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Subject: Installation of Pilings for Barge Moorings in Eleven Alaskan Communities

Dear Mr. Salyer:

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence on April 13, 2012. Following our review of the documentation provided, we concur that a finding of **no historic properties affected** is appropriate for the proposed barge mooring installation in the communities of Fort Yukon, Tanana, Galena, McGrath, Buckland, Kiana, and Noorvik.

We agree that there may be moderate potential for the presence of subsurface cultural materials at the Stevens Village, Ruby, Kaltag, and Nulato locations. We further agree that surface and subsurface investigations of the proposed barge mooring locations is appropriate prior to construction. Until that inventory has been conducted, it would be inappropriate for us to provide concurrence on the proposed finding of effect. However, once that inventory has been conducted, we recommend that the Corps provide our office with the results (a Trip Report similar to the ones provided for Kiana and Noorvik within this documentation is acceptable). Upon receipt of that documentation, we will respond to the Corps' proposed finding of effect. As these are remote locations, the results of the inventory and proposed findings can be sent by email for expedited review, if necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to continued consultation on the subject project. Please contact Shina duVall at 269-8720 or shina.duvall@alaska.gov if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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