



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

*National Marine Fisheries Service*

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Alan Steffert  
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City and Borough of Juneau  
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Dear Mr. Steffert:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the City and Borough of Juneau's plans for the Duck Creek Greenway Trail, Phase I and long term connections in eastern Mendenhall Valley, Juneau, Alaska. NMFS supports the plan to develop this trail to allow public enjoyment and educational use of the restored wetlands at the Nancy Street and Nazarene sites and at other sites in the future as they are developed and linked to the Duck Creek and Under Thunder trail systems. The trail network would help to increase public awareness of the functions and values of natural and restored wetlands that support anadromous salmon.

NMFS encourages CBJ to apply for an Alaskan Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Grant for Phase One of this project and offers any needed assistance in developing interpretive materials. Please contact Susan Walker ([susan.walker@noaa.gov](mailto:susan.walker@noaa.gov); 586-7646) for any further assistance regarding this worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Mecum  
Acting Administrator, Alaska Region

