APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): 23-Jul-2012

B. DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER: Alaska District, POA-2012-00586-JD2

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State : AK - Alaska
County/parish/borough: Sitka
City: Sitka
Lat: 57.1088
Long: -135.3854
Universal Transverse Mercator Folder UTM List
UTM list determined by folder location
- NAD83 / UTM zone 8N

Waters UTM List
UTM list determined by waters location
- NAD83 / UTM zone 8N

Name of nearest waterbody: Granite Creek
Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW): Sitka Sound
Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 19010203

☑ Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.
☐ Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc¿) are associated with the action and are recorded on a different JD form.

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION:

☐ Office Determination Date:
☑ Field Determination Date(s): ☐ 24-Apr-2012

SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION

There "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area.

☐ Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.
☐ Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce.

Explain:

B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area.

1. Waters of the U.S.
a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area:[1]

Water Name	Water Type(s) Present
2012-0586 Seasonal	Relatively Permanent Waters (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Area: 125452.549 (m²)
Linear: (m)

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction:

based on: 1987 Delineation Manual.
OHWM Elevation: (if known)

2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands:[3]

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain:

SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS

A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

1.TNW
Not Applicable.

2. Wetland Adjacent to TNW
Not Applicable.

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):

1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) General Area Conditions:
Watershed size:
Drainage area:
Average annual rainfall: inches
Average annual snowfall: inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics
(a) Relationship with TNW:

Tributary flows directly into TNW.

Tributary flows through [ ] tributaries before entering TNW.

:Number of tributaries

Project waters are river miles from TNW.
Project waters are river miles from RPW.
Project Waters are aerial (straight) miles from TNW.
Project waters are aerial(straight) miles from RPW.

Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries.

Explain:

Identify flow route to TNW:[5]

Tributary Stream Order, if known:

Order	Tributary Name
2	2012-0586 Seasonal

(b) General Tributary Characteristics:
Tributary is:

Tributary Name	Natural	Artificial	Explain	Manipulated	Explain
2012-0586 Seasonal	X	-	-	-	-

Tributary properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):

Tributary Name	Width (ft)	Depth (ft)	Side Slopes
2012-0586 Seasonal	1	.5	Vertical (1:1 or less)

Primary tributary substrate composition:

Tributary Name	Silt	Sands	Concrete	Cobble	Gravel	Muck	Bedrock	Vegetation	Other
2012-0586 Seasonal	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-

Tributary (conditions, stability, presence, geometry, gradient):

Tributary Name	Condition\Stability	Run\Riffle\Pool Complexes	C
2012-0586 Seasonal	The tributaries flow during rain events which are common in Sitka. The average rainfall for the mean average precipitation is 85 inches along with 39 inches of snowfall a year. The streams are 1 - 2 feet in width, braided drainages that are supported by organic banks and organic and cobble streambeds. Active flow is estimated to occur nine months of the year in these channels. Medium water velocity and tanic color properties.	No presence of run/riffle/pool complexes.	M

(c) Flow:

Tributary Name	Provides for	Events Per Year	Flow Regime	Duration & Volume
2012-0586 Seasonal	Seasonal flow	20 (or greater)	Medium velocity during most months of the year due to precipitation occurances in Southeast Alaska.	-

Surface Flow is:

Tributary Name	Surface Flow	Characteristics
2012-0586 Seasonal	Discrete and confined	The stream channel are mainly organic with cobble features. The channels are 1-2 feet in width with .5 inches of depth average.

Subsurface Flow:

Tributary Name	Subsurface Flow	Explain Findings	Dye (or other) Test
2012-0586 Seasonal	Unknown	-	-

Tributary has:

Tributary Name	Bed & Banks	OHWM	Discontinuous OHWM[7]	Explain
2012-0586 Seasonal	X	X	-	-

Tributaries with OHWM[6] - (as indicated above)

Tributary Name	OHWM	Clear	Litter	Changes in Soil	Destruction Vegetation	Shelving	Wrack Line	Matted\Absent Vegetation	Sediment Sorting	Leaf Litter	Scour	Sediment Deposition	Flow Events	Wa Stai
2012-0586 Seasonal	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	

If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction:

High Tide Line indicated by:
Not Applicable.

Mean High Water Mark indicated by:
Not Applicable.

(iii) Chemical Characteristics:
Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality;general watershed characteristics, etc.).

Tributary Name	Explain	Identify spe
2012-0586	The tributaries flow during rain events which are common in Sitka. The average rainfall for the mean average precipitation is 85 inches along with 39 inches of snowfall a	

Seasonal	year. The streams are 1 - 2 feet in width, braided drainages that are supported by organic banks and organic and cobble streambeds. Active flow is estimated to occur nine months of the year in these channels. Medium water velocity and tanic color properties.	No known pol

(iv) Biological Characteristics. Channel supports:

Tributary Name	Riparian Corridor	Characteristics	Wetland Fringe	Characteristics	Habitat
2012-0586 Seasonal	-	-	-	-	X

Habitat for: (as indicated above)

Tributary Name	Habitat	Federally Listed Species	Explain Findings	Fish\Spawn Areas	Explain Findings	Other Environmentally Sensitive Species	Explain Findings	Aquatic\Wildlife Diversity	E
2012-0586 Seasonal	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	Forested ri forest char bear, and S

2. Characteristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

(i) Physical Characteristics:
(a) General Wetland Characteristics:
Properties:
Not Applicable.

(b) General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW:

Flow is:
Not Applicable.

Surface flow is:
Not Applicable.

Subsurface flow:
Not Applicable.

(c) Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:
Not Applicable.

(d) Proximity (Relationship) to TNW:
Not Applicable.

(ii) Chemical Characteristics:
Characterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).
Not Applicable.

(iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports:
Not Applicable.

3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any):

All wetlands being considered in the cumulative analysis:
Not Applicable.

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:
Not Applicable.

C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they sig chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more thar insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and freq in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any spec (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of si

Significant Nexus: Not Applicable

D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE:

1. TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands:
Not Applicable.

2. RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs:

Wetland Name	Flow	Explain
2012-0586 Seasonal	SEASONAL	The six seasonal stream channels have seasonal flow during approximately nine months of the years. The streams flow into adjacent wetlands which flow directly into Gra permanent water. Granite Creek¿s outlet flows into Sitka Sound a traditional navigable waterway (TNW).

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area:

Wetland Name	Type	Size (Linear) (m)	Size (Area) (m²)
2012-0586 Seasonal	Relatively Permanent Waters (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs	549.2496	-
Total:		**549.2496**	**0**

3. Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs:[8]
Not Applicable.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area:

Not Applicable.

4. Wetlands directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.
Not Applicable.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area:
Not Applicable.

5. Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs:
Not Applicable.

Provide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area:
Not Applicable.

6. Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs:
Not Applicable.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area:
Not Applicable.

7. Impoundments of jurisdictional waters:[9]
Not Applicable.

E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, WATERS:[10]
Not Applicable.

Identify water body and summarize rationale supporting determination:
Not Applicable.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area:
Not Applicable.

F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS. INCLUDING WETLANDS

- ☐ If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements:
- ☐ Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce:
- ☐ Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area would have been regulated based soley on the "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR):
- ☐ Waters do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (Explain):

- ☐ Other (Explain):

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (ie., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangere irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment:
Not Applicable.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, that do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction.
Not Applicable.

SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD
(listed items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference below):

Data Reviewed	Source Label	Source Description
--Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant	POA-2012-0586	Wetland delineation report - Granite Creek Quarry Subdivision prepared by R&M Engineering with supplement May 24,2012
--Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant	-	-
----Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report	-	-
--U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas	-	-
----USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps	1910203	-
--U.S. Geological Survey map(s).	Sitka A-5	-
--Photographs	-	-
----Aerial	-	-
----Other	POA-2012-0586	Wetland delineation report - Granite Creek Quarry Subdivision prepared by R&M Engineering with supplement May 24,2012

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:
Not Applicable.

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[1]-Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.
[2]-For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).
[3]-Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.
[4]-Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.
[5]-Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.
[6]-A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a brea the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.
[7]-Ibid.
[8]-See Footnote #3.
[9]-To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
[10]-Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdicti