



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Marine Fisheries Service

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Amy McLeod
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Dear Ms. McLeod:

RE: Klawock to Hollis Pavement Rehabilitation Project No. 68688

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the Essential Fish Habitat Assessment (EFH) for the referenced project. NMFS agrees that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities proposed conservation measures are adequate to minimize impacts to EFH. Replacement, repair and installation of the thirty-two culverts affecting eleven anadromous streams will further improve EFH in the project area, given the conservation recommendations proposed are followed. Please contact Linda Shaw at 586-7510 if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan M. Kurland" with a large flourish at the end.

Jonathan M. Kurland
Assistant Regional Administrator
for Habitat Conservation

