

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska, has assessed the environmental impacts of the following action:

### Harbor Improvements Port Lions, Alaska

The project will construct a 1,360-foot-long detached rubblemound breakwater southwest and east of the basin, a 40-foot-long extension of the existing breakwater to the west, and a 75-foot-long extension of the stub breakwater. The existing mooring basin will remain unchanged. The southwest portion of the new rubblemound breakwater will replace the existing floating breakwaters which will be removed. No dredging is required.

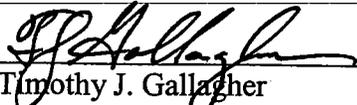
The project was evaluated for environmental and engineering feasibility as well as consistency with pertinent environmental laws and regulations.

Environmental Considerations. The action was evaluated for its effects on several significant resources: water quality, benthic invertebrates, eelgrass, fish, waterfowl, and marine mammals. A breach between the toe of the breakwater and the shore on either side of the harbor is designed to benefit near-shore fish passage. Breakwater construction will be timed to avoid the juvenile salmon out-migration period of March 15 through June 15. Sediment curtains will be used, if necessary, to control water turbidity during construction to maintain Alaska water quality standards. Harbor lighting will be shielded to minimize bird strikes. No threatened or endangered species or cultural resources will be affected by the project. Essential fish habitat will not be significantly affected.

Consistency with Laws and Regulations. The environmental assessment documents compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to protect essential fish habitat, the Clean Water Act of 1977, and other applicable laws and regulations. The project is consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Program plan for the area.

The environmental review process has indicated that the project does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared for Harbor Improvements, Port Lions, Alaska.

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