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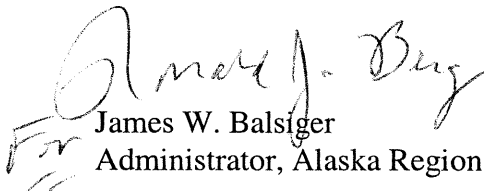
RE: Draft Biological Evaluation Coffman Cove Ferry Terminal

Dear Mr. Luchessa:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the above referenced document for potential impacts to humpback whales and Steller sea lions. NMFS concurs with the conclusion that ferry terminal construction and ferry operations may affect, but are unlikely to adversely affect, these species.

Please direct any questions to Katharine Miller at (907) 586-7643.

Sincerely,


James W. Balsiger
Administrator, Alaska Region

