



February 3, 2021

Ms Leah Davis
Marine Resources Management Specialist, Office of Protected Resources

RE: Halibut Point Marine Services, LLC Old Sitka Dock North Dolphin Expansion

Dear Ms Leah Davis:

I am writing concerning the Incidental Harassment Authorization for the above referenced project. The IHA for this project was issued on April 8, 2020 and was effective from October 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021.

Construction of the project is currently underway and pile driving activity has occurred during the month of January. However, the contractor has stated that they may not be complete with pile driving activity by the February 28th expiration of the IHA. The primary reason for not completing the project within the original timeframe indicated in the IHA application is due to the significant number of storms that Southeast Alaska experienced in the fall and winter of 2020 and 2021. These storms prevented the marine construction crew from working on numerous occasions on both our project and previous projects that the contractor had to complete prior to starting our project. The end result has been a later than anticipated start date and fewer work days since the contractor did start the project.

Halibut Point Marine Services would like to request a renewal of the IHA for one year from March 1st 2021 to February 28, 2022. The scope of the project has not changed from the original issued IHA and all of the described activities are identical to those analyzed under the initial IHA.

Attached is a preliminary report for marine mammal monitoring during the month of January. These monitoring results indicate the total number of takes is below the anticipated daily average calculated in the initial IHA. Based on this fact the monitoring results show that a

renewal to the IHA would not impact the scale or nature of the previously analyzed marine mammal takes.

I appreciate your review of this renew request and let me know what additional documents or information you may need to formally evaluate the request for the IHA renewal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris McGraw".

Chris McGraw
General Manager
Halibut Point Marine Services LLC

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 Old Sitka Dock North Dolphins Expansion Project

Marine Mammal Monitoring Summary Report - January 2021

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active
1/10/21	1230	1400	Light Rain	E	0	Lt	1	SE	SE	Vibe	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4

Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
1	13:45	3000	3800	BL	HPBK	1		ADLT	VN	None	None	N	2

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active
1/11/21	1000	1400	Light Rain	E	0	Lt	1	SE	SE	Vibe	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4

Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
None													

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active
1/13/21	1130	1230	OC	E	0	Lt	1	SE	SE	Vibe	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4

Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
None													

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active
1/21/21	1100	1248	PC	E	0	Lt	0	N	N	Vibe	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4

Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
1	1100	2500	2400	BL	HPBK	1		ADLT	MI	None	None	N	1
2	1150-1248	2000	3700	BL, SA	HPBK	1		ADLT	MI	V	None	Y	2
3	1125	20	3200	SA	STSL	3		ADLT	TR(S)	None	None	N	3
4	1220	2300	3000	SA	STSL	3		ADLT	TR(S)	None	None	N	4

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active
1/25/21	1330	1500	PC	E	10	Lt	0	S	S	Vibe	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4

Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
1	1330-1500	1000	3000	BL,SA	HPBK	2		ADLT	M1, FE	V	None	Y	1
2	1345	800	750	SA	STSL	4		ADLT	MI	None	None	N	1
3	1420-1500	2000	3200	SA	HPBK	2		ADLT	MI, FE	V	None	Y	1
4	1220	2300	3000	SA	STSL	3		ADLT	TR(S)	None	None	N	

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active
1/26/21	900	1300	S	E	10	Lt	1	N	N	DR	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4

Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
1	0900-1300	1000	2500	BL,SA	HPBK	4		ADLT	M1, FE	DR	None	Y	4
2	1030	900	2500	SA	STSL	3		ADLT	TR (N)	DR	None	Y	4
3	924	400	800	SA	STSL	1		ADLT	TR (N)	None	None	N	1

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active
1/27/21	1130	1530	OC	E	0	Lt	0	S	S	DR	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4

Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
1	1200-1420	2000	3000	BL,SA	HPBK	1		ADLT	MI, FE, DV	DR	None	Y	4
2	1230	2900	2900	SA	STSL	3		ADLT	TR (N)	DR	None	Y	3
3	1425	300	500	SA	STSL	1		ADLT	TR (S)	None	None	N	1

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active	
1/29/20	830	1130	OC	E	0	Lt	1	SE	SE	DR	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4	
1/29/20	1230	1400	OC	E	0	Lt	1	SE	SE	DR	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4	
Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
1	955-1100	900	3000	SA	HPBK	2		ADLT	MI, FE	DR	None	Y	2
2	1235	30	300	SA	STSL	1		ADLT	TR (E)	None	None	N	1

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active	
1/29/20	1300	1700	PC	E	10	Lt	0	S	S	DR	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4	
Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
1	1410	300	1000	SA	HS	1		ADLT	LO, MI	DR	None	Y	4

Date	Time Start	Time End	Weather	Visibility	Glare	Wave Height	BSS	Wind	Swell	Piling Activity	Number of Piles	Monitoring Locations Active	
1/31/20	1000	1115	S	E	10	Lt	0	S	S	Vibe	1 - Steel	1,2,3,4	
Sighting	Time	Meters from Observer	Meters from Const	Sighting Cue	Species	Group Size	Sex	Age	Behavior Code	Construction Activity	Mitigation Type	Exposure	Observer Location
1	1015	900	2100	SA	HPBK	1		ADLT	DV	None	None	N	2

January 2021 Summary

Date	Species	Level B Takes	Level A Takes	% of Level B Area Monitored	Estimated Takes for Total Level B Area
1/21/21	HPBK	1	0	63%	1.6
1/25/21	HPBK	4	0	63%	6.3
1/26/21	HPBK	4	0	69%	5.8
1/26/21	STSL	3	0	69%	4.3
1/28/21	HPBK	1	0	69%	1.4
1/28/21	STSL	3	0	69%	4.3
1/29/21	HPBK	1	0	69%	1.4
1/30/21	HS	1	0	69%	1.4

January 2021 Level Total Takes

Species	Level A	Level B	Average Per Day
HPBK		16.6	1.7
STSL		8.7	0.9
HS		1.4	0.1