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Leah Davis, Biologist
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Dear Ms. Davis,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (USACE) requests the reissuance of an existing incidental harassment authorization (IHA) with modified effective dates.

In 2023, the USACE was issued an IHA through your office for the "Port of Nome Modification" project at Nome, Alaska. This IHA is valid for the period 1 May 2024 through 30 April 2025. However, due to project delays, and the presence of sea-ice at the project location for much of the year, in-water construction will not start before May 2025. The existing IHA will expire before any of the activities described in the IHA can take place.

The USACE requests that the existing IHA be reissued with the effective dates 1 May 2025 through 30 April 2026. Other than the schedule, there have been no substantive changes to the proposed project activities as described in the existing IHA.

Sincerely,

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