

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS)

The following sections from Appendix A provided the information most pertinent to your review of the proposed project; please refer to Appendix A for all the preliminary research findings.

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 two anadromous fish streams in the Prospect Creek area: the Jim River (ADFG Stream #334-40-11000-2125-3740-4080), and Prospect Creek (ADFG Stream #334-40-11000-2125-3740-4080-5030). The Jim River, which is located 1.5 miles northwest of the airport supports spawning king and chum salmon and Prospect Creek, which is located about 2 miles southwest of the airport supports spawning and rearing king salmon. Neither of these waterways is within the project area and would not be affected by the proposed airport improvements.

Essential Fish Habitat: The Jim River and Prospect Creek support anadromous fish populations and thus any activities that may involve these waterways, 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 proposed for this project.

Threatened and Endangered Species

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 Prospect Creek 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. Both Prospect Creek and the Jim River support anadromous fish populations and thus any activities that may involve these waterways would fall under the regulations for Essential Fish Habitat (www.fakr.noaa.gov/habitat.efh.htm). No such activities are expected for this project.

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 habitat please provide that information.

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