



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

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Susan Walker  
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Re: Kwigillingok Airport Improvements  
Supplemental EA - request for Comments

Dear Ms. Walker:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed your request for comments on behalf of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding the Supplemental Environmental Assessment Request for the Kwigillingok Airport Improvements. NMFS agrees that the described action will have minimal impact to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and will not result in any substantive adverse effects. No further EFH Assessment is required. NMFS does not offer any EFH conservation recommendations. Further EFH consultation is not necessary, and we have no objection to the project. However, NMFS requests an opportunity to review any significant changes proposed during the final design stages of the project.

John Olson is the NMFS contact for this project, and can be reached by telephone at (907) 271-1508.

Sincerely,

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