

# STATE OF ALASKA

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**DIVISION OF WATER**  
**WASTEWATER DISCHARGE AUTHORIZATION PROGRAM**

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Mr. John Stone  
City and Borough of Juneau  
Docks and Harbors Department  
155 South Seward Street  
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RE: Request for additional information concerning POA-2000-495-M3 Gastineau Channel Douglas Harbor Improvements

Dear Mr. Stone:

On December 8, 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a Public Notice of Application for Permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; reference number POA-2000-495-M3. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has been involved in pre-application and post-application discussions with the City and Borough of Juneau, the Corps, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The applicant has posted the information collected to date on the website [www.juneau.org/harbors/DHRP.php](http://www.juneau.org/harbors/DHRP.php). On September 3, 2010, the Corps sent DEC a request for agency comment on a modification submitted by PND Engineers, Inc. to the Corps on August 12, 2010, on CBJ's behalf for this project.

In order for ADEC to evaluate the proposed activity with respect to Alaska's water quality standards (18 AAC 70) and develop its 401 certificate of reasonable assurance for the Corps permit, we request that CBJ provide the following information. Where the existing information provides an answer to the question please provide the citation of the location of the information.

1. DEC has not received answers to our request for additional information sent to you on June 18, 2010. Before we can issue the 401 certificate for this project DEC requires answers to the request for comments with respect to the project as the project is now proposed in the August 12, 2010, modification.

2. For the proposed dredging and capping of the harbor, we believe the 6 inch cap is insufficient and recommend a greater thickness. Propose a thicker cap.
3. As part of the alternatives analysis please include consideration of the Yacht club disposal site and uplands or nearshore disposal at the Juneau Rock Dump.

If you have any questions about this information request please contact me at the phone number listed above or at [william.ashton@alaska.gov](mailto:william.ashton@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,



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