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The ANILCA 501 (b)-3 area on the Preferred Alternative map should also be designated wilderness. One of the compromises of ANILCA was to leave this area in the National Forest, but to provide additional protection for fish and wildlife values. Rather than implement maximum protection, the 501 (b)-3 designation provides less protection to fish and wildlife. Please expand the recommended wilderness on the Copper River delta to include this area. I know some fisherman are concerned that such a designation will effect their commercial fishing, but the wilderness recommendation encompasses only land and thus would have no effect on continued commercial fishing except to protect fish habitat from further development.