



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, ALASKA
REGULATORY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 22270
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June 21, 2013

Regulatory Division
POA-2012-138

Ms. Jessica Kayser
Southeast Alaska Watershed
Coalition
P.O. Box 1203
Haines AK, 99827

Dear Ms. Kayser:

This is in Reference to the Southeast Alaska Watershed Coalition's (SAWC) submittal of a revised Prospectus for a Southeast Alaska In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Restoration and Enhancement Program and the subsequent public notice. After reviewing the changes SAWC made to the prospectus, comments received, as well as the input from the IRT in a December 20th, 2012 meeting, we believe that SAWC's proposed In-Lieu Fee program has the potential to provide compensatory mitigation for activities authorized by Department of the Army (DA) permits and encourages you to begin development of a draft instrument.

While the draft instrument will take substantial work to complete the Corps would like to remind you that the work done so far has been excellent and we look forward to working together towards the development of your In-Lieu Fee program. The Corps will aid you in the continued development of the program to the extent that its resources permit. Keep in mind that the burden of creating and providing materials associated with the continued development are that of the sponsor, not the Corps or IRT members.

Please contact me via email at Matthew.T.Brody@usace.army.mil, by mail at the address above, or by phone at (907) 790-4493, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brody
Regulatory Specialist

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