



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

National Marine Fisheries Service

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February 23, 2008

Colonel Kevin J. Wilson
District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 6898
Anchorage, Alaska 99506-0898

Re: Robert Loomis Property
Haines

Attn: John C. Leeds, III

Dear Colonel Wilson:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is forwarding information on apparently unpermitted fill activities that have occurred on the property of Robert Loomis (ASLS 88-21 Tract G) in Haines, Alaska. On October 9, 2008, a NMFS biologist visited the site with Jackie Timothy, Regional Supervisor of the Habitat Division, Alaska Department of Fish & Game. During this visit, it was noted that fill had been placed into wetlands adjacent to an unnamed, cataloged stream on the property and into the stream bed below the ordinary high water mark of the stream. Because juvenile coho salmon have been reported in this stream, NMFS is concerned that the fill, if unauthorized, may adversely affect essential fish habitat.

The State of Alaska issued a notice of violation (NOV) to Mr. Loomis for fill and culvert placement activities in the stream. We are bringing this situation to your attention with respect to the wetlands fill. A copy of the NOV is attached. We also have attached a copy of the report by the State biologist that shows pictures of the property and the fill.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Chiska Derr at 907-586-7345 or Chiska.Derr@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Mecum
Acting Administrator, Alaska Region

Enclosures: ADF&G 12/2008
ADF&G Memorandum 10/2008

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