



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

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Col. Michael Brooks
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Re: Sitka Channel Sea Plane Float Dock Maintenance Letter of Concurrence, POA-2016-362,
NMFS AKR-2016-9582

Dear Colonel Brooks:


This letter responds to your July 22, 2016, request for concurrence from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the proposed action. Your request qualified for our expedited review and concurrence because it met our screening criteria and contained all required information on your proposed action and its potential effects to listed species and designated critical habitat.

We reviewed your consultation request document and related materials. Based on our knowledge, expertise, and the materials you provided, we concur with your conclusions that the proposed action is not likely to adversely affect the NMFS ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat. A complete administrative record of this consultation is on file at the Juneau NMFS office.

Reinitiation of consultation is required where discretionary federal involvement or control over the action has been retained or is authorized by law and if (1) take of listed species occurs, (2) new information reveals effects of the action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered, (3) the action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to the listed species or critical habitat that was not considered in this concurrence letter, or (4) a new species is listed or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the identified action (50 CFR 402.16).

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to Alicia Bishop at Alicia.Bishop@noaa.gov or (907) 586-7224.

Sincerely,


for

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Administrator, Alaska Region

