

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Marine Fisheries Service P.O. Box 21668 Juneau. Alaska 99802-1668

August 23, 2004

Mr. Guy McConnell U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District EN-CW-ER P.O. Box 898 Anchorage, Alaska 99506-0898

Re: Unalaska Small Boat Harbor Draft Environmental Impact Statement - CORRECTION

Dear Mr. McConnell:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) submitted a comment letter dated August 12, 2004 for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed small boat harbor project located in Unalaska, Alaska. NMFS comment erroneously implied that fish cleaning stations are included as mitigation for the harbor project. The DEIS clearly states that fish cleaning stations will not be located within the harbor in order to remove any incidental attraction of endangered Steller sea lions to cleaned fish waste. NMFS agrees with the plan not to provide fish cleaning stations.

Should you have any questions regarding our comment please contact Matthew P. Eagleton in my Anchorage office at (907) 271-5006.

Sincerely,

James W. Balsiger

Administrator, Alaska Region

cc: ADEC, ADFG, ADGC, USFWS, EPA - Anchorage

