

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS)

Anadromous Fish Streams

A search of the ADFG *Atlas to the Catalog of Waters Important to the Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes* identified one anadromous fish stream in the Chalkyitsik area: the Black River (ADFG Stream #334-45-11000-2001-3050-4040). The Black River supports populations of three anadromous fish species: king, chum, and coho salmon. The Black River flows past the village of Chalkyitsik, but the airport is actually located near an old oxbow that is not directly connected to the river itself, except during high-water flood events. Thus, proposed activities at the airport are unlikely to directly affect the Black River.

Threatened and Endangered Species and Essential Fish Habitat

The list of federally listed threatened and endangered species maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) was consulted to determine if listed species are of concern in the Chalkyitsik area. No species on the list occur within the project area.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) website (<http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/protectedresources/default.htm>) was visited to determine if any species under their jurisdiction might be affected by the proposed project. No threatened or endangered marine species occur in the project area. The Black River supports anadromous fish populations and thus any activities that may involve the river, such as gravel acquisition, would fall under the regulations for Essential Fish Habitat (www.fakr.noaa.gov/habitat.efh.htm). Currently no such activities are deemed necessary, however, were activities planned that affected the river, the National Marine Fisheries Service would be contacted for consultation.

Additional Information

In addition to identifying any concerns and/or issues your agency might have with the proposed project, the following information is requested:

1. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) website was consulted to determine if any threatened and/or endangered species, and their habitats, occurred within the project area and any findings are identified above. If you have any other information and/or data on threatened and/or endangered species in the project area that might potentially be affected by the proposal please provide that information.
2. The NMFS website was searched to determine if essential fish habitat (EFH) pursuant to the Magnuson Act will be impacted by the proposed project and any findings are identified above. If you have any other information and/or data on EFH species or habitats please provide that information.

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