

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

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Regulatory Division POA-1983-00359

Mr. Lowell Sage Jr., President Native Village of Kivalina IRA Council P.O. Box 50051 Kivalina. AK 99750

Dear Honorable Sage,

In recognition of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) government-to-government (G2G) relationship with the Native Village of Kivalina IRA Council (Kivalina IRA) and our trust responsibility, I respectfully acknowledge your request for government-to-government consultation on POA-1983-00359-M42, Chukchi Sea, a permit application to conduct maintenance dredging and beach nourishment at the Red Dog Port.

The USACE is committed to open dialog and to honoring our G2G relationship with the Kivalina IRA. Per your staff's communication that a virtual meeting is preferred, I am available to meet with the Kivalina IRA by teleconference or videoconference on the following dates in September: September 8, 9; or 17. Please advise if any of those dates may work for your Tribal Council to meet. My staff will contact your designated point of contact to begin coordinating and planning the consultation. In addition, prior to our government-to-government consultation, my staff will be available to continue discussion with your staff as we continue the permit application review process.

The applicant for the project, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, is working on responses to your questions, and my staff will have them for you prior to the G2G consultation.

If you have any questions or concerns, or required further information, please feel free to contact the Project Manager Ms. Leslie Tose at (907) 753-5515 or via email at: <a href="mailto:leslie.w.tose@usace.army.mil">leslie.w.tose@usace.army.mil</a>. You may also contact my Tribal Liaison, Kendall Campbell, at (907) 753-5582 or via email at: <a href="mailto:Kendall.D.Campbell@usace.army.mil">Kendall.D.Campbell@usace.army.mil</a>.

Sincerely,

Damon Delarosa Colonel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Commander

Enclosures