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**Subject: Consistent to the Maximum Extent Practicable Response -- Concurrence
Indian River (NPS Water Quality Monitoring)
DCOM I.D. No. ID2010-0510J**

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management (DCOM), I received the Consistent to the Maximum Extent Practicable (CMEP) Determination and Evaluation you submitted on behalf of the National Park Service to install a water quality monitoring probe in Indian River. The location of your proposed project is within Section 11 of Township 56 S., Range 65 E., Copper River Meridian, in Sitka, Alaska. In the Effects Analysis portion of your CMEP Determination, you assert that your activities will have impacts on coastal uses or resources; however, the activities are fully described by Generally Consistent Determination (GCD) #4 – Stream Gauges, which has already been found consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP).

I have consulted with the State of Alaska Consistency Review Participants – Departments of Environmental Conservation, Natural Resources, Fish and Game – Division of Habitat (Habitat) and the Sitka Coastal District regarding your proposed project.

Caroline Jeziarski with Habitat informed me that your activity falls under General Consistency Determination (GCD) # 4 – Stream Gauges provided you accept the enclosed standard alternative measures for GCD # 4. David Kelley with DMLW also informed me that DMLW concurs that your project falls under GCD # 4 and that they will be issuing a serialized letter of non-objection for the purpose of documenting the location of the stream gauge. I did not hear back from DEC or the Sitka Coastal District during this consultation.

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I also consulted with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who indicated that your project will be authorized under Nationwide Permit (NWP) #5 - Scientific Measurement Devices. This NWP has already been reviewed for consistency and is not subject to additional consistency review.

Based on your effects analysis and these consultations, I concur with your CMEP Determination that your project will have impacts to coastal uses and resources, that the activities are fully described under GCD #4 and NWP #5 and that you have adequately avoided, minimized and mitigated for effects to these resources by adopting the Standard Alternative Measures of the GCD and the Conditions of the NWP.

If changes to your project are proposed prior to or during its siting, construction, or operation, please contact this office immediately to determine if further review of the revised project is necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email jill.taylor@alaska.gov or by phone (907) 465-8790. Thank you for your cooperation with the ACMP.

Sincerely,



Jill Taylor
Project Review Coordinator

Enclosure: GCD-4

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