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The USDA Forest Service, Admiralty National Monument prepared an Environmental Assessment in order to modify the plunge pool at the base of the partial barrier falls on Kanalku Creek. Two alternatives were considered, the No Action and the Proposed Action. The Proposed Action will consider two actions that could be phased in at different times to provide the least amount of change to the partial barrier falls while improving sockeye salmon passage. The first phase would widen and deepen the plunge pool located at the bottom of the falls on the right side (facing downstream). If, after two years of monitoring, results indicate that rock removal alone has allowed fish to use the falls more efficiently, the second phase of the project may not be implemented. The second phase of the project would be the construction of an 18- to 24-inch-high concrete and native rock sill around the downstream side of the plunge pool to increase the height, depth, and size of the pool. The Environment Assessment was published in September 2011. No comments were received that were opposed to this project. A legal notice identifying the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Kanalku Creek Barrier Modification was advertised on February 22, 2012 in the *Ketchikan Daily News*, the newspaper of record for decisions signed by the Forest Supervisor. Since this Environmental Assessment received no comments expressing concern during the comment period, this project may be implemented immediately.

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