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Subject: Alaska Culvert AOP Letter of Commitment

To whom it may concern:

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is excited about the opportunity to participate in the National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration (Culvert AOP Program) grant program. DOT&PF is committed to provide the 20 percent match amount for grant funds funded under this program.


Alaska is unique in having stocks of all five Pacific Salmon species present in our waterways. The importance of these anadromous fish cannot be understated. They provide life-giving food to Alaskans and Alaska Natives who participate in the subsistence lifestyle while also serving as a key component of the state's economy, and an important part our shared ecosystem.

I hope you will give the following critically necessary culvert projects favorable consideration:

- Threemile Creek Culvert– Klawock, Prince of Wales Island, AK.
- Eskimo Creek Culvert – King Salmon, AK.
- Port of Valdez/Frontal Valdez Arm Watershed Bundle – Valdez, AK.
- Parks Highway Culvert Bundle – Matanuska-Susitna Borough, AK.

These culverts have been chosen through a partnership with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, federal agency partners, and community partners and tribes. The applications we have submitted for the 2022 Culvert AOP program serve as our most pressing needs in protecting our ecological riches and preserving our fish runs for future generations.

Sincerely,


Ryan Anderson, P.E.
Commissioner