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Rachel Dawson, Program Director
National Fish and Wildlife Federation
1133 Fifteenth Street, NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

RE: City of Dillingham Letter of Support for the BBNC Mapping Project and their Funding Request through the America the Beautiful Challenge Grant

Ms. Dawson and Members of the Application Review Committee,

As Mayor of the City of Dillingham, Alaska, I am writing to express our support for the Bristol Bay Native Corporation's (BBNC) National Wetlands Inventory Mapping Project for the Bristol Bay Region and their request for funding through the America the Beautiful Challenge Grant.

BBNC proposes to use the requested funding to complete the mapping project. Completion of this mapping project will allow BBNC to advance the permitting for many needed community infrastructure projects and improve their advocacy efforts throughout the Bristol Bay Region. Securing this funding will also allow BBNC to provide training and employment for as many local BBNC shareholders as possible.

As a regional hub-community, Dillingham is home to a number of Local, Tribal, State and Federal governments and agencies that are working together to protect the Bristol Bay Region and the residents, businesses and visitors who come to enjoy the beauty, recreational opportunities, and quality of life that this area of Alaska provides.

BBNC is a proven partner in these efforts and we are confident that they will carry out the responsibilities described in their application, as promised. The City of Dillingham will also do what we can to assist and supplement their efforts.

I look forward to your favorable consideration of the BBNC proposal and remain available to provide additional information or answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alice A. Ruby".

Alice Ruby, Mayor
City of Dillingham, Alaska