

3.10 Threatened and Endangered Species

Existing Conditions

HDR Alaska biologists reviewed information provided by ADF&G, USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries on listed species and critical habitat in Alaska, and conducted field surveys to document habitat and species present within the study area.

No federal- or state-listed threatened or endangered species or critical habitat was found in the study area (Seaberg 2004, Detwiler 2004, Lance 2004).

Environmental Consequences

No threatened, endangered, or other federally protected species would be affected by the No Action Alternative or the Proposed Action.

Construction

No construction impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation and Authorizations

No mitigation is required.

What is the Endangered Species Act?

This 1973 federal law, amended in 1978 and 1982, protects troubled species from extinction. NOAA Fisheries and USFWS decide whether to list species as threatened or endangered. Federal agencies must avoid jeopardy to and aid in the recovery of listed species.
