



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

*National Marine Fisheries Service
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March 1, 2004

Jeremiah Ingersoll
District Ranger
Ketchikan-Misty Fjords Ranger District
Tongass National Forest
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Re: Permit Re-Issuance for Existing
Transmission Line Near Hyder

Dear Mr. Ingersoll:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed your 17 February 2004 letter regarding the reissuance of a permit for operating and maintaining a transmission line adjacent to the Salmon River Highway near Hyder. The reason for the reissuance is solely to change the name of the permit holder as the result of changes in company ownership. We understand that the reissued permit will have the same expiration date as the original: 31 December 2018.

NMFS concurs that the reissuance of this permit will not adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat. No additional consultation on this permit is required.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Katharine Miller at (907) 586-7643.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan M. Kurland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jonathan M. Kurland
Assistant Regional Administrator
for Habitat Conservation

