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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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RE: Izembek State Game Refuge
Management Plan

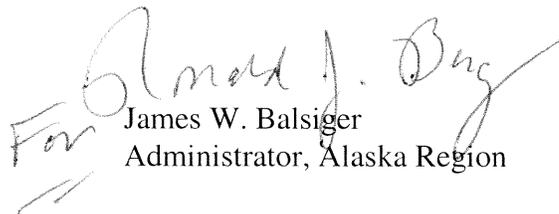
Attn: Janet Hall Schempf

Dear Mr. Hepler:

Thank you for your invitation to participate on the interagency planning team for the Izembek State Game Refuge Management Plan. The National Marine Fisheries Service is pleased to participate in this effort. Mr. John Olson, of our Habitat Conservation Division will be our primary contact. Mr. Brad Smith of our Protected Resources Division will be our point of contact on marine mammal and endangered species issues. However, due to staffing constraints, it may not be possible for NMFS staff to participate in every meeting.

Both Mr. Olson and Mr. Smith are located in our Anchorage Field Office. They can be reached at (907) 271-5006.

Sincerely,

For 
James W. Balsiger
Administrator, Alaska Region

