UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
PROGRAM PLANNING AND INTEGRATION
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

To All Interested Government Agencies and Public Groups

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an environmental review has been performed on the following action.

TITLE: Environmental Assessment on the Issuance of an Incidental Harassment Authorization to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the Take of Marine Mammals Incidental to a Kodiak Ferry Terminal and Dock Improvements Project.

LOCATION: Kodiak, Alaska

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to issue an IHA to the Alaska Department of Transportation and public Facilities California Department of Transportation (DOT&PF) for the taking, by Level A and Level B harassment, of small numbers of four marine mammal species incidental to the Kodiak Ferry Terminal and Dock Improvements Project. Project activity would be confined to Pier 1. DOT&PF seeks an IHA because the underwater noise from the impact driving, vibratory driving and down-the-hole drilling could adversely affect marine mammals in the area. NMFS proposes to issue an IHA with mitigation measures, as described in Alternative 1 of the Environmental Assessment. Under Alternative 1, the issuance of an IHA may indirectly result in adverse effects on marine mammals, but such effects would be negligible or at most minor because marine mammals in the area are likely to exhibit only brief and minor behavioral modification while a small number may experience limited injury as a result of DOT&PF's activities.

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The environmental review process led us to conclude that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared. A copy of the finding of no significant impact (FONSI) including the supporting supplemental environmental assessment (SEA) is enclosed for your information. Although NOAA is not soliciting comments on this completed EA/FONSI we will consider any comments submitted that would assist us in preparing future NEPA documents. Please submit any written comments to the responsible official named above.

Sincerely,

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