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**Re:** Final Report

FINAL REPORT

**STATE:** Alaska **FWS Agreement Number:** 70181BG038

**PROJECT TITLE:** Soldotna Creek Northern Pike Eradication Project: Phase One

**PERIOD COVERED:** October 1, 2011 - September 30, 2012

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

1. Contract a planner/facilitator to assist with the public scoping for the Soldotna Creek invasive northern pike eradication program

**PROJECT TASKS:**

1. Conduct stakeholder interviews
2. Conduct several public meetings
3. Write a report on summarizing input from the public scoping processes

**RESULTS/DISCUSSIONS:**

All objectives and tasks were completed as planned. ADFG contracted USKH, a multi-discipline design firm, to assist with the public scoping for the Soldotna Creek invasive northern pike eradication project. The contractor conducted stakeholder interviews prior to the public scoping meetings and worked with ADFG to ensure the meetings would address stakeholder concerns. Three meetings were held in the spring of 2012 (March 22-24) at the Environmental Education Building at he Kenai National Wildlife Refuge headquarters which were facilitated by USKH. In summary, there were a variety of opinions expressed through the public scoping process about which northern pike control/eradication alternative was preferred but the majority of participants supported the Departments preferred alternative (rotenone treatment). All funds for the cooperative agreement (# 70181BG038) were spent on USKH servicesas planned.

**FINAL REPORT STATUS:**

USKH drafted a report summarizing the input from the public scoping processes. This report is attached as Appendix A.

**PREPARED BY:** Rob Massengill **DATE:** December 13, 2012