

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**DIVISION OF FOREST, LAND AND WATER MANAGEMENT**

**323 E. 4TH AVENUE  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99501**

January 14, 1980

Jay S. Hammond, Governor  
State of Alaska  
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Governor Hammond:

I am pleased to transmit the resolutions passed at the December 4 and 5, 1979 meeting of the Alaska Water Resources Board.

This past meeting resulted in three resolutions which are attached for your consideration. Resolution 79-10, Rural Alaska Water Allocations, request that the Governor initiate discussions between the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Law, and rural communities or the Alaska Federation of Natives to explore possibilities for rural residents to apply for water rights. Resolution 79-11, Ship Creek Water Rights, requests that the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Law take action to initiate court proceedings to resolve the water rights problems on Ship Creek. Resolution 79-12, Water Rights Backlog, recommends that the Governor support efforts to eliminate the backlog of water permits in the State, support public information processes to encourage the application for water rights, support enforcement of the cooperative agreement between the Departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Conservation, and Fish and Game, and support the efforts to establish the one-stop permit process. The Board appreciates the opportunity to provide this information and advice to you pursuant to its duties described in Article 3, Title 46, Chapter 15, of the Alaska Statutes.

A resolution on geothermal resource management will also be submitted to you. At the December 4 and 5 meeting the Board heard a presentation on an effort to amend current geothermal resource management legislation in the Legislature this coming session. A geothermal resource committee was formed by the Board to follow the work on this amendment. When a final product is ready for submission to the legislature, the Board will have a resolution stating its position.

A summary of the board meeting will follow shortly. Our next meeting will be March 12-14, 1980, in Juneau. On the 14th the Board will take up its new duties as the policy advisory board for the 208 Program.

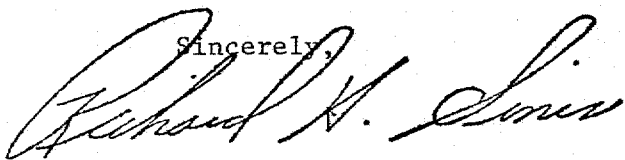
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Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continuing to serve you and the citizens of Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard H. Sims".

Richard H. Sims  
Chairman

cc: Commissioner Mueller, DEC  
Commissioner LeResche, DNR  
Commissioner Skoog, DF&G  
Attorney General Gross, DOL  
Morris Thompson, President, AFN