



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Theresa Svancara  
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Dear Ms. Svancara,

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Assessment prepared by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) for modifications to the Cordova ferry terminal. NMFS previously reviewed the project scoping document and provided comments and concerns to ADOT&PF.

NMFS finds the "Analysis of Effect" section to be an accurate description of EFH impacts for this project. ADOT&PF has incorporated all of the conservation measures previously recommended by NMFS. These measures will help minimize impacts to EFH resulting from this project.

NMFS agrees with ADOT&PF finding that "there will be no substantial adverse individual or cumulative effects on EFH in the project area.." NMFS has no objection to this project. Please contact Larry Peltz (271-1332) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Kurland  
Assistant Regional Administrator  
for Habitat Conservation

cc: Ann Rappoport  
Robin Willis

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