

## *ALASKA GUIDES ASSOCIATION*

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Mike Pool, Acting Director  
Bureau of Land Management  
1849 C Street N.W., RM. 5665  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Director Pool,

As the current President of the Alaska Guides Association as well as a past board member of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association (6 years), and the owner and Operator of the oldest hunting lodge in Alaska (Rainy Pass Lodge). We would like to add our support of the letter to you from Heather Richter dated January 10, 2013 (see attached). We believe the time has come to finalize this selection of lands by Sealaska. To delay this process any further on speculation that Sealaska may achieve some different settlement through legislation no longer acceptable. They have had 4 years to achieve that goal without any meaningful progress. It is time to set aside this attempt to acquire special treatment and deal with Sealaska's land selection in the same manner as every other Alaska Native Corporation has been through. I strongly urge the BLM to convey and finalize the selections Sealaska made in its June 10, 2008 letter to BLM.

BLM cannot pick and choose how it can enforce the ALTAA or ANCSA. The delay in finalization by BLM of Sealaska undermines the clear language of both ANCSA and ALTAA, which gives special treatment to Sealaska and none of the other Native Corporations.

I anxiously await your reply and copy of notice of conveyance to Sealaska of their 2008 selections.

Sincerely,

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