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Public Notice of Application for Permit

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: November 13, 2023 EXPIRATION DATE: November 29, 2023 REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-2023-00357 WATERWAY: Lutak Inlet

Public Notice Reissued

This notice was originally sent by the Alaska District Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division directly to all agencies and other interested parties who have requested to be included on our Public Notice distribution list. However, it has recently come to our attention that, through an administrative error, some public notices have been omitted from our public website beginning in August 2023. This public notice revision was unfortunately affected by the error, and therefore is now being posted to our public website to allow for a 15-day public comment period. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your interest in the Corps of Engineers Regulatory Division public notices and encourage your comments on proposed projects. 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 in the previous notice. 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 in the previous notice.

PUBLIC NOTICE REVISION

On August 4, 2023, the Alaska District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) published a public notice for Department of the Army (DA) permit number POA-2023-00357, Lutak Inlet for a DA permit application from the Haines Borough, for the replacement of an existing dock. The project site is located within Section 10, T. 30 S., R. 59 E., Copper River Meridian; USGS Quad Map Skagway B-2; Latitude 59.2827° N, Longitude 135.4660° W; within Lutak Inlet at the Lutak Dock, in Haines, Alaska.

The Public Notice and plans showed the incorrect lead Federal Agency for the consultation processes.

This information is incorrect and should instead read:

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The lead Federal agency, the Department of Transportation (DOT) Maritime Administration (MARAD) is responsible for compliance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. USACE has reviewed the Department of Transportation (DOT) Maritime Administration (MARAD)'s documentation and concurs with their findings and/or determinations.

<u>ENDANGERED SPECIES</u>: The project area is within the known or historic range of the threatened Mexico Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), the endangered Western DPS of Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and the proposed threatened sunflower sea star (*Pycnopodia helianthoides*).

MARAD is responsible for compliance with the requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. USACE will review MARAD's documentation and either concur with their documentation or continue to work with them until any issues are resolved. A permit for the described work will not be issued until the Section 7 process has been completed and USACE concurs with the MARAD's work or documentation.

<u>ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT</u>: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens 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).

Species	Life stage(s) Found at Location
Alaska Plaice (<i>Pleuronectes quadrituberculatus</i>)	egg (summer) and larvae (summer)
Arrowtooth Flounder (Atheresthes stomias)	larvae (summer)
Chinook Salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha)	mature and immature adult (marine)
Chum Salmon (<i>O. keta</i>)	mature and immature adult; juvenile (marine)
Coho Salmon (O. kisutch)	mature adult and juvenile (marine)
Dover Sole (Solea solea)	egg (summer) and larvae (summer)
Flathead Sole (Hippoglossoides elassodon)	egg (summer) and larvae (summer)
Northern Rock Sole (Lepidopsetta polyxystra)	larvae (summer)
Pacific Cod (Gadus macrocephalus)	larvae (summer)
Pacific Ocean Perch (Sebastes alutus)	larvae (summer)
Pink Salmon (O. gorbuscha)	mature adult and juvenile (marine)
Rex Sole (Glyptocephalus zachirus)	egg (summer) and larvae (summer)
Sablefish (Anoplopoma fimbria)	larvae (summer)
Sockeye Salmon (O. nerka)	mature and immature adult; juvenile (marine)
Southern Rock Sole (L. bilineata)	larvae (summer)
Walleye Pollock (Gadus chalcogrammus)	egg (summer) and larvae (summer)
Yellowfin Sole (<i>Limanda aspera</i>)	egg (summer)

The project area is within mapped EFH for:

MARAD is responsible for compliance with the requirements of The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). MARAD submitted an EFH Assessment to NMFS on June 14, 2023. USACE will review MARAD's documentation and either concur with their documentation or continue to work with them until any issues are resolved. A permit for the described work will not be issued until the EFH process has been completed and USACE concurs with MARAD's work or documentation.

All other information contained in the previous notice remains the same. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who is or may be interested. Please contact Randal Vigil at (907) 201-5022, or by email at Randal.P.Vigil@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

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