



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
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RE: Proposed Ketchikan Third Avenue Drainage Improvements #68905 – Scoping Request

Attn: Amy McLeod

Dear Mr. Schrader,

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the scoping letter for the referenced project. Although the project is in the vicinity of several salmon supporting streams including Ketchikan Creek, which is listed in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Anadromous Waters Catalog as, 101-47-10250, and upper tributaries, 2007, 3009, 3013, and 3015, which support runs of all Pacific salmon, this project should have minimal impact, if any, on these streams. As the drainage of runoff water from Third Street will be directed to an existing discharge site located above the high tide elevation into Tongass Narrows this should have no additional effect on marine waters. NMFS concludes that the project is unlikely to adversely affect any Essential Fish Habitat, provided the use of standard best management practices to protect water quality of the project area are implemented as prescribed by your Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Please contact Tim Wilkins at (907) 586-7643, or [Timothy.Wilkins@noaa.gov](mailto:Timothy.Wilkins@noaa.gov), if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

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for Habitat Conservation

