

## **APPENDIX H**

### **Essential Fish Habitat Consultation**

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**From:** Matthew Eagleton - NOAA Federal <matthew.eagleton@noaa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2013 3:59 PM  
**To:** Boydston, Mark A (DOT)  
**Cc:** Barbara Mahoney - NOAA Federal  
**Subject:** Re: Seward Highway Milepost 105 to 107 Safety Improvements at Windy Corner / Preliminary material site and geotechnical investigations

Mark,

No EFH concerns; please check with our beluga whale experts (cc'd). As a reminder, potential impacts on EFH and any adverse effect EFH determination rests with your agency or the federal action agency, not with NOAA.

Matt

On Thu, Feb 14, 2013 at 1:58 PM, Boydston, Mark A (DOT) <[mark.boydston@alaska.gov](mailto:mark.boydston@alaska.gov)> wrote:

To: Matt Eagleton, EFH specialist

NOAA Fisheries Alaska

Matt,

In connection with the proposed Seward Highway Milepost 105 to 107 Safety Improvements at Windy Corner project, we are requesting your approval, subject to all required environmental permits and special provisions, to commence subsurface geotechnical soil investigation along the highway and off-shore between June 1 and September 30, 2013.

Please see the attached documents which explain the scope for the proposed geotechnical investigations and anticipated potential impacts to Essential Fish Habitat in the proposed project area. The purpose of this email is to determine what permits and clearances you would require for the proposed work so we can make the appropriate permit applications and adjust our planning accordingly.

We are also sending similar emails to the Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Chugach State Park. If you have questions or need more information please contact me at 269-0524 or by email.



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