

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

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Jolie Harrison, Division Chief Permits and Conservation Division National Marine Fisheries Service Office of Protected Resources 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13635 Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Ms. Harrison:

The Department of Transportation and Public facilities (DOT&PF) was issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) for in-water construction work for the projects, *Gravina Refurbish Existing Ferry Berth Facility* and *Revilla Refurbish Existing Ferry Berth Facility* in Ketchikan, Alaska that is valid from September 11, 2023 through September 10, 2024.

Construction of these two projects has been delayed to fall 2025 due to funding constraints. We are requesting that the IHA dates be changed to September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Aside from the delay in construction start date, there are no other changes to the projects. Prior to issuance of this IHA, construction was completed for the two following projects covered under the IHA's renewal, the KTN Revilla New Ferry Berth and Upland Improvements and New Gravina Island Shuttle Ferry Berth/Related Terminal Improvements projects.

Please feel free to contact me (907-465-4509; <u>benjamin.storey@alaska.gov</u>) or our environmental analyst for the project, Christy Gentemann, at 907-465-4524 or via email at christy.gentemann@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Storey

Southcoast Region Environmental Manager

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