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Dr. Foy,

The most productive next steps are for the AFSC to work with us to schedule this Consultation with all key agency staff present, and to expeditiously provide us with the information we have requested and with sufficient time to review prior to the Consultation. These requests have been made repeatedly and we do not think the delays have been acceptable.

Tribal concerns and interest related to the NETS project entail the entire scope of the project. The Center should be prepared to discuss and provide answers regarding the entire scope of the project at the Consultation.

Regarding crafting an agenda, our expectation is that this can be done collaboratively when all the requested information has been provided and a date/time for the Consultation selected. We hope for a space in which Tribes and the Agency can engage in a meaningful dialogue about any and all aspects of the proposed project, where clear answers will be provided, and from which it will be clear how the Center will meaningfully consider Tribal input. Given the urgency and importance of this issue, please share potential dates and times for the Consultation so we can arrive at a mutually agreeable time.

Thank you,

John Melovidos

President, Tribal Government of St. Paul Island