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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

Regulatory Division  
POA-2000-495-M3

26 January 2010

John Stone  
Port Director  
Docks and Harbors Department  
City and Borough of Juneau  
155 South Seward Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Stone:

This is in regard to the application for a Department of the Army (DA) permit; file number POA-2000-495-M3, Gastineau Channel, by the City and Borough of Juneau. Enclosed are copies of correspondence received by this office in response to the Public Notice issued on December 8, 2009.


It is the policy of the DA to provide an applicant the opportunity to furnish a proposed resolution or rebuttal to all objections and other substantive comments before a final decision is made on a proposed project. In this regard, I would appreciate receiving any comments that you may have on this matter.

You may voluntarily elect to contact the agency representatives in an attempt to resolve the matter but are not required to do so, since the DA alone is responsible for making the final decision on the application. However, you should be aware that all recommendations on projects proposed to be authorized by permit must be given full consideration in making our public interest review determination, as required by law.

Some of the concerns expressed in this correspondence appear to be substantive. In order to complete the public interest review these concerns must be addressed. Please give your immediate attention to this matter in order to expedite the evaluation process of your permit application. You are reminded that the Public Notice comment period was extended to Feb 5, 2010, and that further comments, if received by that date will also be forwarded to you for response. It is recommended that you provide us with your comments no later than 30 days from February 5, 2010. Failure to do so could result in the denial of your permit unless there are substantive mitigating factors to preclude such a response.

You may contact me via email at heidi.x.firstencel@usace.army.mil, by mail at the address above, or by phone at (907)790-4490, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

  
Heidi Firstencel  
Supervisor, Juneau Field Office

Enclosures

E-mail dated 4 Jan 2009, with attached letter, NMFS  
Letter dated 6 Jan 2010, USFWS  
Letter dated 24 Dec 2009, AKDEC  
Letter dated 6 Jan 2010, AKDNR  
E-mail dated 7 Jan 2010, R. Berg  
E-mail dated 6 Jan 2010, I. Korhonen  
E-mail dated 21 Jan 2010, C. Coyle  
E-mail dated 18 Jan 2010, A. Munro