



March 1, 2010

Commanding Officer
USCG Rescue 21
Project Resident Office Alaska
100 Savikko Road
Douglas, Alaska 99824

Dear Interested Parties:

As I indicated to you in my letter of October 22, 2009, the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are proposing to permit, construct, operate, and maintain search and rescue communication facilities in the Middle Cape area of the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. We have prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the effects of construction and the eventual operation and annual maintenance that would be performed.

The EA is now available for your review (see attached document). The document is also available for download at <http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/nepa.htm>. You now have the opportunity to provide comments on the EA. Please send comments by April 5, 2010 to: William Freeland, Environmental Protection Specialist, U.S. Coast Guard Rescue 21 PRO Alaska, 100 Savikko Rd., Douglas, AK 99824. Comments may be written, sent by e-mail (William.A.Freeland@uscg.mil), or faxed to the above address at 907-463-2959 (Attention: Kodiak Middle Cape Rescue 21 Communication Facilities). Questions may be directed to William Freeland at 907-463-2955.

Pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1, Subpart B, Section 1.27, all written submissions in response to this notice will be made available for public inspection, including the submitter's name and address, unless the submitter specifically requests confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses submitted on official letterheads and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Calnan".

Joseph S. Calnan, Commander
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