



# Izembek

## National Wildlife Refuge

### Land Exchange/Road Corridor

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*Draft Environmental Impact Statement*

## Chapter 5 Consultation and Coordination



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## 5.0 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

### 5.1 Introduction

This section summarizes the consultation and coordination with agencies and the public participation program for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is the lead federal agency for the EIS. Cooperating agencies are:

Federal:	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (Corps) Federal Highway Administration/Western Federal Lands
Tribal:	Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove Native Village of Belkofski
State:	State of Alaska
Borough:	Aleutians East Borough
Local/Other:	City of King Cove King Cove Corporation

Further information regarding the cooperating agencies is provided in Chapter 1.

### 5.2 Summary of Scoping

The Service published a Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* on August 6, 2009, to announce the preparation of this EIS. A project newsletter was sent by the Service in January 2010 to the project mailing list that explained the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969* (NEPA) and EIS process and how to participate in the project. A Revised Notice was published on February 24, 2010, to announce the public scoping meetings, inviting suggestions on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS along with dates, times, and locations of upcoming public meetings.

Seven public scoping meetings were conducted in March and April 2010 in the following locations:

- Anchorage – March 4, 2010
- Washington, DC – March 11, 2010
- Sand Point – April 26, 2010
- Cold Bay – April 27, 2010
- Nelson Lagoon – April 28, 2010
- False Pass – April 28, 2010
- King Cove – April 29, 2010

Additional information on the scoping process is included in Section 1.9 and in Appendix C.

### 5.3 Government to Government Consultation

The Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove was designated as a cooperator for the development of this EIS in the *Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009* (Public Law 111-11, Title VI, Subtitle E) (Act). The Service formally invited the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove to be a

cooperator and they subsequently signed a Memorandum of Agreement in June 2010. In addition, the Service invited the Native Village of Belkofski to participate in the EIS process as a cooperator. The Native Village of Belkofski accepted the invitation and signed the Memorandum of Understanding on February 3, 2011. Government to government coordination is ongoing throughout the project, with the Service as the lead federal agency. The Service met with representatives of the Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove and the Native Village of Belkofski in August 2010 during a visit to the City of King Cove. Additional meetings will be scheduled at the request of the tribal governments. Refer to Section 1.8 for additional information regarding government to government relationships.

#### **5.4 Interagency Consultation**

In July 2010, the Service initiated formal consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office for National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 and with the National Marine Fisheries Service for Essential Fish Habitat and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The Service also conducted internal consultation regarding Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The initial letters notified the agencies of the proposed action for the EIS.

On November 9, 2011, the Service again contacted the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Marine Fisheries Service to present the alternative descriptions for consideration. On January 9, 2012, the Service contacted the State Historic Preservation Office regarding the proposed land exchange and the associated Area of Potential Effect.

Consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Marine Fisheries Service is ongoing. Additional communication is anticipated after the Draft EIS is released and at the time a preferred alternative is identified.

#### **5.5 List of Preparers**

The Service contracted URS Group, Inc. to prepare the EIS. Subcontractors included Michael Baker Jr., Inc.; Northern Economics, Inc.; and R&M Consultants, Inc. Table 5-1 lists the contracted staff members who prepared the document and Table 5-2 list the individuals from the Service who participated in the preparation of the document. Each table also lists the individual's area of expertise, years of experience, and education credentials.

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