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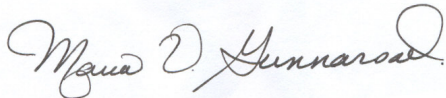
It was a pleasure meeting you again both in Cambridge for the launch of the CBMP, and at ICARP II, and discussing the progress your IPY project has made through this year.

To reiterate what we have discussed verbally, CAFF formally endorses your IPY project *Health of Arctic Bird Populations*. CBird, CAFF's Expert Group on seabirds, is in support of your IPY project.

Though CAFF cannot commit funds to this project at this time, we will offer whatever other support is applicable and possible. We are very interested in following the progress, and will help facilitate contacts and coordination with other ongoing Arctic initiatives as best as possible. For your project, this is best done by contacting the CBird Chair, David Irons, or me.

Please contact me if anything additional is required.

Sincerely,



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