


Llewellyn R. Johnson

Box 81
Glennallen, Alaska 99588

cc. Mr. Ted Stevens
U. S. Senator
Mr. Mike Gravel
U. S. Senator
Mr. Howard Pollock
U. S. House of Representatives

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6 October 1969

Mr. Travis S. Roberts
Acting Regional Director
U. S. Department of Interior
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
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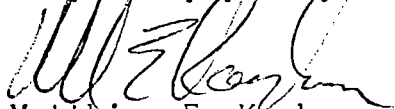
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Please be advised that I enthusiastically support the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal as described in your brochure of August 1969.

I would only hope that additional areas might be added to the proposal.

Please include this statement in the hearing record.

Very truly yours,



Matthias E. Kayhoe
Assistant Dean

MEK:mm

Cortez, Colo. Sept. 3. '69

Regional Director,
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife;
Portland, Ore. 97208

I have studied the brochure regarding the Channisso Wilderness Propo-
and it seems to me that this area is ideally suited for designation as
wilderness. Areas as this should be set aside before there is
a chance of their being disturbed.

Lionel Kelly



City of Dixon Illinois

September 6, 1969

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
730 N.E. Pacific Street
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Re: Chamisso Wilderness Proposal
Simeonof Wilderness Proposal

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I have information regarding hearings on the Simeonof and Chamisso Wilderness Proposals, to provide that they become National Wildlife Refuge Areas, both areas being adjacent to and a part of Alaska.

Having been in Alaska on four different occasions (from Sitka to Tanana) and spent a considerable period of time in these four visits, I can well appreciate the primitive nature of this state; also, the position of the last frontier of a good deal of our wildlife, and potential Alaska has as a tourists' paradise without becoming as cluttered and littered as the lower 48 states.

While I can't speak specifically to the two areas under consideration, I can relate to my own growth and experiences here in the Midwest, since I have been interested in nature and the preservation of our natural heritage to a considerable degree. As a boy, it was my privilege to swim in a small creek (Kishwaukee) and no one gave any thought to pollution. It supported good wildlife native to this area, both in the fish and animal phase, and there was no concern about danger to health; now, this is completely altered.

Likewise, I have been a student of bird life in this area and have witnessed a drastic reduction of certain species of birds, almost to the point of elimination in this Northern Illinois territory. I am sure this is due to the encroachment of man and the destruction of natural habitat to a very considerable degree.

As a boy, it was not difficult to find bluebirds, redheaded woodpeckers, bob-o-links, most any species of hawk, and we were favored with the presence of a bald eagle inland from the Palisades of the Mississippi, just to mention a few species of birds which

September 6, 1969

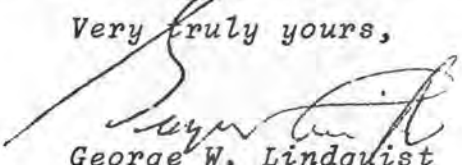
have been virtually wiped out of this area. Our warbler migration is reduced in both number of species and number of birds as compared to 35 and 40 years ago.

So, on a very limited basis my observation tells me man is really destructive of his natural environment, with the end result the balance of nature is seriously upset and those things which thrilled me as a boy will be denied to my grandsons who are now coming along. If this can happen to us in Illinois I am sure it can happen throughout the country and the world as well because man is not a conserver by nature, but rather a devastator, and it is necessary to have real control of our natural resources on the part of government to preserve these parts of the world which are so interesting.

For instance, I noticed in the Simeonof Proposal the account that three active bald eagle nests were known to exist on this one island. This is not conducive to perpetuation of the bald eagle as a bird of prey and still one of extreme interest to our population. I know I thrilled at the sight of watching bald eagles fishing in Sitka, Alaska, and was told by natives that the bald eagle population in that part of Alaska had been substantially reduced in number.

So with these observations and thoughts I would urge upon the Department of the Interior the inclusion of Simeonof and Chamisso as wilderness areas to help preserve our ecological balance.

Very truly yours,



George W. Lindquist
Mayor, City of Dixon

GWL:rk

Nov. 11, 1969

Sir,

Please enter in the
official record and send
acknowledgement of my
personal request to in-
clude Chamisso Wilderness
in the National Wilderness
Preservation System.

Thank you,

A. J. Lohr

A. J. Lohr
9222 N. 6 St. Apt. 3
Phoenix, Arizona 85020

Oct 4, 1969
Box 4556
Pocatello, Id.
8300

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Proctor, near 97008

Dear Sir:

Please enter that statement
in the official record as favoring the
wilderness proposal for the inclusion the
Chamisso wilderness in the National Wilderness
Preservation System.

Sincerely
T. Russell Page
T. Russell Page

KARL MENNINGER, M. D.

TOPEKA, KANSAS

September 18, 1969

Mr. Travis S. Roberts
Acting Regional Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
730 N.E. Pacific Street
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Thank you for your letter of August 25
and the enclosed information about the Chamisso
Wilderness Proposal. I am very much in favor of
this.

Very sincerely,

Karl Menninger
Karl Menninger, M.D.

KM:dr

Dictated by Dr. Menninger and signed in his absence.

Kasilof, Alaska
Nov. 5, 1969

Dept. of the Interior
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 N. E. Pacific Street
Portland, Oregon 97208

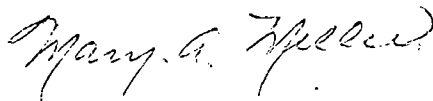
Travis S. Roberts:

Dear Sir:

I received your publication on the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal and would like to state that I am completely in favor of this Refuge being incorporated into the Wilderness System.

I am a member of the Alaska Conservation Society, Kenai Peninsula Chapter, and also of the National Audubon Society and feel that this is an area of great importance to the bird life of the State of Alaska.

Very Sincerely Yours,



Mary A. Miller
Box 702
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

NOVEMBER 1, 1969

A STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD

by
W. B. Miller (retired)
Box 308
Silver City, New Mexico 88061
to
Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208
for
CHAMISSO WILDERNESS PROPOSAL
PUBLIC HEARING to be held in
Room 509, Cordova Building,
555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska,
on November 13, 1969 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

As a member of the Wilderness Society and several other conservation organizations, I am therefore considerably interested in the establishment, retention, and preservation of suitable wilderness areas and other natural areas wherein the pristine balance of nature may thus be permitted to prevail unaltered by human encroachments or development.

I greatly appreciate having received information regarding the Chamisso Wilderness Proposal as I have in years past visited Chamisso Island, observed birdlife and plant growth thereon, and also observed birdlife on Puffin Island and the other adjacent rocky islets. Several other times I have sailed in near proximity to these islands.

The Wilderness Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-577), in part, authorizes and stipulates that every roadless island within the National Wildlife Refuge System be reviewed and that all such island areas meeting necessary requirements, be considered for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

In this respect Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge qualifies with wilderness characteristics, as it includes only roadless islands comprising Chamisso Island having some 435 acres, Puffin Island nearly 10 acres in size, and several rocky islets, bringing the refuge's total land area to 455 acres.

Chamisso Refuge serves a great purpose and need as it harbors the only extensive colonies of birds in the entire Kotzebue Sound-Eschscholtz Bay portion of Alaska. The refuge is of greatest value in furnishing most adequate protective primitive environment where many thousands of seabirds nest, especially on the precipitous edges of Puffin Island and the several rocky points and fairly steep cliffs found on Chamisso Island, there having been 33 species of birds identified on the refuge. There are many seals along much of the rocky shoreline; and in winter when the bay is frozen, land mammals can cross to the islands from the mainland.

Since wilderness designation does not remove or alter an area's status as a National Wildlife Refuge, but brings administration so as to preserve their wilderness character, I therefore urge and recommend that the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge in its entirety, be included in the National Wilderness Preservation System.


W. B. Miller

Chris Mueller
1633 - H. Miami Street
Burbank California 91505

September 9, 1969

Reference. Chamisso Wilderness
Proposal.

Travis S. Roberts
Acting Regional Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
Portland Oregon 97208

Dear Travis S. Roberts.

Thank you for your brochure, "Chamisso
Wilderness Proposal." I am in favor of
including this area into the Wilderness
Preservation System.

Most Sincerely

Chris Mueller

c/c

6 Barkalow Ave.,
Freehold, N.J. 07728

October 27, 1969

U. S. Department of the Interior
Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,
P. O. Box 3737,
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

We support the inclusion of Chamisso Island in our wilderness system.

Areas such as these deserve utmost protection if we are to insure breeding areas for the preservation and enjoyment of many types of birds.

Sincerely,

Neal and Elsie Munch
Neal and Elsie Munch

1639 Gannet Lane, Concord, Calif 94520
October 18, 1969
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P. O. Box 280
Anchorage Alaska

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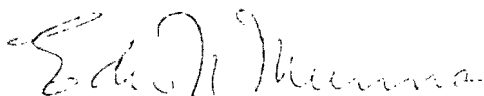
Gentlemen:

I shall be unable to attend the Anchorage hearings on the proposal to give Wilderness status to Chumisso and Puffin Islands now included in the Chumisso Wildlife Refuge, but I do give my whole hearted support to such status.

It is reported that the Islands are currently of a wilderness character, are undeveloped, and serve an important conservation use. Because they are potentially capable of so-called "improvement and development", the legal protection afforded them under the Wilderness Act may well stand them in good stead at some future time under some other new type of management. Under the Wilderness Act, they will have a form of protection against innovators and managers, not otherwise available under their present status. As Wilderness, the new legislation will prevent the establishment of various improvements under the guise of necessity, research, or even for "protection" which may modify the character of the areas.

It is sincerely hoped that the Congress will accept and approve their inclusion under the provisions of the Wilderness Act.

Very truly,


Edw. J. Hanns

Charlie Ott
Dencki Lakes
McKinley Park,
Alaska 99755

Nov. 12, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir;

As it is not possible for me to appear at the hearings at Anchorage, on the proposal to add Chaninco and Dineon of Matl. Wildlife Refuges to the National Wilderness Preservation System, I am writing this letter.

I wish to go on record as being whole-heartedly in favor of this proposal, and hope the necessary legislation to accomplish this, will be brought up, and passed into law as soon as possible.

Please put this letter in the official record, and send me a card acknowledging its receipt.

I wish to thank you, and I remain

Sincerely,

Charlie Ott

cc to Senator Mike Gravel
Senator Ted Stevens
Rep. Howard Pollock
The Wilderness Soc.

Bureau of Fish & Wildlife

Oct. 27, 1969

Oregon

Dear Mr. John W. Linley, Jr.

Due to the fact of time, I was unable to personally present my sincere appreciation to the two Alsea River proposals which are as follows, "The Chemung Wilderness Proposal" and "The Chemung Wilderness Proposal" of which may be added with all respect and interest in the National Wilderness System, pursuant to provisions of the Wilderness Act of September 3, 1964.

I am most grateful and make this choice a most desirable opportunity and to accept my best and deepest respects relative in the Official Journal (wilderness).

Sincerely,
Mrs. Marie C. Peronne

3942 Hughes Court
San Diego, California 92115
18 October 1969

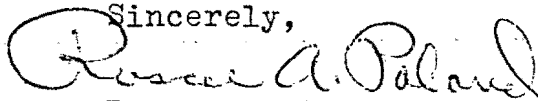
Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

The increasing encroachments of man on nature make such havens for wildlife as the proposed Chamisso Wilderness more important than ever before. We and the conservation friends listed below have already expressed ourselves on the Farallon Wilderness proposal, and are gratified that apparently, as with that area, this seems to be an opportunity to provide permanent protection to the wildlife of a fine unspoiled locale. We are particularly glad that no development of any kind is planned, and trust that restrictions will indeed always be enforced against disturbance of the birds. Several of us have lived and visited in Alaska, and keenly appreciate the value of the Wildlife Refuges there.

We collectively endorse and approve the proposal to establish the Chamisso Wilderness as set forth by your Bureau, and ask that this letter be made part of the hearing record.

Sincerely,



Roscoe A. Poland
Wilma D. Poland

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Mrs. Robert Aikens, 2162 March Place, San Diego, California 92110
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Mr. Phil Benge, 5121 Bocaw Place, San Diego 92115
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Mr. John Macadam, 2206 East Mountain Street, Pasadena 91104
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Mr. Fred F. Wadsworth, 11503 North Lane, Lakeside, California 92040
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Mrs. Helen S. Walden, 544 4th Street, Encinitas 92024
Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Young, 9854 Shadow Road, La Mesa 92041

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2025 LINCOLN CIRCLE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84117

Nov. 11, 1969

Regional Director

U.S. Dept. Interior

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife

Portland, Oregon, 97208

Dear Sir:

As members of the National Audubon Society, we wish to go on record in support of the proposal for the Chamisso Wilderness area of 455 acres within the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge in Kotzebue Sound, state of Alaska.

We have read the description of the area and the purpose to be served by creation of the wilderness tract. We think it important to assure that these unique nesting and breeding sites be given the highest form of protection that is possible within our system of conservation practices. In view of the recent reports concerning off-shore oil development in that area, it is especially urgent to get prepared to withstand the coming strain on the ecological balance in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

Louise B. Weissman
Louise B. Weissman

Norman Weissman
Norman Weissman

October 15, 1969

Mr. Francis S. Roberts, Acting Regional Dir.
USDI, FWS, BSWF
Portland, Oregon

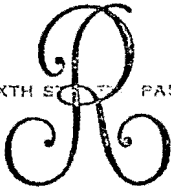
Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is to offer my full support of your proposal for a Chamisso Wilderness. With the booming population and the devaluation and degradation of our natural resources, we must act to set aside more wilderness areas.

I congratulate you on your proposal. Please make this letter a part of the hearing record.

Yours,

David A. Remley
Dr. David A. Remley
7442 Edith, N. E.
Albuquerque, N. M.



September 8, 1969

Travis S. Roberts, Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Mr. Roberts

I am firmly convinced that all the Wilderness we can set aside NOW will be of inestimable value to us and our children. An area such as the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge with its unique habitat and nesting bird colonies should be preserved for their use. It has definite wildlife values for study by our scientists. Just the fact that it has a unique environment and is a refuge for nesting birds is enough to show that it should be made a Wilderness Area.

Most sincerely,

Carolyn T. Russell (Mrs. J.O.)

Box 5-383
College, Alaska, 99701
November 9, 1969

Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife
Anchorage, Alaska, 99501

Dear Sirs,

We, as Alaskan residents, would like you to know that we are in favor of the reclassification of the 455 acre Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and Simeonof National Wilderness Refuge under the National Wilderness Preservation System. We also are in favor of putting more land of Alaska under the National Wilderness Preservation system.

We, as teachers of the future residents of Alaska, would be relieved to know that all the oil wealth has not blinded the state of Alaska. We would be over-joyed and pleased to tell the future Alaskans that they, too, will be able to view the beauty of Alaska that existed before the gold and oil discoveries. Please don't disappoint or deprive these future citizens their right to know the true Alaska. They can't help that they were born during the age of "Progress?"

We strongly support a much stronger preservation policy for land in Alaska.

Sincerely,
M. Mrs. Robert E. Schmittner

Colorado Springs, Colo.
2 September, 1969.

To: The Regional Director
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Sport Fisheries
and Wildlife.
730 N. E. Pacific Street
P. O. Box 3737
Portland Oregon, 97208

Dear Sir:

I wish to enthusiastically recommend the
Chamisso Wilderness Proposal as described in the
recent brochure which I have received and studied.

Sincerely yours,

Oren V Shaw
OREN V SHAW
1929 Wood Ave.

Sept. 10, 1969

Mr. Roberts,

I am very interested in the Wilderness proposal concerning the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge. More and more people are beginning to learn that we must work with nature rather than attempting to conquer it. Preserving all the wilderness areas, especially those of the caliber of the Chamisso Natl. Wildlife Refuge is very important to help keep the balance of nature.

Please add my name to the list of people who wish very much to see this a permanent part of the National Wilderness Preservation system. If I can be of further assistance in this cause, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely,
Mrs. F.A. Sieve
601 So. Quentin
Aurora, Colo.

Regional Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I would like to enter this letter in the official hearings of the proposed Chamisso Wilderness Area.

Undeveloped islands are among the most limited of our outdoor resources. Therefore I feel strongly that we should do everything possible to preserve every possible coastal island. This is especially true for Chamisso since it is in such pristine condition. Pressures on such islands will be bound to increase as Alaska develops and grows in population. By having the island within the wilderness system it will be possible to manage it to prevent the inevitable damage that comes just from having people walking over it and using it for camping and picnicking sites. It may well be that we should plan on enjoying these islands from the offshore waters rather than landing on the island itself. The small size of the proposed wilderness unit should not be a deterrent from giving the island equal importance with larger mainland land masses.

I heartily support the Fish and Wildlife Service in this proposal.

Sincerely yours,



Allen W. Stokes

1722 Saddle Hill Drive
Logan, Utah 84321

September 11, 1969

JOHN T. TYSON, M. D., F.A.A.P.

PRACTICE LIMITED TO INFANTS AND CHILDREN
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Reg. No. 5721

For: *Home Report - Wilderness Highway* Date: _____

R Address: *Regional Director, BLM, Springfield*

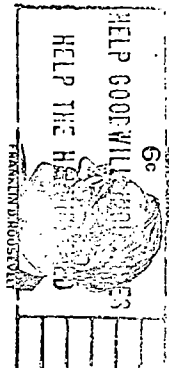
This one is to register support for the Fish & Wildlife Bureau's proposal on Wilderness in the Smeaton & Chamisso Wildlife Refuges, and minor modifications suggested by the Wilderness Soc

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Fish & Wildlife
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97208*



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MRS. RICHARD C. ADAMS
36 Woodchester Circle
Waltham, Mass. 02154

Nov. 24. 1969

To the Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries
PO Box 3737
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

My husband and I wish to
go on record officially as members
of the Audubon Society and the
Wilderness Society as being in
favor of the proposals for
adding the Chamisso Wildlife Refuge
and the Simeonof Natl Wildlife Refuge
to the National Wilderness
Preservation System.

We would appreciate an
acknowledgment of our statement
on this matter.

Mrs. & Mrs. Richard C. Adams

November 23, 1969

Regional Director

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and
Wildlife

P.O. Box 3737

Portland, Oregon 97206

Please add Chamisso
and Simeonof to the
National Wilderness Preservation
System under the provisions
of the Wilderness Act. Please
put this letter in the
official record and
acknowledge its receipt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John C. Barry
347 W. 4th St.

A. Boston, Mass. 02127

C.C. Senator Kennedy
Senator Brooke

553 Arkansas St.
San Francisco, Calif. 94107

Dear Sir,

I am writing to support the addition of the Chumiso and Simeonof national wildlife refuges to the National Wilderness Preservation System, under the protection of the Wilderness Act.

Please add my letter to the Anchorage hearing records. Thank you.

Yours truly,

James Bender, M.D.

5521 17th Ave NE
Seattle Wn 98105

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland Oregon 97206,

Dear Sirs,

I strongly recommend the formation of the Chumasco National Wildlife Refuge and the Simeco National Wildlife Refuge. To preserve these two areas in their present state will be a great service to future generations who will see less and less of the world as it was created and intended to be enjoyed by man. The strongest protection we can provide against the "growth and progress" ethic may save a few peaceful spots in this land.

I hope this letter will be placed in the official record and that its receipt be acknowledged.

Sincerely,

Beatrice C. Becht

November 19, 1969

Miss Edith Bradley

130 Randolph Avenue, Milton, Massachusetts 02187

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries + Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland Oregon

Dear Sir,

I understand that two island
wildlife refuges in Alaska are
under debate: Chamisso + Somers.

Living where many seabirds
have been lost forever, I would
urge the saving of these, before
the pressures of a growing world
population make it impossible
to do so.

Yours respectfully
Edith Bradley

1220 "F" Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
November 17th, 1969

United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 North-East Pacific Street
Portland, Oregon 97208

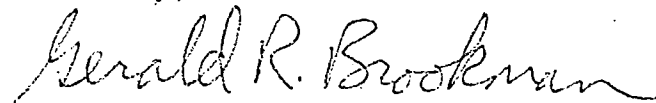
Dear Sirs:

I was not able to attend the Public Hearing held on November 13th regarding the proposed Simeonof and Chamisso Wilderness Areas; I would appreciate it if this letter is made a part of the hearing record.

I am in favor of these two areas being given the proposed wilderness status. I would very much hope that you will see fit to give them both this status.

I appreciate the efforts of your agency in matters such as these two wildlife refuges, and want to thank you for the opportunity to present my views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Brookman". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the text block.

Gerald R. Brookman

4525 N. 2. 41

Seale 98105

Nov. 22 - '69

Regional Director -

Dear Sir,

I strongly support any efforts
that may be made to preserve
Chamisso Nat. Wildlife Refuge
and also Simionof Refuge in Alaska.
It would be a real disaster to
have these two most interesting
spots hurt in any way.

Let's keep our precious heritage before
the planet grows any more crowded!
With sincere

Yours, Walter Clark

(Mrs. Irving M. Clark)

Mr. and Mrs. Elvyn S. Cowgill
1182 Greenwich Street
San Francisco, California 94109

Dec. 11, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:-

We strongly support the Wilderness
Proposals for:-

Clamasso National Wildlife Refuge
and

Simsong National Wildlife Refuge

We request that this be placed in
the official record and that its receipt
be acknowledged.

Sincerely,

Constance Gullett Cowgill
Elvyn S. Cowgill

1182 Greenwich St.
San Francisco, Calif.

94109



Reilly, Brown, Tapply & Carr, Inc.

332 Park Square Bldg., Boston, Massachusetts 02116

Tel. 426-8070

Area Code 617

November 21, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries
and Wildlife
Post Office Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I wish to add my name to those who are joining together to urge the passing of the Wilderness Proposals for the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and the Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge.

It has long been my personal feeling that we must have and maintain in this country, national wildlife preservation systems. The recent publicity, pertaining to the destruction of the wolves and baby seals, is appalling. When one thinks of the urban growth in this country in the last 25 years, it does not take to much imagination to foresee what the future holds for Alaska.

I am hereby requesting that my testimony be placed in the official record and that its receipt be acknowledged. Being aware that the day will come when Congress will be considering placing these two above refuges in the Wilderness System, I, as an interested and concerned conservationist, am sending copies of this letter to my Congressman and two of my Senators.

Sincerely,

REILLY, BROWN, TAPPLY & CARR, INC.

Jeremy A. Cushing

Jeremy A. Cushing
General Manager and
Assistant to the President

22 Temple Street
Boston, Massachusetts
02114

JAC:bvs

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2502 N. E. Wasco
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December 22, 1969

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Portland, Oregon 97206

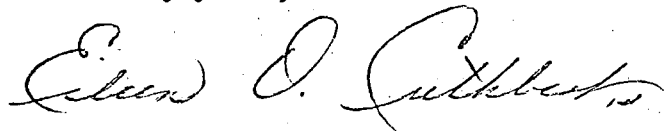
Dear Sirs:

I am whole-heartedly in favor of the Chamisso and Simeonof refuges being protected by the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Please see that my request is made a part of the official record and acknowledge its receipt.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Eileen O. Cuthbert

cc:

Sen. Mark Hatfield
Sen. Robert Packwood
Rep. Edith Green
Rep. Wendell Wyatt

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19. 20. 1969.
840 Geary Street
San Francisco,
California

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and wildlife
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir.

Would like to see Chamisso National Wildlife
Refuge, and Simeonof National wildlife Refuge,
which are in Alaska, under the protection of
the National Wilderness Preservation sytem.

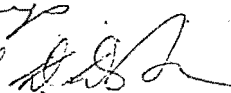
These wildlife refuges and wilderness should
be protected against man and his destrutive
ways. Even if we cannot see these things, we
can know that they are there, safe and intact.

Thank you.
Sincerely

Beatrice Davis

P. S. I request that this be placed in the official
record, and that its receipt be acknowledged.

Wilderness protection is badly
needed. We hope it will be
given the weight in desert in

The present hearings
T. and 

Daniel B. DeFra
630 Stardust Lane
Los Altos, California 94022

12-5-69



THE REV. FORDYCE E. EASTBURN, CHAPLAIN
ST. LUKE'S - AN EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL
1580 VALENCIA ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94110



I urge the addition of

CHAMISSO NAT'L WILDLIFE REFUGE
SIMEONOF " " "

to the National Wilderness Preservation
System

Fordyce E. Eastburn
2 MONTALVO AV 94116

WILLIAM S. EMERSON
22 THOREAU ROAD
LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02173

November 27, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon, 97206

Dear Sir:

This letter is to support placing the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and the Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Will you please be so kind as to acknowledge this request and place it in the official record.

Like many of us in the eastern part of the country I have always wanted to visit Alaska and see its incomparable wilderness areas in their pristine state. This is a heritage that must be preserved for all the citizens of the United States. Both of these Wildlife Refuges are very important in the preservation of our natural resources.

WILLIAM S. EMERSON
22 THOREAU ROAD
LEXINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02173

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of their wildlife and for all of us to enjoy. I need hardly state that this preservation would contribute to the tourist economy of Alaska and would in no way interfere with orderly commercial development.

I urge that these two refuges be made part of the National Wilderness System.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Emerson

2500 Steiner St., Apt. 8
San Francisco, Calif. 94115

NOV 24 1969

Respected Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
Portland Ore.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to urge the addition
of Chomiso Wildlife Refuge and Sineo of
Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to the National
Wilderness Preservation System.

The extensive bird colonies, the large sea otter
and other animal colonies deserve the utmost
protection possible.

I hope my testimony is not too late to be entered
in the official hearing record. Would you be
so kind as to acknowledge receipt hereof?

Sincerely yours

Albert J. Evers

ALBERT JOHN EVERS
2500 STEINER STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 94115

December 14, 1969

Dear Sir;

I favor the addition of the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge to the protection of the Wilderness Act. The protection of the Wilderness Act would strengthen the security of the refuge at a time when we should do our best to see that all wildlife is protected.

Would you please acknowledge receipt of this letter and see that it is added to the official record.

Thank you

Mary Lou Fern
Mary Lou Fern

Nov. 14 69

Regional Director
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir,

I wish to register as being very much
in favor of including Simeonaf National
Wildlife Refuge and the Chamisso National
Wildlife Refuge in the Wilderness System.

It seems very important to the future well
being of our beautiful country that as much
as possible of its natural beauty be maintained.

May my opinion on this matter be placed in the
official record and also be acknowledged.

Thank you.

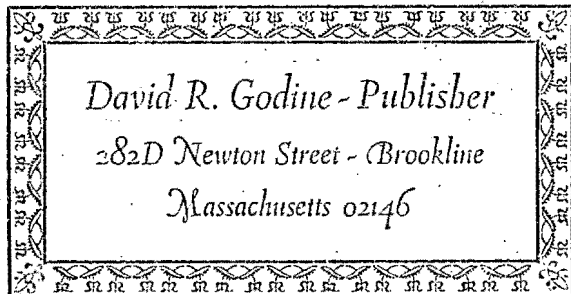
Respectfully,

Marquerite N. Franklyn

51 Allaton St

W. Medford.

Mass. 02155.



18 November, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir,

This letter is to add my support to the possibility of adding Chamisso National and Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge to the National Wilderness Preservation System. I think it is important that action be taken on this proposal as soon as possible and should like this correspondence placed on the official record.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours Sincerely,

David R. Godine

THOMAS P. HACKETT, M. D.
MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114

November 18, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wild Life
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I am writing to state my strong support of the addition of the two national wild life refuges in Alaska, namely the Chamisso and the Simeonof to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I request that my statement be placed in the official record and that its receipt be acknowledged.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Hackett, M.D.

TPH/rlm

cc: Senator Edward Kennedy
Senator Edward Brooks
Rep. Margaret Heckler

November 24, 69

Regional Director
Bureau of Fisheries
and Wildlife
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I write in support of the two
proposed wildlife refuges: Chamisso
and Simpson. I believe these two
areas should have the protection of
the National Wilderness System.

Please acknowledge the receipt of
this letter.

Yours truly,
James G. Hamilton
133 N.E. 167th
Seattle, Wash. 98155

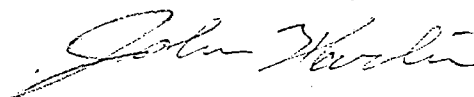
U. of W. Labr
Friday Harbor, Wash. 98250
November 25, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I have just read about the Simsonof and Chamille Refuge
Wilderness Proposal. I am heartily in favor of it!
Please fight hard to get it passed!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Harlin".

John Harlin

Herbert I. Harris, M. D.

20 Lowell Street

Cambridge, Mass. 02138

18 December 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife
Portland, Oregon. 97206

Dear Sir, I am strongly in favor of Wilderness
Classification for the Chamisso Wildlife Refuge and
the Siuslaw National Wildlife Refuge. The
destruction to our wildlife caused by hard pesti-
cides is rampant. We need more remote wild-
erness areas for fauna heavy contamination by
the hard pesticides. Bald Eagles - almost extinct -
are still breeding on Siuslaw.

I hope you will succeed in having these
two areas placed under the Wilderness Act.

Sincerely,

Herbert I. Harris, M.D.

CC: President Nixon

Secretary Aichel

Senator Edward Kennedy

Senator Edward Brooke

Congressman T. P. C. Hall Jr.

The Wilderness Society



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

ADDRESS ONLY THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES
AND WILDLIFE

DEC 11 1969


Dr. Herbert I. Harris
20 Lowell Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02138


Dear Dr. Harris:

Thank you for the copy of your letter of November 18, 1969, in support of the Chamisso and Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge wilderness proposals, that was sent to the Secretary of the Interior.

We appreciate having the benefit of your views on the important subject of wilderness designation for these two areas. Your letter has been included in the official record and will receive consideration, along with the views of others, in making the final recommendations on the suitability or non-suitability of these areas for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely yours,

 J. P. Linduska

 Director

cc:

✓ Regional Director, Portland, Oregon (RF)

Dec. 21, 1969

MRS. MORTIMER H. HARTWELL
1837 S. W. ELM STREET
PORTLAND, OREGON 97201

Regional Director Bureau of Sports & Fisheries
Gentlemen:

It was impossible for me to appear at the hearings in Astoria and I can only hope this letter reaches you in time to be of use.

On the subject of wilderness areas in the true sense of the word — land set aside in unspoiled natural state for the preservation of wild life — the diminution, however slight, of air and water pollution, I have only one mind. I have had enough history and am conversant enough on ecology to know that half way measures are not the answer. I have watched the weaknesses in my own state with trepidation.

I am 100% in support of the wilderness proposals for Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and for Sumner National Wildlife

my judge.

We cannot continue to exterminate
and destroy. It is unthinkable
short sighted. It is stupid.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Hartwell



Mrs. Lucy J. Higgins
8 Locksley Ave., Apt. 98, San Francisco, California 94122

Dec. 13

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir,

It is to be hoped that the decisions made referable to the establishment of the Simeonoff and Chamisso refuges will be favourable to their inclusion, in totality, in the Wilderness System. The loss of vital nesting grounds and or disturbance of feeding areas would seriously hamper the survival of several of the species involved, especially the Puffins at Chamisso and the sea otters at the Simeonoff refuges. The protection of each small portion of our natural "wild" habitat has become a matter of grave concern to many of us now, lest our children and their children inherit a stripped and exploited land of barrenness, unable to support the minimal basis of life.

Yours very truly,

Lucy J. Higgins

Natural History

December 3, 1969

Mr. Travis S. Roberts
Acting Regional Director
United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 N.E. Pacific Street
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Mr. Roberts:

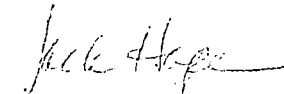
I wish to express support for the creation of formal wilderness areas in the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge, the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge, and the Simenof National Wildlife Refuge.

I am not aware of the specific ecologic assets and liabilities of these areas. In general, however, my observation is that parks, refuges, national forests, etc., despite the fact that they enjoy a great deal of present protection, are eventually compromised in one way or another, insofar as their natural character is concerned.

Combining this fact of life with another -- that we in this country double our numbers (and probably quadruple our resource consumption) every 35 years, while our land area remains constant -- I strongly feel that legal wilderness protection is vital for the areas in question.

I ask that this letter be made part of the official testimony. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,



Jack Hope
Senior Editor

JH:km

St. Rt. C
Snowshoe Lake
Palmer, Alaska

November 26, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

Please consider this letter an endorsement of the Chamisso Refuge Wilderness Proposal and the Simeonof Refuge Wilderness Proposal. We sincerely believe that it is necessary, in view of the rapid increase in population, that such areas be set aside now while we still have them relatively unspoiled. It is hoped that more areas will be added to those now under consideration. I have in mind in particular the West Chichagof-Yakobi area north of Sitka.

We would appreciate it if you would place this letter in the official record and acknowledge its receipt.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Mrs. Rick Houston

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Houston
St. Rt. C Snowshoe Lake
Palmer, Alaska 99645

25 Nov 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I heartily approve of adding two
national wildlife refuges in Alaska, the
Chamisso and Simeonof, to the National
Wilderness Preservation System. You may
place this in the official record. I do
hope this is decided by Congress.

Very sincerely

Constance Isolation
1908 Filbert St.
San Francisco, Calif. 94123

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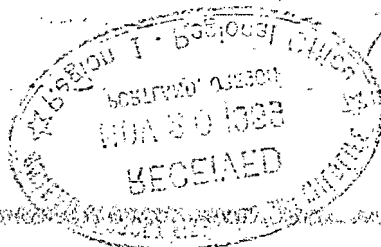
November 18, 1967

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3767
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your announcement regarding the Williams Hearings of November 14, 1967, about the Chairman and Secretary of National Wildlife Refuge. I support the administration and program of our local and state wildlife and fishery resources and, since, I am not representing them in any way.

Yours truly,
[Signature]



Very truly yours,

27 November 1969
1738 Commonwealth Ave.
Brighton, Mass., 02135

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir,

I am writing to endorse your proposal to add Chamisso and Simeonof wildlife refuges to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I am convinced that we must preserve as much of our natural resources now as is reasonable - if for no other reason than to maintain our and our successor's options on the use of these lands.

Recreational purposes will become more important in the future, so it seems particularly fitting that these lands be maintained in their natural state toward that day when they might be used for such recreation as is appropriate for these areas.

Perhaps more importantly, however, is the question of ecological balance, about which we know relatively little. These areas can at once provide a stabilizing influence for our current ecology and a laboratory, if you will, of how nature works so we can learn to live and work with nature rather than at odds with it.

I would like to request that this endorsement be placed in your official record and that its receipt be acknowledged. Keep up the good work. There is no question as to its importance.

Yours truly,



Ivan Johnson

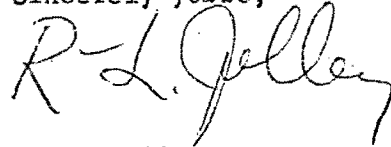
7710 N. Jersey
Portland, Oregon
Nov. 30, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

I want to express my firm approval of the excellent Chamisso
Wilderness proposal.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. L. Jolley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

R. L. Jolley

220 Corona St.
San Francisco 94127 Ca.
Nov. 30, 1969.

Regional Director,
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife,
Dear Sir:

We most earnestly request
that the two refuges discussed at
the Nov. 13 hearings in Anchorage;
all be placed in the Wilderness
System in Alaska.

We request that this letter be
placed in the official record.

Yours very truly,
Cora James
(M.L.G.)

Enclosed for you

WALTER KAUPÉ, M. D.
1419 BEACON STREET
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS 02146

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries
and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

The Wilderness Society has alerted me to proposals for Chamisso Refuge Wilderness and Simeonof Refuge Wilderness. The proposals add a bit more protection to wildlife, and I wholeheartedly support the proposals. I believe efforts to maintain something of our natural environment is vital for future generations. Please send my support for the proposals.

Sincerely,

Walter Kaupé

November 16, 1969

10 Emerson
Denver, Colorado 80218
Nov. 17, 1969

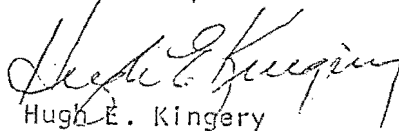
Acting Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
730 NE Pacific Street
Portland Oregon 97208

Dear sir:

Please accept this statement into the record of the hearing on the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Proposal.

I heartily support your proposal to protect the island as a wilderness. Preservation of the breeding grounds of the arctic-area-breeding birds is essential to preserve the populations of those species which must breed in relative isolation. The sea bird colonies of Chamisso, with the puffins, kittiwakes, and murrelets, cannot succeed if subjected to constant intrusions by man. The same is probably true of the harbor seal. The proposed wilderness should greatly enhance this colony.

Yours truly


Hugh E. Kingery

In heaven's name, help us to
 keep our nation's heritage from
 the past as that the future
 may enjoy the wild life and
 the natural grandeur that
 we have had the privilege
 to possess. I wish to see
 settlements on all sides, in
 all lands, are depicting the
 various animals, birds,
 geological features, and
 facts of forest which may
 some day entirely disappear.
 Conservation is of no use
 when all our wealth is used up.
 Sincerely,
 Helen F. Plunk

Helen F. Plunk
 Portland, Oregon
 Museum of Natural History
 Regional Director

105 B 27th Avenue
 W. Medford, N.J.
 02155

MRS. PETER H. KNAPP • 77 RAYMOND STREET • CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02140

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dec. 1, 1969

Dear Sir,

My husband and I wish to voice our support for the proposals to add the Chamisso and Simeonof National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We believe that these unique areas and the wildlife dependent on them deserve permanent protection, and that the preservation of such natural resources is important for even those of us who live thousands of miles away.

We would appreciate it if you would make this letter part of the official record and acknowledge its receipt.

Yours truly,

Peter H. Knapp

(Dr. and Mrs. Peter Knapp)

cc: Sen. Edward Kennedy
Sen. Edward Brooke
Cong. Thomas P. O'Neill

106 Shawmut Street
Chelsea, Massachusetts 02150
November 25, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I am in favor of the proposals for the establishment of the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and the Simeon National Wildlife Refuge as additions to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Would you please place this letter in the official record and acknowledge its receipt. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Elliott Krefetz

LEE S. KRIEGER & CO.
INSURANCE BROKERS
300 MONTGOMERY STREET
SAN FRANCISCO
TELEPHONE 981-8863

December 3, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

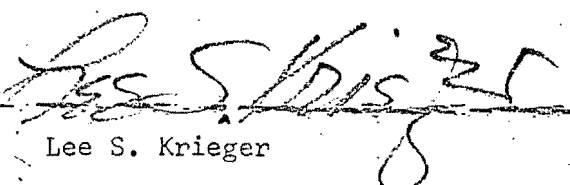
Dear Sir:

Your proposal in adding Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge within the provisions of the Wilderness Act is heartily commended and endorsed. This reflects intelligent planning by preserving these sanctuaries in their pristine beauty and as a natural shelter against man's encroachment.

Since it was impracticable to responsively appear at the November 13th hearings, may I express my views in urging the Regional Director to utilize every possible means and to exert every influence in recommending the inclusion of these areas within the Wilderness System.

Although I am confident the proposal will receive favorable judgment by the Secretary of the Interior and his approval as the bill progresses toward eventual enactment, as a concerned conservationist I am anxious this endorsement receive your official acknowledgment and its identification within the record.

Respectfully yours,


Lee S. Krieger

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10941 W. H. Gaddam
Garthland, Oregon 9712

November 25, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
C.O. Box 3737
Garthland, Oregon 971206

Dear Sir:

Please accept this letter as my endorsement of the additions of the Chumish and Simeoney National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

Please place this testimony in the official record and acknowledge your receipt of it.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
(Mrs) Helen Locke

The Boston Globe

BOSTON, MASS. 02107

Nov. 20

Gentlemen:

Please add to the official record my strongest support of the proposal to include the national wildlife refuges in of Chamisso and Simeonof, Alaska, to the National Wilderness Preservation System. Any measures that strengthen conservation and help save our vanishing wildlife deserve the unqualified backing of all thoughtful Americans.

Sincerely,

S. R. Linscott
47 Judson St.
Braintree, Mass.

3136 A, Portage Bay Place E.
Seattle, Washington 98102

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Regional Director,
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,
P.O. Box 3737,
Portland,
Ore., 97206.

Sir :

I wish to go on record as being strongly in favor of the creation of Wilderness Status for the Chumisso National Wildlife Refuge and the Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge.

I have never been favored with an opportunity to visit these areas, but hope one day to be able to see something of the fabulous wildlife of the far North - if any is left.

Both these areas seem to warrant exceptional treatment: breeding areas for Arctic seabirds are most important in the fragile ecology of the region, and the inner Aleutians offer a unique environment. The relative value of the wildlife is far greater in Alaska than elsewhere: recovery of desecrated land is likely to be unusually slow and there is a paucity of other resources even of scenery in the Northwest. The preservation of the above mentioned areas would more likely enhance than restrict the economic value of the surrounding lands - they maintain breeding stocks and will be models for rehabilitation of areas subjected to miscalculation in development.

Very truly yours,

C. R. B. Lister

C. R. B. Lister

317 W. Highland Drive
Seattle, Wash. 98119
November 22, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir,

May we express our support for the placing of the
Okanagan National Wildlife Refuge, and the Simsonof National
Wildlife Refuge under the protection of the National Wilderness
Preservation System.

Every day we are more distressed by the way mankind,
throughout this planet, is destroying his environment by tampering
with the ecology upon which ultimate survival depends. Every
small step, such as the addition of wilderness areas where
possible, could help to reverse that trend, which might otherwise
become ultimately disastrous.

Will you please have this testimony placed in the official
record of the Wilderness Hearings referred to above.

Very truly yours,

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. McLaughlin

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. McLaughlin

November 22, 1969

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support of your proposal, under the provisions of the Wilderness Act, to add two national wildlife refuges in Alaska, Chamisso and Limestone, to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

The dangers now being posed to the natural environment and resources of Alaska are unprecedented. It looks as though man, in his ruthless search for profits, is about to do the same thing to Alaska as has happened to the continental United States. The discovery of oil on the North Slope has already caused some destruction, ^{with} ~~and~~ much more to take place if that long 800-mile pipeline is built.

Let's at least save part of Alaska by preserving Chamisso and Limestone.

Sincerely,
John A. Miller

4721 CHOCTAW DRIVE, APT. H
SAN DIEGO, CALIF. 92115

11/26/69

Regional Director,
Bu. of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
PO Box 3737, Portland, Ore. 97208

Dear Sir:

We who live in crowded southern California are anxious to have untouched natural areas added to our wilderness system.

We have read your brochure on the Chamisso Wilderness proposal and noted the importance of the area for bird nesting colonies.

We hope the wilderness character and present use of the area continues. We support, therefore, the Chamisso Wilderness proposal.

Sincerely yours,

A. Morley
for Mr. & Mrs. A. Morley

Submitted for 11/13 hearing record

Eleanor Morris
115 Windsor Road
Waban
Massachusetts 02168

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I am writing to express my support of adding the Chamisso and Simeonof Wildlife Refuges to the National Wilderness Preservation System. I feel this would strengthen their preservation as wildlife sanctuaries essentially undisturbed by man.

Please place my letter in the official record and acknowledge its receipt.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Morris

THORNTON T. MUNGER
2755 S. W. BUENA VISTA DR.
PORTLAND 1, OREGON

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November 25, 1969

Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

It having been impossible for me to attend the hearings on the two proposals for Wilderness classification in Alaska, I would like in this way to express my approval of these proposals, -Chamisso and Simeonof. They appear to conform to the purposes of the Wilderness Act.

I am sure that the late Robert Marshall, the prime sponsor of the wilderness movement and of the Wilderness Act would applaud these, especially as he was an Alaskan enthusiast, author of "Artic Village" etc.

Sincerely,

Thornton T. Munger

Gary S. Wye M.D.
401 Parnassus
San Francisco, Calif.
94122

Regional Director
Bureau of Sports Fisheries & Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Director:

I am writing to express my support - and urge
your action to approve The Simeonof and Chamisso
Refuge Wilderness Proposals. As a Sportsman,
nature lover, and citizen I am concerned that as
much wilderness territory such as these be kept
inviolate - particularly when they contain the
valuable & unique flora & fauna of these two areas.

As a physician I am also quite concerned to preserve
some measure of ecological balance to this increasingly
small planet.

Please enter this letter in the official record
and acknowledge its receipt.

Respectfully yours,
Gary S. Wye

November 26, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O.Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

The undersigned support adding the following two wildlife
refuges in Alaska to National Wilderness Preservation System:

Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge

Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge

Please place this letter of support in the official record
and acknowledge its receipt.

Sincerely,

Sheila O'Brien
2745 Shasta Way
Berkeley, Calif.

Sheila O'Brien

Sheila O'Bar
3635 Broderick St
San Francisco

Sheila O'Bar

Marjorie Leet
780 Chestnut St
San Francisco, Calif.

Marjorie Leet

Sylvia and Pierre Bovis
414 Prentiss
San Francisco, Calif.

Sylvia Bovis

Mr and Mrs A. T. Smithberger
53085 Oakmont Park, East Dr
South Bend, Indiana 46637

Mary Smithberger

cc: Senator Alan Cranston
Senator George Murphy
Representative Phillip Burton

Michael S. O'Meara
800 So. Lane St., # 1
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

November 21, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I wish to go on record as supporting proposals to place Chamisso and Simeonof National Wildlife Refuges under the protection of wilderness classification. Such action would have, I feel great practical and educational value for the nation. My only objection to the proposal lies in its acceptance of grazing activities as being compatible with wilderness. Husbandry does alter the environment in a variety of ways, and so should be eliminated from Simeonof Island if at all possible.

It has been my observation, as an educator, that the young people of the nation are being done a rather great disservice by our minimal attempts at environmental protection. Not only are future citizens being deprived of real property by current over-exploitation of the American land, but contemporary youngsters are not provided with adequate opportunities to experience and, so, come to know, the character and diversity that can still be America. This is due, in good part, to the decreasing availability of undisturbed public lands.

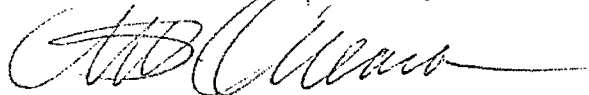
With the major portion of this country's population residing in heavily urbanized areas, too often devoid of adequate parks, space and privacy, young people are becoming detached from the realities of our intimate relationship with and absolute dependence upon the natural environment. The cities must be improved, as we all know, but the truest lessons (both scientific and aesthetic) of the interdependence of all life forms are learned in wilderness. Without wilderness experience, children too often grow to adulthood unable to appreciate the limitations of the environment in supporting an exploding human population and in recovering from ill-advised and excessive human use. For lack of experience,

many people will not be able to understand or value intrinsically America's natural qualities, and so will have no reason, logical or aesthetic, for maintaining an environment of adequate quality for human existence.

If, however, we who are in a position to do so secure as much unspoiled land as possible for present and future citizens there may be some chance for meaningful human survival. The more land that can be protected as wilderness, the greater will be the wealth, both physical and spiritual, of our children. Protection of wilderness is an investment in the future, and unless we invest heavily now it will soon be too late.

With the above in mind, I must encourage all efforts toward acquisition of wilderness lands, wherever they might be. It is my hope that the Chamisso and Simeonof proposals now under consideration will become law, and that we will move to further extend the guarantees of wilderness to as much land as possible for the benefit of all present and future Americans.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. S. O'Meara", written in dark ink.

M. S. O'MEARA

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P.'S. Please make this statement part of the official record of the Chamisso and Simeonof Refuge Wilderness Proposal Hearings, and when time allows please acknowledge receipt of the foregoing.

BOTANICAL MUSEUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

*Oxford Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138*

23 November 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I am writing concerning the Chamisso and Simeonof Wildlife Refuges in Alaska. I understand that these two areas are under consideration for incorporation into the National Wilderness System. I strongly urge you that this legislation be encouraged and that both Refuges be safeguarded under the Wilderness Act.

In a time when the wildlife of Alaska is being placed in increasing jeopardy by man's encroachment and exploitation, it is necessary that we take steps immediately to assure that considerable areas are conserved in order to protect the habitats of the animals and plants. We have already seen great areas of our country destroyed by careless "development", resulting in the decline and extinction of many species. Now is the time to see that this does not happen in Alaska. Only by declaring these refuges Wilderness Areas will we be able to insure their safety.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Timothy Plowman

Timothy Plowman
Graduate Student
Department of Biology
Harvard University

Pomology Department
Univ. of Calif., Davis
Davis, Calif. 95616
8 December 1969

Mr. Travis S. Roberts
Acting Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

The proposed reclassification of the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge to wilderness status is a most logical step to better protection of the wildlife of the area. Please accept my endorsement and add it to the hearing record.

Wishing you continued success in your efforts, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Raymond Prag
Raymond Prag

A. J. RATTI
8047 RIDGE DRIVE N.E.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98115

Nov 21 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport
To box 3737
Portland Oregon 97206

Sir:

As a resident of the Northwest for the last 43 years
I have become more and more concerned with the
situation regarding our wilderness and wildlife resources.
I used to enjoy fishing and "watching" the animals
but I now have to travel to British Columbia or
Alaska in order to catch and release a few fish.
Actually I have noticed that even in those two
regions conditions are rapidly changing for the
worse. I therefore heartily agree with the
Wilderness Society, which I have helped for many
years, in their effort to preserve some of these
resources, which, if lost now will never be replaced.
I sincerely hope that your committee will act
favorably.

Sincerely
A. J. Ratti

Box 5-569

College, Alaska 99701

November 20, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
U. S. Department of the Interior
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

It was not possible for me to attend the hearings on the proposal to include the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and the Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I am therefore taking this opportunity to express my support for this action.

Having worked as a professional biologist in Alaska for approximately 21 years, I have seen many areas of wilderness gradually disrupted or destroyed by those who place the desire for immediate monetary gain ahead of any other values. As indicated by events taking place in Alaska at the present time, there is little hope that this trend will soon be modified. It is therefore essential that unique and biologically important areas be given statutory protection against any future destructive activities.

I strongly support the proposal that these two National Wildlife Refuges be incorporated into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I request that my letter be included in the official record, if possible.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Rausch

Robert L. Rausch

cc:

Hon. Henry M. Jackson
Hon. Gaylord Nelson
Hon. Wayne N. Aspinall

Box 5-869
College, Alaska 99701
November 20, 1969

Honorable Frank Church
Senate Subcommittee on Public Lands
3105 New Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

Since it was impossible for me to attend the hearings on S. 3011, to include certain areas in Alaska (Bering Sea National Wildlife Refuge, Bogoslof National Wildlife Refuge, Pinn Point National Wildlife Refuge, St. Lazarus Island, Forrester Islands, and Mary Islands), in Oregon (Three Arch Rocks, Oregon Islands, and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge) and Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge), in Washington (Copalis, Quillayute Needles, and Flattery Rocks), and in New Mexico (Bitter Lake National Wildlife Refuge), within the National Wilderness Preservation System, I should like to take this opportunity to express my support of this action for the official record.

All of the areas have unique or unusual biological features. The Bering Sea Wildlife Refuge, for example, includes the only uninhabited, relatively undisturbed, arctic islands of any size within the geographical limits of the United States. I am quite familiar with St. Matthew Island, the largest of the group comprising the Bering Sea Wildlife Refuge, where I participated in a biological survey in 1954.

The vegetation of St. Matthew Island was severely damaged by reindeer, which were introduced in 1944 without adequate consideration of the biological implications of the action. These reindeer have decreased in numbers in recent years, and it is hoped that the vegetation of St. Matthew Island will eventually recover.

While ill-advised introductions of exotic animals to such areas are detrimental enough, the uncontrolled activities of man are potentially much more damaging. It has generally been the case that the desire for monetary gain

has been placed ahead of any other values. Certain protection of special areas can be ensured only by means of appropriate statutory regulation.

I strongly support the proposal to include all of the above-mentioned areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

I request that if possible my letter be made a part of the hearing record on S. 3011.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Rausch

cc:

Hon. Harry M. Jackson

Hon. Gaylord Nelson

Hon. Wayne H. Aspinall

Regional Director, BSW

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Box 5-569

College, Alaska 99701

November 16, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
U. S. Department of the Interior
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I was not able to attend the hearings held in Anchorage on November 13, regarding the proposal to include the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and the Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge in the National Wilderness Preservation System. I should like to express my views, however, through this communication, for the official record.

Under the National Wilderness Preservation System, these two National Wildlife Refuges, Chamisso and Simeonof, would be given statutory protection to insure their preservation without further man-made changes, with the exception of limited development under a BLM lease for grazing on Simeonof Island. I strongly support the proposal to include these Refuges in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Sincerely yours,

Virginia R. Rausch

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WILLIAM G. PERRY, F.A.I.A.
ROBERT C. DEAN, F.A.I.A.
CLIFFORD D. STEWART, A.I.A.
WILLIAM DAVIES, A.I.A.
RICHARD G. SAWLER
CONOVER FITCH, JR., A.I.A.
RICHARD M. POTTER, A.I.A.

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November 22, 1969

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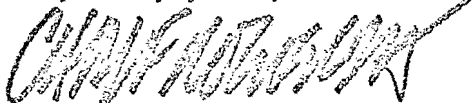
Dear Sir:

As a concerned citizen and Architectural Designer involved with the Master Plans of zoological gardens and related facilities, I would like to add my support to the proposed additions of Chamisso and Simeonof National Wildlife Refuges into the National Wilderness Preservation System.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would add this letter to the official record and acknowledge its receipt.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Charles F. Rogers II

CFR:ad

cc. Sen. Edward Kennedy
Sen. Edward Brooke

IRVING ROMANOW, D. D. S.
1565 1136-BEACON STREET
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS 02146

November 20, 1969

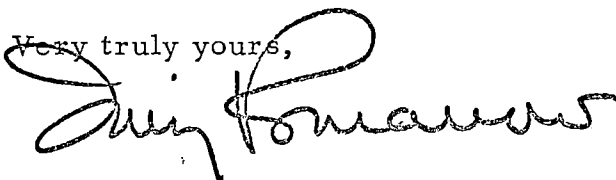
Reginal Director
Bureau of Sports, Fisheries and Wild Life
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I wish it to be known that I and many of my friends strongly approve of and would like your cooperation and support for the Chamisso National Wild Life Refuge and the Simeonof National Wild Life Refuge, which are being proposed under the provisions of the Wilderness Act. The extensive bird colonies on Chamisso as well as such wild life as otters, hare, seals on Simeonof, with the attendant ecological advantages of these refuges, are of great value to the peoples of the United States as well as the world.

I request that this testimony be placed in the official record and would appreciate a receipt of acknowledgment.

Very truly yours,



Irving Romanow, D. D. S.
IR/emm

60 Longwood Ave #602
MR. JEROME RUBIN • 30 GARDNER ROAD • BROOKLINE, MASS. 02146

December 3, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

As a concerned citizen of the United States,
I would like to voice my support for the
Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge and the
Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge. It ^{is} so
urgent in this day and age to protect our
wildlife sanctuaries and keep them undisturbed
by man. Don't let humanity down!

Please acknowledge this letter and place it
on the official record.

Sincerely,



(Mrs.) Jerome Rubin

Mrs. Ruth R. Seiwall
14 Winter Street
Norwell, Mass. 02061

Nov. 20, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P. O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir,

I endorse the proposal of the U. S.
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife,
under the provisions of the Wilderness Act,
to add two national wildlife refuges in
Alaska - Chukchi and Seward - to the
National Wilderness Preservation System.

Please place my testimony in the official
record and acknowledge its receipt.

Yours Truly,

Ruth R. Seiwall

Re: Chumisso National Wildlife
Refuge
Katzebue, Alaska

I was delighted to learn that this very interesting area with its birds had been proposed for Wilderness protection, and I very much wish my name to be added to the list of those who support the move.

My views will also be forwarded to Congressman Philip Burton and to Senator Alan Cranston. I sincerely hope that the protection afforded by the Wilderness Act will be extended to these Islands.

Sincerely

Leva R. Smith

1001 Franklin St.

San Francisco 94109

These acknowledgments

November 26, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O.Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

We strongly support adding the following two wildlife refuges
in Alaska to the National Wilderness Preservation System:

Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge

Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge

Please place this letter of support in the official record and
acknowledge receipt of it.

Sincerely,

Rigmor W. Smithberger
Rigmor W. Smithberger (Mrs)
Thomas J. Smithberger

2947 Laguna St.
San Francisco, Calif. 94123

cc: Senator Alan Cranston
Senator George Murphy
Representative Phillip Burton

4001 Mt. Barnard Avenue,
San Diego, Calif. 92111
December 17, 1969

The Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries & Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97208

Dear Sir:

This will express our views on the proposed Chamisso Wilderness classification for the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge.

We have studied the proposal as contained in the brochure we obtained from you.

We must certainly concur with you in the judgement that the value of the two islands involved, Puffin and Chamisso as a haven and refuge for bird colonies as well as seals merit consideration for designation as Wilderness Area.

We therefore urge you to strongly recommend and work diligently toward getting this refuge placed into the National Wilderness Preservation System. Further, may we suggest that while the time element may seem to be of no particular significance in the schedule of preserving so remote a place so seemingly inhospitable to man, that nevertheless it should be expedited. Modern technology and commercial ingenuity as well as military plans could quickly negate the time margin.

Please include this letter in the hearing record on the Chamisso Wilderness proposal.

Yours truly,
Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Soderlund

Ulrich Troeger
524 East Maude Ave., #35
Sunnyvale, Calif. 94086

December 17, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Sir,

I wholeheartedly support the proposal of the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to add the following two national wildlife refuges to the National Wilderness Preservation System:

- 1) Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska
- 2) Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska.

Their inclusion, by Act of Congress, in the National Wilderness Preservation System will give them the firm statutory protection, so absolutely essential.

Please place my letter in the official record and acknowledge its receipt.

Yours truly,

Ulrich Troeger

Dec 11, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I am strongly in favor of
adding the Clamisso National Wildlife
Refuge and the Simeonof Refuge to the
National Wilderness Preservation System.
Anything that can be done to keep
wildlife sanctuaries undisturbed by
man will be of great benefit to
succeeding generations.

We have one of the isolated
ranches in central Oregon which we
try to keep as a sanctuary for eagles

and only this past summer a magnificent bald eagle was found shot-dead and an osprey was found so badly wounded it could not be saved. Those who go into the wilderness areas are of a different breed than the casual hunter and tote-goaler. If our eagle had not strayed out of his protected wilderness I am sure he would not have been slaughtered.

I would like to plead for the addition of Chamisso and Simeon of to the Wilderness System and I would like to have my stand recorded in the records of both hearings.

Sincerely,

Mary M Wall

(Mrs Howard Wall)

84 Leeson Lane
Newton Centre, Mass. 02159
November 26, 1969

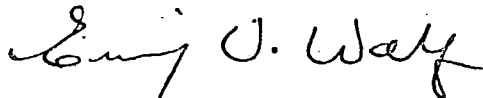
Regional Director
Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Dear Sir:

I wish as a private citizen
interested in promoting the cause of
conservation of America's natural
resources to urge strongly that
the Chamisso National Wildlife Refuge
and the Simeonof National Wildlife
Refuge in Alaska be incorporated
in the Wilderness System.

Please place my letter in the
official record and send me an
acknowledgement of its ~~receipt~~ receipt.

Yours truly,



Emily V. Wolf

cc: Senator Edward Kennedy
Senator Edward Brooke
Representative Philip Philbin

Department of Neuropathology
Harvard Medical School
25 Shattuck St.
Boston, Mass. 02115

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Gentlemen:

Please place my testimony in the official record and
send me a receipt of its acceptance.

I wish to express my strong support of the proposal
to include in the National Wilderness System the two
Alaskan wildlife refuges under consideration: the Simeonof
National Wildlife Refuge and the Chamisso National Wildlife
Refuge. Both ~~these~~ of these priceless tracts deserve
the additional protection guaranteed to such lands under
the Wilderness Act.

Sincerely,

Merrill K. Wolf, M. D.

cc: Senator Edward Brooke
Senator Edward Kennedy
Representative Philip Philbin

93 Grand View Avenue
Wollaston, Mass. 02170
December 5, 1969

Regional Director
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
P.O. Box 3737
Portland, Oregon 97206

Gentlemen:

We strongly request that Chamisso and Simeonof National Wildlife Refuge be added to the National Wilderness Preservation System.

We also ask that this request be placed in official record and would appreciate acknowledgement and receipt.

Sincerely,

Walter Wrigley
Dorothy B. Wrigley

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