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Ms. Lora L. Leschner  
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Dear Ms. Leschner:

I am troubled by your letter regarding recently-passed legislation to expand the boundaries of the Olympic National Park. As a principal sponsor of this legislation, I did not intend for jurisdiction over the offshore islands and rocks to be transferred from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to the National Park Service.

I do not believe that the legislative history supports the contention that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service no longer has responsibility for the offshore islands and rocks. Other provisions of the bill explicitly transfer administrative responsibilities from the Park Service to the U.S. Forest Service and vice versa. The legislation does not include a similar provision regarding the offshore islands and rocks, nor does it abolish the wildlife refuges established there, unlike other bills where such an intention is clearly expressed.

I will be discussing this matter with representatives of both agencies and I'm confident this ambiguity can be clarified administratively.

Sincerely,



DANIEL J. EVANS  
United States Senator

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