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April 29, 2022

Chairman Kevin Dupuis, Sr.
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
1720 Big Lake Road
Cloquet, Minnesota 55720

Dear Chairman Dupuis, Sr.:

As you are aware, one of President Biden's first acts in office was to sign a Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships. In the spirit of that memorandum, I am reaching out today to encourage and foster continued communication and partnership between your tribe and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

I believe the Service's mission and our on-the-ground conservation work align with the priorities of many tribes across our region, including yours. This alignment means there are many opportunities for us to work together through partnership and collaboration. Across the Midwest Region, some of these opportunities have been identified, and conservation efforts have been underway for years or even decades. Through these efforts, many benefits to fish, wildlife, plants and people have been realized. Other opportunities likely exist but have not yet been identified or acted upon.

One exciting step we are taking in fulfilling our commitment to tribal partnership is adding a full-time Native American liaison to our regional team. This position will serve to improve our communications with tribes, strengthen relationships, and help train our staff on working with tribal governments. Our regional Native American liaison will support efforts of our three existing Zone Native American liaisons. **The position is open now for applications and will close on May 19, 2022.** Please share this opportunity with those in your community and with others who might be interested. More information on the position can be found at the following web links.

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<https://www.usajobs.gov/job/651311200>

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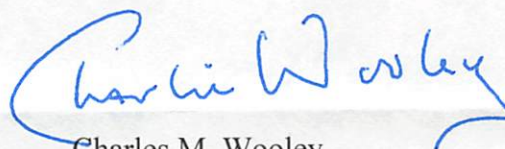
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As you identify opportunities for enhanced partnership, collaboration, or consultation with the Service please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Or if you have a conservation project that

could benefit from technical, financial, training, or other resources please contact our field-based Zone Native American Liaison in your area. Our Zone Native American Liaisons include Christie Deloria (Michigan; Christie_deloria@fws.gov), Walt Ford (Minnesota/Iowa; walt_ford@fws.gov) and Ted Koehler (Wisconsin; ted_koehler@fws.gov).

I appreciate the ongoing conservation efforts of your tribe, and look forward to strengthening our work together in the years ahead. As always, you can contact me directly if there is anything you need to discuss at charles_wooley@fws.gov or 612-713-5304.

Sincerely,



Charles M. Wooley
Regional Director, R3