



US Army Corps  
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Alaska District

Regulatory Division (1145)  
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# Public Notice of Application for Permit

<b>PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:</b>	<b>December 12, 2008</b>
<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b>	<b>January 12, 2009</b>
<b>REFERENCE NUMBER:</b>	<b>POA-2008-1553</b>
<b>WATERWAY:</b>	<b>LETNIKOF COVE</b>

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Mr. John C. Leeds, III, at (907) 790-4490, or by email at [john.c.leeds@usace.army.mil](mailto:john.c.leeds@usace.army.mil) if further information is desired concerning this notice.

**APPLICANT:** Haines Borough, Post Office Box 1209, Haines, Alaska 99827-1209.

**AGENT:** Mr. Dick Somerville, PND Engineering, Incorporated, Suite 100, 9360 Glacier Highway, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

**LOCATION:** The project site is located within Section 24, T. 31 S., R. 59 E., Copper River Meridian; USGS Quad Map Skagway A-2 NE, 25k; Latitude 59.1762° N., Longitude -135.389027° W. (NAD83); NOAA Chart 17317; in Haines, Alaska.

**PURPOSE:** The applicant's stated purpose is "To construct a seasonal timber boarding float to improve access and public safety."

**PROPOSED WORK:** Applicant proposes to place structures and to discharge fill material into waters of the United States, in conjunction with the construction and placement of a seasonal vessel boarding float.

Work would consist of driving, by vibratory hammer where practicable, five each 12-inch diameter steel piles, each measuring up to approximately 60-foot long, into the substrate. If required, socket holes would be drilled. All piles would remain in place year-round.

Approximately 18 concrete planks, each measuring approximately 2 foot by 1 foot by 10.5 feet long for a total volume of 15 cubic yards, would be placed below the high tide line to form a base for a proposed float. Approximately 1,850 square feet of pressure treated timber would be used to construct the boarding float, which would measure approximately 8 foot wide by 231 feet long, and would be placed in the water on a seasonal basis.

The proposed float would attach to the shoreline via a concrete abutment, of approximately 20 cubic yards, which would be partially below the high tide line.

All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (Sheets 1, 2 and 4, dated 11/25/2008, and Sheet 3, dated 12/19/08).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For additional information, contact the authorized agent at the address above, or call Mr. Dick Somerville at (907) 586-2093.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

**COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION:** Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management, Department of Natural Resources has concurred with the applicant's certification.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:** The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There is an unevaluated property in the vicinity of the worksite. It has been designated "Haines Packing Company Cannery (a.k.a., Vogel Cannery), FID 2452. Because the property has been determined to be outside of the project area, no further action is required. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time. This application is being coordinated with SHPO. Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES:** No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area. Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or modify their designated critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

Preliminarily, the described activity may affect EFH in the project area. This Public Notice initiates EFH consultation with the NMFS. Any comments or recommendations they may have concerning EFH will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

**TRIBAL CONSULTATION:** The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

**EVALUATION:** The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

**AUTHORITY:** This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

(X) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States – Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings, Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander  
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures



**LOCATION MAP**



**PROJECT LOCATION**

**HAINES**



**SOUTHEAST ALASKA**



FROM NOAA 17317 - LYNN CANAL, POINT SHERMAN TO SKAGWAY

**VICINITY MAP**

SCALE IN MILES



**PURPOSE:**

TO CONSTRUCT A SEASONAL BOARDING FLOAT AT AN EXISTING BOAT LAUNCH RAMP TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

**DATUM:**

MLLW = 0.0 FT

HTL = 21.2'  
MHW = 15.8'  
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**VICINITY**

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PND#: 082063.01

**LETNIKOF COVE BOARDING FLOAT**

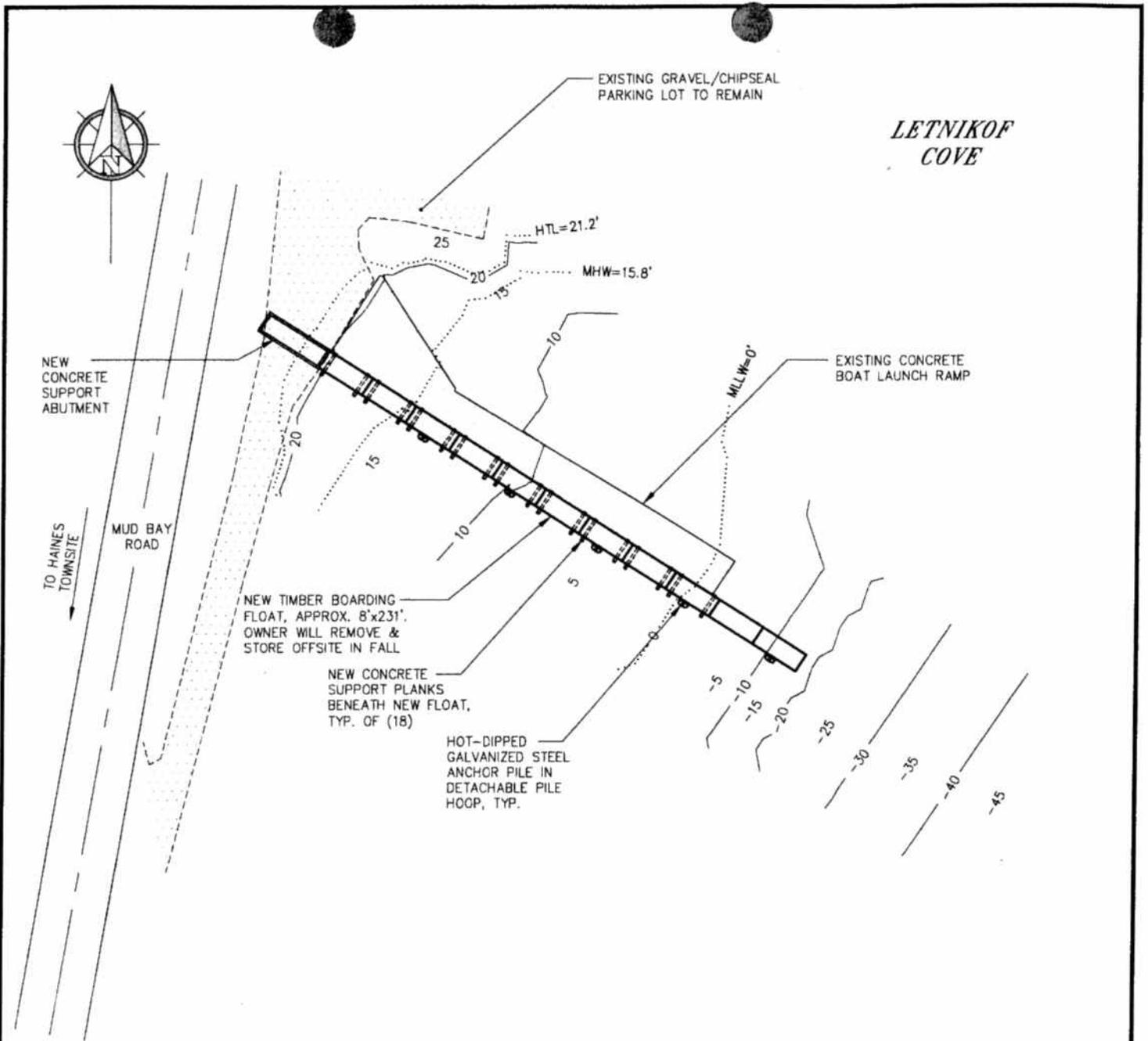
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AT: LETNIKOF COVE HARBOR

APPLICATION BY: HAINES BOROUGH

DATE: 11/25/08

SHEET 1 OF 4

# LETNIKOF COVE



SUMMARY OF APPROXIMATE QUANTITIES	
NEW TIMBER BOARDING FLOATS	1,850 SF
GALVANIZED STEEL PIPE PILES	5 EA
CONCRETE ABUTMENT	20 CY
CONCRETE PLANKS (18) 2' x 1' x 10'-8"	15 CY

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## SITE PLAN OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

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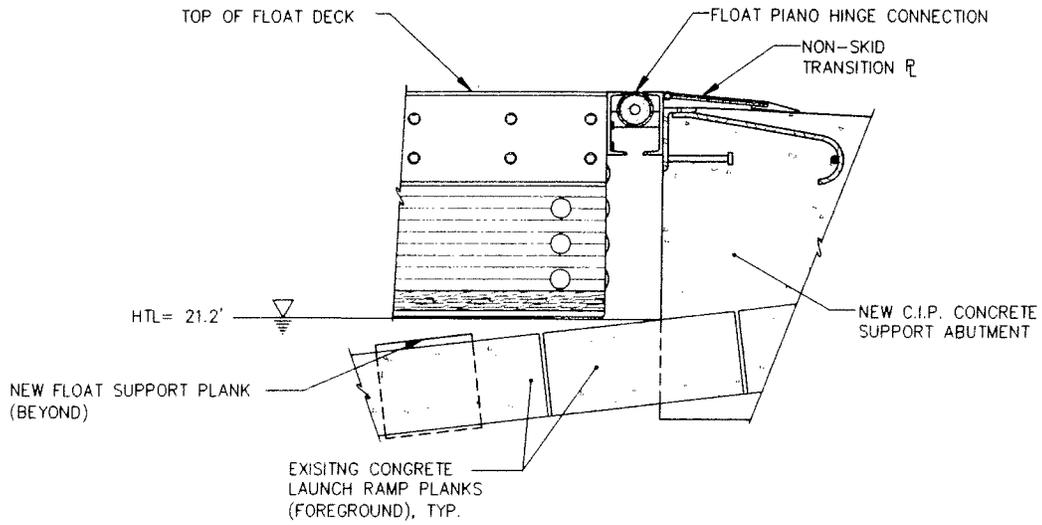
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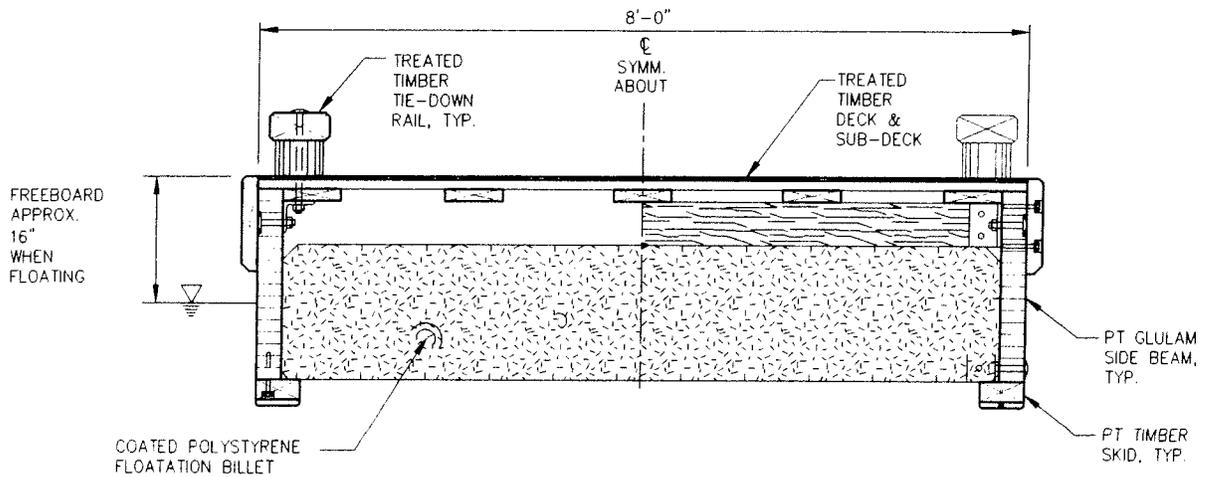
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**ABUTMENT/ FLOAT CONNECTION ELEVATION**



**BOARDING FLOAT TYPICAL SECTION**

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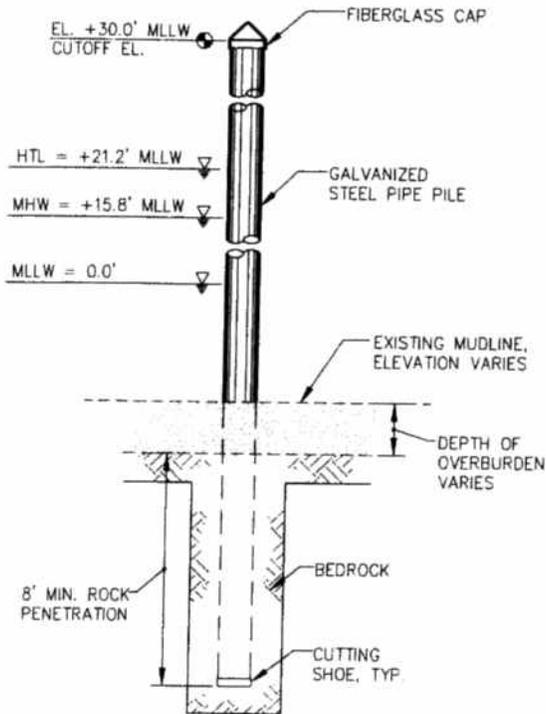
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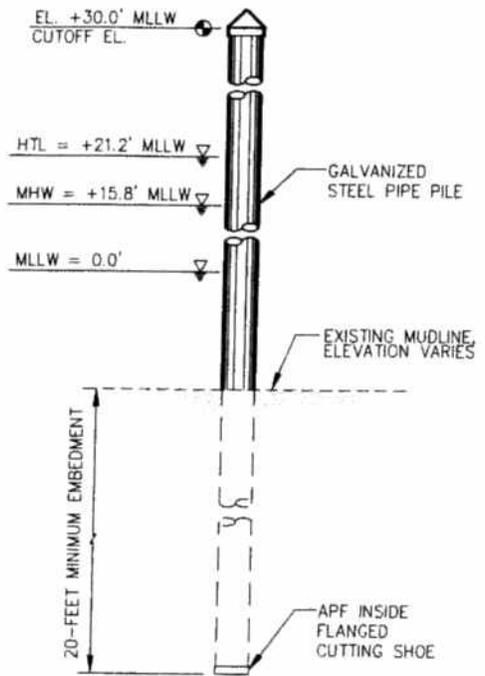
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SOCKET



NON-SOCKET

**STEEL PILE DETAIL**

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SARAH PALIN, GOVERNOR

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF COASTAL AND OCEAN MANAGEMENT

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR  
CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE  
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. POA-2008-1553, Letnikof Cove, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management (DCOM). For information about this consistency review, contact DCOM at the address or phone number above, or visit the ACMP web site at <http://www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us//Projects/projects.html>.

# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
DIVISION OF WATER  
401 Certification Program  
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR  
STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. POA-2008-1553, Letnikof Cove, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.