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City Council  
City of Dillingham  
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Dear Dillingham City Council Members,,

I wish to be considered to be appointed to the Wood-Tikchik State Park management council.

As a 33 year resident of Dillingham and an outdoor enthusiast, I have recreated in the Wood-Tikchik State Park for decades enjoying camping, kayaking, berry picking, hiking, bird watching, fishing and boating. I am a park volunteer and have offered my assistance with park projects and property maintenance. I have witnessed growth in and around the park.

With the extensive leadership training during my educational career, I understand the importance of gathering sufficient data before making responsible decisions. As a retired educator, I believe I would be a valuable voice providing community member input into park decisions..

Sincerely,

Teresa M. Duncan

Christopher Maines  
Dillingham, AK 99576  
September 23, 2024

Dillingham City Council  
PO BOX 889  
Dillingham, AK 99576

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council. As a lifelong resident of Bristol Bay and current resident of Dillingham, I believe I can offer a valuable perspective and deep commitment to the preservation and responsible management of this unique and vital area.

The Wood-Tikchik State Park holds a special place in the hearts of those who call Bristol Bay home. As the largest state park in the United States, it represents not only a stunning natural wonder but also a critical resource for traditional subsistence activities that have sustained our communities for generations. The Management Council's role in overseeing these traditional hunting and fishing rights while balancing conservation efforts is of paramount importance to the region's cultural heritage and economic stability.

My background as a lifelong resident of Bristol Bay has given me a deep understanding of the delicate balance between human needs and environmental conservation. I have witnessed firsthand the impact of various management decisions on our local communities and ecosystem. This perspective, I believe, would be invaluable in contributing to the Council's decision-making processes.

I am particularly drawn to the Council's collaborative approach, which allows local voices to be heard while working in tandem with state agencies. This model of cooperative management is crucial for ensuring that decisions reflect both local knowledge and broader conservation goals. If selected to serve on the Council, I would be committed to fostering this spirit of collaboration and ensuring that all stakeholders' perspectives are considered in our deliberations.

My professional experience includes working with the Curyung Tribal Council for 9 years and involved in many aspects of environmental conservation and 1 year with the BBNA Natural Resources Department. These experiences have honed my skills, such as conflict resolution, policy analysis, or community outreach.

Serving on the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council would be an immense honor and responsibility. I am eager to contribute to the ongoing stewardship of this magnificent park, ensuring that it continues to thrive for future generations while respecting the needs and traditions of our local communities.

Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my potential contribution to the Council in more detail.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Chris Maines", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher Maines

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## Letter of interest for Wood-Tikchik State Park Managent Council

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**From** Abigail Flynn <abigail.flynn@dillinghamak.us>

**Date** Fri 9/27/2024 10:41 AM

**To** Alice Ruby <alice.ruby@dillinghamak.us>

Dear Mayor Ruby,

I am writing to express my interest in the Governor-appointed position on the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council. As a long-time resident of Dillingham, I am deeply passionate about outdoor recreation and habitat preservation, and I believe my background aligns well with the needs of the Council.

I hold a B.Sc. in Environmental Science and Biology and Chemistry, as well as a B.Ed. My experience in forestry field research and botany, particularly in fragmented forests in northern Canada, has equipped me with a strong foundation in ecological principles and management practices. I am eager to apply this knowledge to support the goals of the Wood-Tikchik State Park.

Additionally, I have worked for a nonprofit watershed alliance, where I focused on educating the public about enhancing water quality and preserving riparian habitats in the North Saskatchewan Watershed. This experience has strengthened my understanding of the interconnectedness of ecosystems and the importance of community engagement in environmental stewardship.

I am committed to addressing local environmental concerns and would be honored to contribute my skills and expertise to the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council. Thank you for considering my application for this position. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss how I can support the Council's mission.

Warm regards,

*Abigail Flynn*

Acting City Clerk

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