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Robert E. LeResche, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner LeResche:

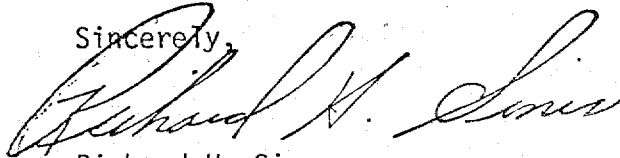
At our March 1981 meeting in Juneau we heard presentations on the water resources problems and priorities of the state agencies involved in water resources. A recurring topic in these presentations was the need for better coordination between agencies. Also at that meeting we were given a presentation on the attached cooperative agreement on coordination of water resources activities. This cooperative agreement has been developed at the staff level with the purpose of improving the presently sporadic interagency communication and coordination.

We believe this approach has much merit. At our meetings we continually hear of problems, the solutions of which would be greatly facilitated by improved coordination, or of projects or programs that would be much better if other agencies were consulted or involved. We feel this interagency agreement could establish the mechanisms to allow state agencies to work more closely together and help prevent the problems we've been hearing about. This should in no way affect the state agencies' respective responsibilities and authority but do much to improve communication and coordination.

We request that you direct your staff to review the cooperative agreement and meet with the other agencies to make whatever changes are necessary. Implementation of this agreement should be a benefit to the water resources programs of the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Sims
Chairman

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Commissioner Skoog, DF&G
Commissioner Ward, DOT/PF
Commissioner McAnerney, DCRA
Commissioner Webber, DPED
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