



**Juneau Access Improvements Project
Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement**

**Update to Appendix X
Draft Section 404/10 Permit Application
Draft Section 404(b)(1) Analysis**

Prepared for:

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Mr. Randy Vigil
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RE: Request to withdraw Department of the Army Individual Section 404/10 Permit Application for the Juneau Access Improvements Project, POA-2006-597-2

Dear Mr. Vigil,

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is requesting to withdraw the Department of the Army Individual Section 404/10 Permit Application for the Juneau Access Improvements Project, POA-2006-597-2 submitted September 17, 2014. This is due to Governor Walker's recent change of preferred alternative, selecting Alternative 1, No-Action as the new State of Alaska's preferred alternative.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Gary Hogins, Project Manager at (907) 465-8143 or at gary.hogins@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

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Taylor C. Horne
Statewide Environmental Program Manager

cc: Tim Haugh, Environmental Program Manager, FHWA
Gary Hogins, JAI Project Manager, DOT&PF
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Dear Mr. Balsiger:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) thank you for your comments on the September 2014 Juneau Access Improvements (JAI) Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). We are in the process of reviewing and responding to your comments on the Draft SEIS. This letter has been prepared as a response to the NMFS's EFH conservation recommendation contained in the comments pursuant to Section 305(b)(4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA).

In your letter, dated November 3, 2014, you present the following EFH Conservation Recommendation:

The Yankee Cove artificial reef site was previously completed as mitigation for adverse impacts to living marine resources, including EFH, as a result of the proposed project. NMFS credits the Project for this work. However, NMFS recommends that the Final Supplemental EIS re-evaluate the impacts of the preferred alternative to determine if the level of mitigation already completed is commensurate with and compensates for effects the final alternative may have on living marine resources, including EHF. Additional mitigation may be needed to address final project impacts. NMFS remains willing to discuss mitigation with FHWA.

On December 15, 2016, Governor Walker identified Alternative 1, No-Action as the State of Alaska's new preferred alternative for the JAI Project. As no improvements are proposed under this alternative, no impacts to EFH would occur and therefore no further mitigation is proposed as a part of this project.

Thank you again for your comments on the Draft SEIS and the EFH Conservation Recommendation. We assume this letter fulfills our obligation under Section 305(b)(4) of the MSA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (907) 586-7430 or at Tim.Haugh@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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Tim A. Haugh
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cc: Gary Hogins, Project Manager, DOT&PF



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Dear Mr. Balsiger:

The Federal Highway Administration as the lead federal agency for Section 7 consultation of the Endangered Species Act on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Forest Service, both cooperating agencies for the Juneau Access Improvement (JAI) Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), is withdrawing the Biological Assessment and request for formal consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service submitted January 29, 2014. As a result of Governor Walker's decision to identify Alternative 1, No-Action as the new State of Alaska's preferred alternative, further Section 7 consultation is not necessary.

I appreciate your agency's continued involvement and assistance in preparation of the JAI Final SEIS. Please feel free to contact me at (907) 586-7430 or email at tim.haugh@dot.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

Tim A. Haugh
Environmental Program Manager

cc: Gary Hogins, DOT&PF Project Manager
Randy Vigil, US Army Corps of Engineers
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