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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

February 21, 2012

Regulatory Division
POA-2003-502

Mr. Phil Shephard
Great Land Trust
Post Office Box 101272
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Mr. Shephard:

Thank you for your presentations to the Port of Anchorage Mitigation Advisory Committee (PMAC) on January 19, 2012, and February 16, 2012, concerning the "Eklutna River Estuary and Fire Creek Estuary Conservation Project, January 19, 2012." Your proposed conservation easements on approximately 1,425 acres would help offset functional losses of estuarine and intertidal habitat associated with POA-2003-502, Ship Creek, Port of Anchorage Expansion, through preservation of similar habitat to support salmon and beluga whale populations.

At this time we are pleased to inform you that you have received funding of up to $1.9 million dollars for conservation easements associated with the Eklutna River Estuary and the Fire Creek Estuary. If the appraisals for these sites come in lower than originally estimated, then unneeded funds shall be returned to the PMAC account. An accounting of how funds are spent shall be provided by December 15, 2012, and if necessary, June 30, 2013, and the unspent PMAC funds should be returned to the PMAC account of the Great Land Trust. Our understanding and hope is that the project can be completed in 2012.

Please contact Mary Lee Plumb-Mentjes, Project Manager, at the above address, by e-mail at mary.plumb-mentjes@usace.army.mil, or by phone at 753-2789, for assistance in this matter

Sincerely,

Steve Meyers
Chief, South Branch