



Alaska District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Environmental Resources Section

Public Notice

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (Corps) is applying for a State Water Quality Certificate for the following project:

Construct Navigation Improvements in the Petersburg South Harbor and Dispose of Dredged Material in Frederick Sound

The Alaska District proposes to deepen the South Harbor in Petersburg, Alaska in order to enable safe navigation. The existing condition poses a navigational hazard for the deeper drafting vessels that call on the South Harbor. The dredging project is divided into four dredging units according to depth; ranging from minus 9 feet mean lower low water (MLLW) to minus 19.25 feet MLLW. Project depth would be achieved through the use of an excavator mounted on a barge in order to dislodge the consolidated clay underlying the granular sediment. The total volume of material that will be excavated from the South Harbor is approximately 83,000 CY. The sediment would be placed in the Frederick Sound Disposal Area in accordance with the site selection study and application of Ocean Dumping Criteria under Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act (MPRSA).

The Corps provided public notice of the Feasibility Report and integrated Environmental Assessment (EA) on October 4th, 2018. The document may be viewed on the Alaska District's website at: www.poa.usace.army.mil. Click on the Reports and Studies button, look under Documents available for Public Review, then click on the Civil Works link.

For more information on the proposed Navigation Improvement Project, please email matthew.w.ferguson@usace.army.mil or send your request to the address below:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District
ATTN: CEPOA-PM-C-ER (Ferguson)
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Notice is hereby given that Corps will be applying for State Water Quality Certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). ADEC may certify there is a reasonable assurance this project and any discharge that might result will comply with the Clean Water Act, Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. ADEC may also 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 or via email to dec-401cert@alaska.gov by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice; 15 days from the date stamped on this Public Notice. All comments should include the PN reference number listed above. Mailed comments must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

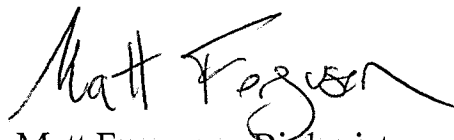
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Please contact me at (907) 753-2711 or at the above email and postal addresses if you have any questions or need additional information about the proposed project.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Matt Ferguson, Biologist

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