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Robert E. Trost, Pacific Flyway Representative
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Dear Mr. Trost:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2010 draft supplemental environmental impact statement for the Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Hunting of Migratory Birds (2010 SDEIS) (CEQ No. 20100245).

The 2010 SDEIS proposes to adopt a process for authorizing migratory bird hunting in accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the four bilateral conventions. These 'annual' regulations which allow the hunting of migratory game birds in the families Anatidae (waterfowl), Columbidae (doves and pigeons), Gruidae (cranes), Scolopacidae (snipe and American woodcock) and Rallidae (rails, coots, gallinules and moorhens) include framework regulations and special regulations, and take into consideration factors that change from year-to-year, such as abundance and distribution of birds, and times of migration. Components of the proposed action for which alternatives are considered include: (1) the schedule and timing of the general regulatory process, (2) frequency of review and adoption of duck regulatory packages, (3) stock-specific harvest strategies, (4) special regulations, (5) management scale for the harvest of migratory birds, (6) zones and split seasons, and (7) the subsistence-hunting regulations process for Alaska, and the impact of cumulative harvest on National Wildlife Refuges. Based on our review of the draft supplemental EIS, we have no objections to the proposed action.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this draft supplemental EIS. The staff contact for this review is Aimee Hessert (hessert.aimee@epa.gov; 202-564-0993).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan E. Bromm".

Susan E. Bromm
Director

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