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From: Sprout, Timothy L (DOT) <tim.sprout@alaska.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 3, 2021 4:38 PM
To: John Bennett
Subject: RE: SLE Issue

John –

Troy Hicks contacted Gwen this week re the redlined MHT/DNR/DOT SLE Agreement provided by DNR. Troy, Gwen, George Horton, Stan Brown and I had an MS Teams meeting to discuss. We all agree the memo should be corrected to reference the proper statutes and set policy on proper purpose etc. George is to submit a second red-lined version of the current signed agreement to DOT&PF Northern Region in two weeks after a more exhaustive review by him. George sent Troy and me the 1963 Legislative Council letter you found supporting our position. Troy and I met with Barry Hooper. I provided Barry with the 1963 letter. Barry read the 1963 letter and the current redlined version of the signed MHT/DNR/DOT SLE Agreement provided by DNR. Per conversation with Barry I think he has a pretty good grasp of the issues. Barry is in agreement to push this up the chain once we have the second red-lined version of the MHT/DNR/DOT SLE Agreement. I think your involvement in this process would help a great deal.

I spoke with Barry Hooper about the best way for you to be involved. Your direct contact with Ryan Anderson would be appropriate and useful to help Ryan understand the issues and gain his support. Barry also suggested that you be involved with the review of the second red-lined version of the current signed agreement. Barry meets with the Department of Law monthly and his plan is to push the revised version of the signed agreement to the Department of Law through that channel.

I welcome any advice you have on this process. Any alternative methods of involvement or influence you come up with are fine by me.

Thanks for your support.

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From: John Bennett <JBennett@rmconsult.com>
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Tim – I had a conversation with Gwen Gervelis today as she was running references on a position she was filling. We also spoke about the MHT/DNR/DOT SLE Agreement. She made a comment about contacting DOT about the issue but I don't know who she contacted or when. She noted that she is not well versed on the legal issues and I understood that to mean that she didn't feel comfortable trying to relay the problems with the agreement. I told her that I had worked with Ryan Anderson since he started with DOT and have worked with him on a couple of ROW issues while he was NR Regional Director. I offered to speak with Ryan directly as he is Commissioner and explain the problems with the Agreement. I wanted to check with you first to see if you have run this issue up the DOT chain or whether I should work through someone else. That's all. JohnB

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