



Alaska District  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

## Environmental Resources Section

# Public Notice

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### **Maintenance Dredging Anchorage Harbor Anchorage, Alaska**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (USACE) proposes to continue annual maintenance dredging operations of the Anchorage Harbor basin to minus 35 feet mean lower low water and dispose of the dredged material in the Port of Alaska open water disposal area located approximately 3,000 feet abeam the main terminals. Dredging would be conducted April through November. Maintenance dredging quantities are highly variable in the harbor ranging from approximately between 450,000 and 2,500,000 cubic yards per year since 1992 due to multiple natural occurrences. The mean dredging quantity from 2011-2021 is 967,154 cubic yards. The dredging operations occur within the Cook Inlet beluga whale Critical Habitat Exclusion Area.

Information on the proposed action and anticipated environmental effects are discussed in the attached environmental assessment (EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which are available for public review and comment at the following the USACE website: <https://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Library/Reports-and-Studies/>. The EA can be found in “Operations and Maintenance” under “Documents Available for Review”. The comment period will be closed 30 days from the date of this notice. All comments received on or before this date will become part of the official record. The FONSI will be signed upon review of comments received and resolution of significant concerns.

Please send electronic comments on the EA to [Matthew.W.Ferguson@usace.army.mil](mailto:Matthew.W.Ferguson@usace.army.mil). Written comments may also be sent to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District  
ATTN: CEPOA-PM-C-ER (Ferguson)  
P.O. Box 6898  
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska 99506-0898

On 30 January 2019, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation issued the USACE a Certificate of Reasonable Assurance under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable state laws. The certification expires 5 years after the date of issuance.

No public meeting is scheduled for this action. If you believe a meeting should be held, please send a written request to the above address during the 30-day review period explaining why you believe a meeting is necessary.

Please contact Mr. Matthew Ferguson of the Environmental Resources Section via his email address ([Matthew.W.Ferguson@usace.army.mil](mailto:Matthew.W.Ferguson@usace.army.mil)), his phone (907-753-2711), or write to him through the Corps' address if you would like additional information concerning the proposed project

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