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December 19, 1979

Re: Rainbow Lake and Sherwood Estates Lake

Mr. Theodore G. Smith, Director
Forest, Land and Water Management
323 E. 4th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Ted:

At our December 4 public meeting, we heard 3½ hours of testimony regarding the above case.

This appears a classic problem where everyone involved ends up both right and wrong. It appears to us that the major contributors are failure to enforce the permit process and duplicate agency instructions and involvement. These things have drawn out the proceedings to an unreasonable period of time, thereby making your job much tougher. We have sympathy for your position, but I am sure you can see how this strengthens the Board's resolve to eliminate the backlog and press forward for the one-stop permit process. Our recommendations are that a speedy answer be given to all parties involved, that somehow a constant flow of water be maintained (with the intent restoring both parties back to equal, if possible) and that both parties be properly assisted and apply for water right permits.

We hope this is helpful. We stand ready to assist you in any way we can.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD H. SIMS
Chairman

cc: Robert E. LeResche, Commissioner