

# STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

## WATER RESOURCES BOARD

August 20, 1979

Commissioner Mueller, Department of Environmental Conservation  
Commissioner LeResche, Department of Natural Resources  
Commissioner Skoog, Department of Fish and Game

Dear Commissioners:

At its August 7 and 8, 1979 meeting in Fairbanks the Alaska Water Resources Board reviewed the recent cooperative agreement executed between your three agencies to handle water related permits. The Board has long held the position that improved coordination between your three agencies on water permitting activities would reduce redundant application actions of the public and minimize project delays caused by the overlapping authorities of your three agencies.

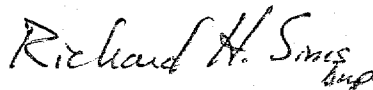
The signed agreement would assure that all necessary review will have been done by other agencies once a permit is issued by one of your offices. The applicant would then be able to undertake a project or program with minimal possibility that one of your agencies may step in and stop an action because he didn't have a proper permit or because a significant agency concern had not been addressed.

While this agreement may increase the internal paperwork of some of your agencies, it should greatly reduce what the public views as sometimes overlapping, redundant, or contradictory actions of your agencies.

We are aware that this agreement involved a considerable amount of staff work and give and take between your agencies in the interest of better public service.

Therefore, the Board wishes to commend you and your staff for the hard work you have put into the cooperative agreement. We ask that you communicate the Board's appreciation and interest to those employees in your regional offices who will make this agreement work.

Sincerely,



Richard H. Sims  
Chairman

cc: Governor Hammond