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EVOS Trustee Council
4230 University Drive, Ste 220
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RE: Great Lands Trust Proposal for EVOSTC funding of Womens Bay Lands Purchase

Dear EVOS Trustee Council Members:

Koniag is the regional Alaska Native corporation for the Kodiak Island area. Koniag has been in discussions with the Great Land Trust (GLT) regarding the possible sale of a portion of its Womens Bay lands in Kodiak that would be then put into the public domain.

The Koniag property included in the GLT proposal is on the Kodiak road system and easily accessible by residents of Kodiak. As such, the property is used extensively by the public for recreational purposes which causes management burden and little benefit to Koniag.

The property has unique characteristics which make it a good fit for the EVOS program. Much of these lands are wetlands that include the terminus of at least three salmon streams and important habitat for a variety of species. In recent years, bear viewing opportunities have also emerged. The area is also important for subsistence users and has contributed greatly to knowledge of the historic uses and practices of Alutiiq people through cultural and archaeological programs. Continued subsistence utilization and access to cultural resources are important to Koniag now and would continue to be regardless of ownership and we would expect that these be protected should a transaction be consummated.

While the Koniag Board of Directors has not yet affirmatively voted to sell this property, we would encourage the EVOS Trustee Council to approve the funding requested by the GLT for its acquisition. Upon funding approval by the EVOS Trustee Council Koniag management will continue to work with the GLT to develop mutually beneficial terms and bring the proposal to Koniag's Board of Directors for its consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shauna Hegna".

Shauna Hegna
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