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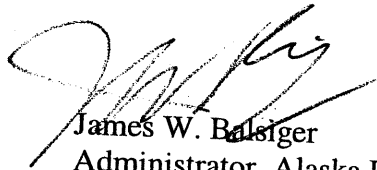
RE: Cooperating Agency Agreement

Dear Mr. Miller:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) considered the request in your November 9, 2004, letter, to participate as a Cooperating Agency in the Sitka Access environmental impact statement (EIS). NMFS acknowledges the benefits to both agencies to participate in this capacity.

NMFS's primary point of contact for this project is Cindy Hartmann of our Habitat Conservation Division. Cindy will coordinate internally with the Protected Resources Division and other NMFS staff as necessary in the EIS process. If you have any questions regarding our comments please contact Cindy Hartmann at (907)586-7585 or at [cindy.hartmann@noaa.gov](mailto:cindy.hartmann@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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