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Imagine a place where birds come from all over the world to feed on the abundant water resources. You can see millions of birds come from vibrant regions across the country, including the Arctic Refuge. The role of the Waterkeeper will be to act as a leader in the effort to prevent pollution and protect the environment from the effects of oil and gas development. The Friends of Grays Harbor (FOGH) and the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation are working together to protect these important coastal areas.

A new Waterkeeper to care for the twin Harbors

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Part of the work of the present is to prepare for a viable future—and so the Friends of the Grays Harbor Waterkeeper and the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation are working together to protect the twin Harbors. We are passing on a task that has long occupied them—the fight to protect the waters around Grays Harbor. In 1974, FOGB was the recipient of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) legal settlement under the Clean Water Act. SEP’s are fines that are publicized to the public to add in addition to the problem. The dollars must go to an environmental organization within the watershed. The Grays Harbor Waterkeeper is part of the International Waterkeeper Alliance (www.waterkeeper.org). The role of the Grays Harbor Waterkeeper will be to act as a leader in the effort to prevent pollution, restore habitats that have been damaged, and to protect what remains of the twin Harbors.

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Public review, the US Department of the Interior completed a revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Arctic Refuge as called for by ANILCA. They forwarded it to President Barack Obama who recommended that 12.8 million acres of the Arctic Refuge be designated by Congress as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge under the ANILCA.

Two years later, Congress had taken action that would not recom- mendation. Instead they inserted Section 20001 of PL 115-97, 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Re- moving Interior’s recommendation that Congress should continue to prevent pollution and protect the environment from the effects of oil and gas development.

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