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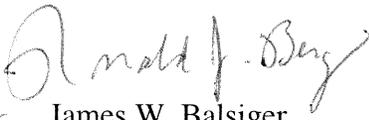
RE: Pelican Ferry Terminal Mooring Improvements
Federal Project Number SHAK-0003(89)
Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Assessment

Dear Ms. Svancara:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' June 17, 2004, *Essential Fish Habitat Assessment for the Pelican Ferry Terminal Mooring Improvements, Pelican, Alaska, State Project 68731 / Federal Project SHAK-0003(89)*. NMFS finds the EFH Assessment to be responsive to the comments made in our June 6, 2004, letter and inclusive of all of our EFH Conservation Recommendations. An expanded consultation is not required. The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, has met the Section 305(b) requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Further consultation is not necessary unless changes are made in the scope of the project or proposed conservation measures.

If you have any questions regarding our comments for this project, please contact Cindy Hartmann (586-7585, cindy.hartmann@noaa.gov).

Sincerely,


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For Administrator, Alaska Region

