



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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National Marine Fisheries Service

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Mr. Rubin Yost
Project Manager
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
6860 Glacier Highway
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Re: Juneau Access Improvements
Project No. 71100

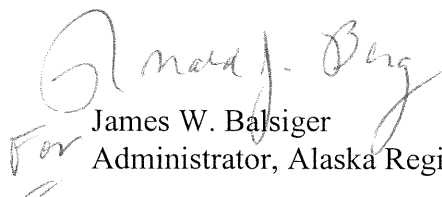
Dear Mr. Yost:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) accepts the invitation to continue as a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of the supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Juneau Access Project.

NMFS anticipates reviewing draft technical reports including an Essential Fish Habitat Assessment, Threatened/Endangered Species Biological Assessments, wetland impact assessments, and other technical reports for which we have jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise. NMFS will commit staff resources for timely review of these documents and will make every effort to provide comments to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT) within the specified review periods.

NMFS looks forward to cooperating with ADOT on preparation of the supplemental DEIS. Susan Walker is the NMFS contact person for this project. She may be reached at 907-586-7510.

Sincerely,


James W. Balsiger
For Administrator, Alaska Region

cc: Tim Haugh - FHWA, Juneau

