

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Ben White Project Environmental Coordinator Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities 6860 Glacier Highway, P.O. Box 112506 Juneau, Alaska 99811-2506

RE: SEA 11/05 Permanent Storm Repairs State Project #69236 - Scoping Request

Dear Mr. White:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the scooping letter for the referenced project. The project is not near any anadromous fish streams or in marine waters. NMFS concludes that the project is unlikely to adversely affect any Essential Fish Habitat, provided the use of standard best management practices to protect water quality of the project area are implemented as prescribed by your Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Please contact Linda Shaw at 586-7510 if you have any questions regarding these comments.

Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Kurland

Assistant Regional Administrator

for Habitat Conservation

