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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES
MINISTÈRE DES PÊCHERIES
VANCOUVER

December 20, 1968

Colonel R. P. Rugani,
Petroleum Distribution Office,
United States Army,
Alaska Support Command,
Fort Richardson, Alaska, U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 30, 1968 advising our Department of your proposed brush and weed control project along the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline right-of-way.

Members of our technical staff have examined the specifications for the project and it has been noted that you intend to employ a 500 foot unsprayed buffer swathe on each side of rivers and streams. In this regard we would like to inform you that it has been our experience that with the relatively low fish toxicity of brushkillers, safety zones greater than 100 feet are not required.

As requested, a set of strip maps with marked buffer zones is returned to you, and you may consider that the Department does not object to the aerial application of Tordon 101 at the specified rates with the provisos that:

- (1) The washing of spray equipment and mixing of spray materials are done in an area well removed from lakes and streams or ditches leading to fish-bearing waters.
- (2) Excess spray materials for disposal should be buried in plastic containers.

Your co-operation in this matter has been greatly appreciated

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
S. W. R. Hourston
DIRECTOR, PACIFIC REGION

Encl.

c.c. Mr. J.A. Summers,
District Conservation Officer.