



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, ALASKA
JUNEAU REGULATORY FIELD OFFICE
8800 GLACIER HIGHWAY, SUITE 106
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801-8079**

February 12, 2010

Regulatory Division
POA-2000-495-M3

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 extended Public Notice issued on January 12, 2010.

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 issue.

You may voluntarily elect to contact the agency representatives in an attempt to resolve the issues 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. It is recommended that you provide us with your comments no later than March 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.

Please 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi Firstencel".

Heidi Firstencel
Supervisor, Juneau Field Office

Enclosures

FWS Letter dated Feb. 2, 2010
NMFS Letter dated Feb. 4, 2010
AKDEC Letter dated Feb. 4, 2010
Douglas Indian Association Letter dated Jan. 27, 2010