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Dear USACE Representatives

I attended the January 28, 2016 Public Meeting in Anchorage.

The USACE part of the meeting was well run, believable, and appropriate for the project.

The BLM ANILCA Section 810 Analysis of Subsistence Impacts presentation was not well done, and unbelievable and inappropriate for the project. The BLM presentation seemed to be based on environmental hype, and highly biased towards the opinions of the presenter. It was very telling that many of the local Alaskan Natives who spoke indicated that the BLM presentation did not represent the true subsistence way of life that they have lived for centuries. The written BLM Section 810 Preliminary Analysis of Subsistence Impacts may be less biased than the presentation, but it still seems to be lacking in facts and substance. I question whether the analysis is in conformance with the Department of Interior policy on Scientific Integrity as presented in the DOI Departmental Manual, 305 DM 3, Integrity of Scientific and Scholarly Activities. I suggest that the USACE should require that BLM produce appropriate scientific data and evidence of peer review for their analysis, that USACE should thoroughly review the BLM's work products, and that BLM use a non-biased employee for future presentations.

Be advised that I will submit further comments on the Draft EIS at a later date.

Thank you for your consideration,

William T. Hawley