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Subject: Penobscot Nation comments on KWW Monument review.pdf

Hi Micah and Amanda – I'm sending along a copy of the comments we received from the Penobscot Nation regarding the KWW Monument review in the interest of time in case the snail mail version has not reached you yet. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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May 22, 2017

Monument Review
MS-1530
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: DOI-2017-0002, Review of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument

Dear Secretary Zinke:

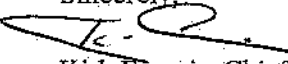
Please review and accept the attached letter written to former President Barack Obama, dated August 4, 2016, as evidence that the Penobscot Nation was a part of the comprehensive public outreach and coordination that took place prior to the designation of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

The people of the Penobscot Nation have traveled through and used the natural resources of the Penobscot watershed from its headwaters to the sea for centuries. Twenty-five miles of the East Branch of the Penobscot River flow through Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument and for that reason the Penobscot Nation supported, and continues to support, the national monument.

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument provides permanent protection to an area sacred to the Penobscot Nation and provides needed economic activity to the region. As important stakeholders in the decision to designate the area as a national monument, we feel strongly that we were a part of a robust public conversation.

Please do not undermine Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument and the important protection it offers to land that means a great people to the Penobscot Nation—past, present, and future.

Sincerely,


Kirk Francis, Chief of the Penobscot Nation

CC: Senator Angus King ✓
Senator Susan Collins
Representative Bruce Poliquin
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August 4, 2016

Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: National Monument in the Katahdin Region of Maine

Dear President Obama:

The Penobscot River in central and northern Maine is the heart of the cultural identity of the Penobscot Nation. We have been the caretakers of this great watershed since time immemorial, and we consider that responsibility a very serious priority for our tribe.

The people of the Penobscot Nation have traveled through and used the natural resources of the Penobscot watershed from its headwaters to the sea for centuries. The East Branch of the Penobscot, flowing out of Grand Lake Matagamon, is one of the two major branches of the Penobscot.

For that reason, I support the proposed national monument east of Baxter State Park. About 25 miles of the East Branch of the Penobscot River would flow through the middle of the national monument. The proposed national monument also includes long stretches of Wassataquoik Stream (which in the Penobscot language means "place where they spear fish") and the Sebois River, both of which, along with the East Branch, have been major travel corridors for our people for many generations.

Even today, tribal members use all three of these waterways for paddling and fishing, including guiding others, to appreciate the beauty and wildlife that is sacred to our culture as a riverine tribe.

Designation of the land surrounding these rivers as a national monument would ensure that these lands and waters are protected permanently. Tribal members, as well as all residents and visitors to Maine, would be able to paddle and fish the entire area forever.

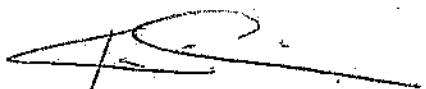
Residents of the Katahdin region and tribal members alike would benefit, not only from the long-term protection of the lands surrounding the rivers but from the economic

activity that a new national monument would bring to the greater Bangor and Katahdin regions. Visitors coming to Acadia would have a reason to spend a few extra days to go explore the new national monument in the Katahdin region. They could fish, camp, hike, hunt, watch birds and other wildlife, snowmobile and see spectacular views of Katahdin.

Because the establishment of a new national monument would provide permanent protection to an area sacred to the Penobscot Nation and, at the same time, provide needed economic activity to the region, I encourage you to use your authority under the Antiquities Act to designate a new national monument along the East Branch of the Penobscot River as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirk Francis', with a stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Kirk Francis, Chief of the Penobscot Nation