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Matt Lazorik, Chairman Town of Bell Town Hall P.O. Box 280 Cornucopia, WI 54827

RE: Great Lakes Coastal Estuarine Land Conservation Acquisition Grant

Dear Mr. Lazorik:

I am pleased to announce that the Great Lakes Coastal Estuarine Land Conservation Acquisition grant application, Siskiwit River Estuary Protection Project submitted to the National Oceanic an*d* Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has received initial funding approval. Final funding is dependent on Fiscal Year 2017 Congressional appropriations for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

We are proud to assist in local initiatives such as yours, as they support the quality of life in our coastal communities and protection and enhancement of Wisconsin's coastal resources. We will keep you updated about the NOAA grant review as soon as we receive more information. Should you have questions, please contact me at (608) 267-7982.

Sincerely,

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Mike Friis, Manager Wisconsin Coastal Management Program