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Section 106 Consultation Initiation

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In Reply Refer To:
New Sitka Seaplane Base
Federal Project # 3-02-0488-001-2019

Consultation Initiation

November 26, 2019

Judith Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1310
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3357

Subject: Initiation of Consultation

Dear Ms. Bittner:

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If you have questions or comments related to this proposed project, I can be reached at the address above, by telephone at 907-562-2000, or by e-mail at loquinn@dowl.com.

Your timely response will greatly assist us in incorporating your concerns into project development. For that purpose, we respectfully request that you respond within thirty days of your receipt of this correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lucy Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Lucy Flynn O'Quinn
Cultural Resources Specialist, SOI

Enclosures:

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Figure 2. Preliminary Project Concept Map

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Electronic cc w/ enclosures:

Venus Rivera Larson, Project Manager, FAA Alaska Region, Airports Division

Kelli Cropper, City and Borough of Sitka



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Robert Starbard
Hoonah Indian Association
P.O. Box 602
Hoonah, AK 99829-0602

Dear Mr. Starbard,

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Organized Village of Kake
P.O. Box 316
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Anne Davis
Sitka Tribe of Alaska (IRA)
456 Katlian Street
Sitka, AK 99835-7505

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Yakutat Tlingit Tribe
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Yakutat, AK 99689

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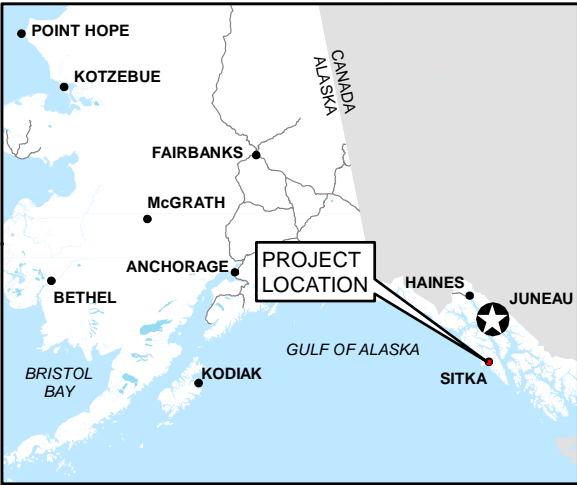
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PROJECT LOCATION

BARANOF ISLAND

THOMSEN HARBOR

JAPONSKI ISLAND

Existing Sitka SPB

U.S. National Historic
Landmark: Sitka Naval
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*As mapped in AHRS

*SITKA
SOUND*

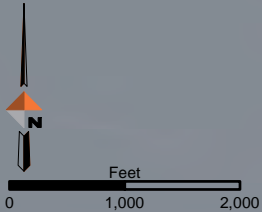
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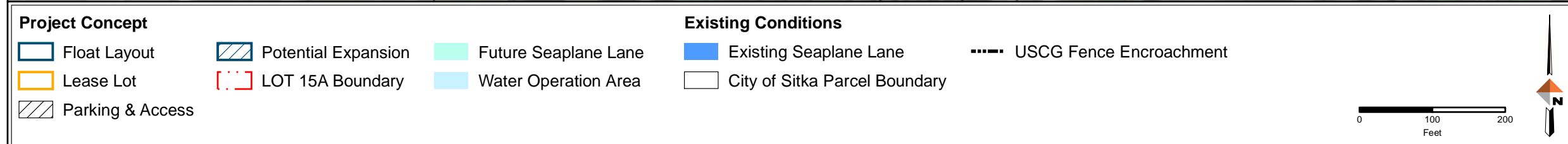
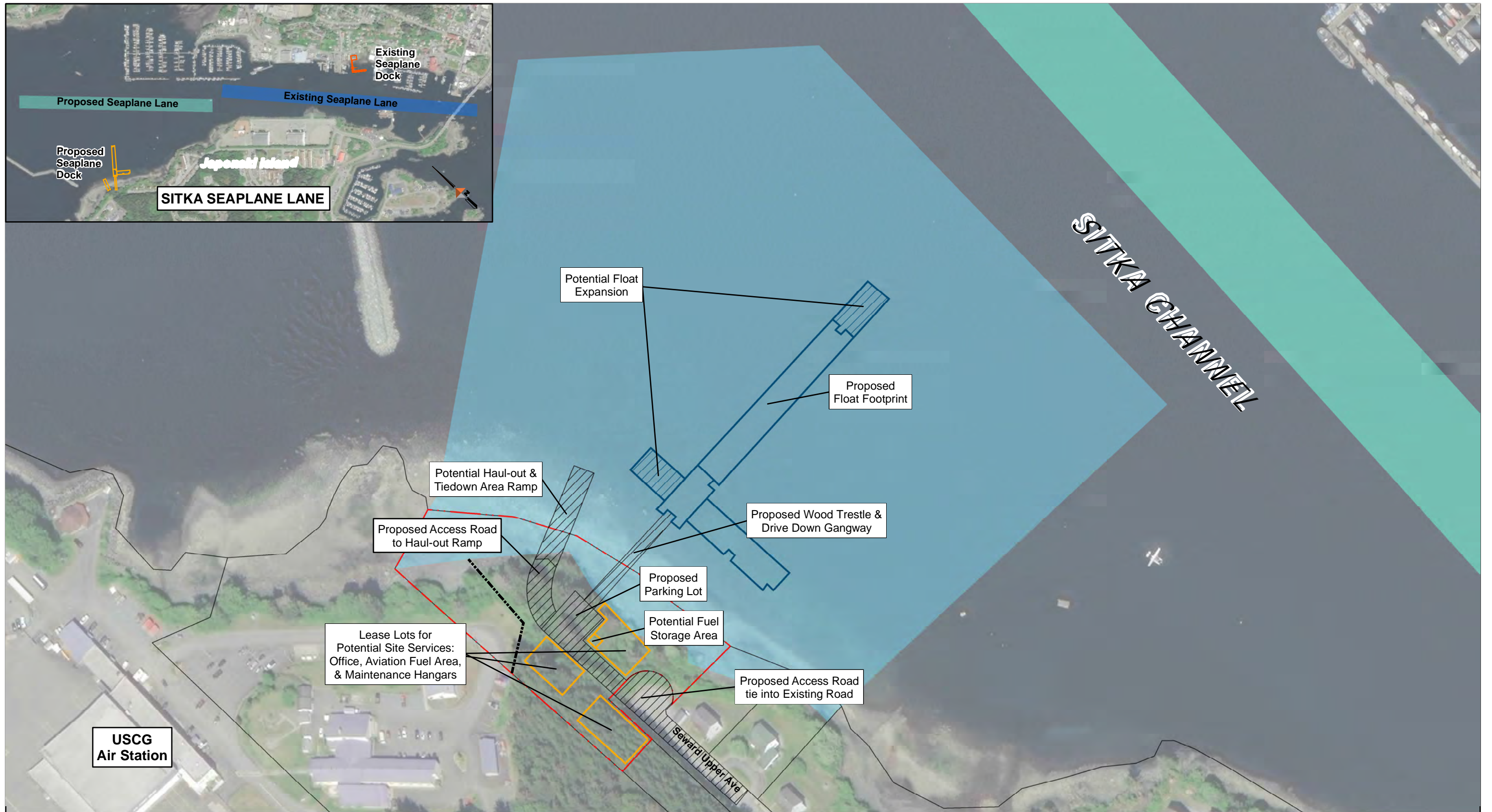
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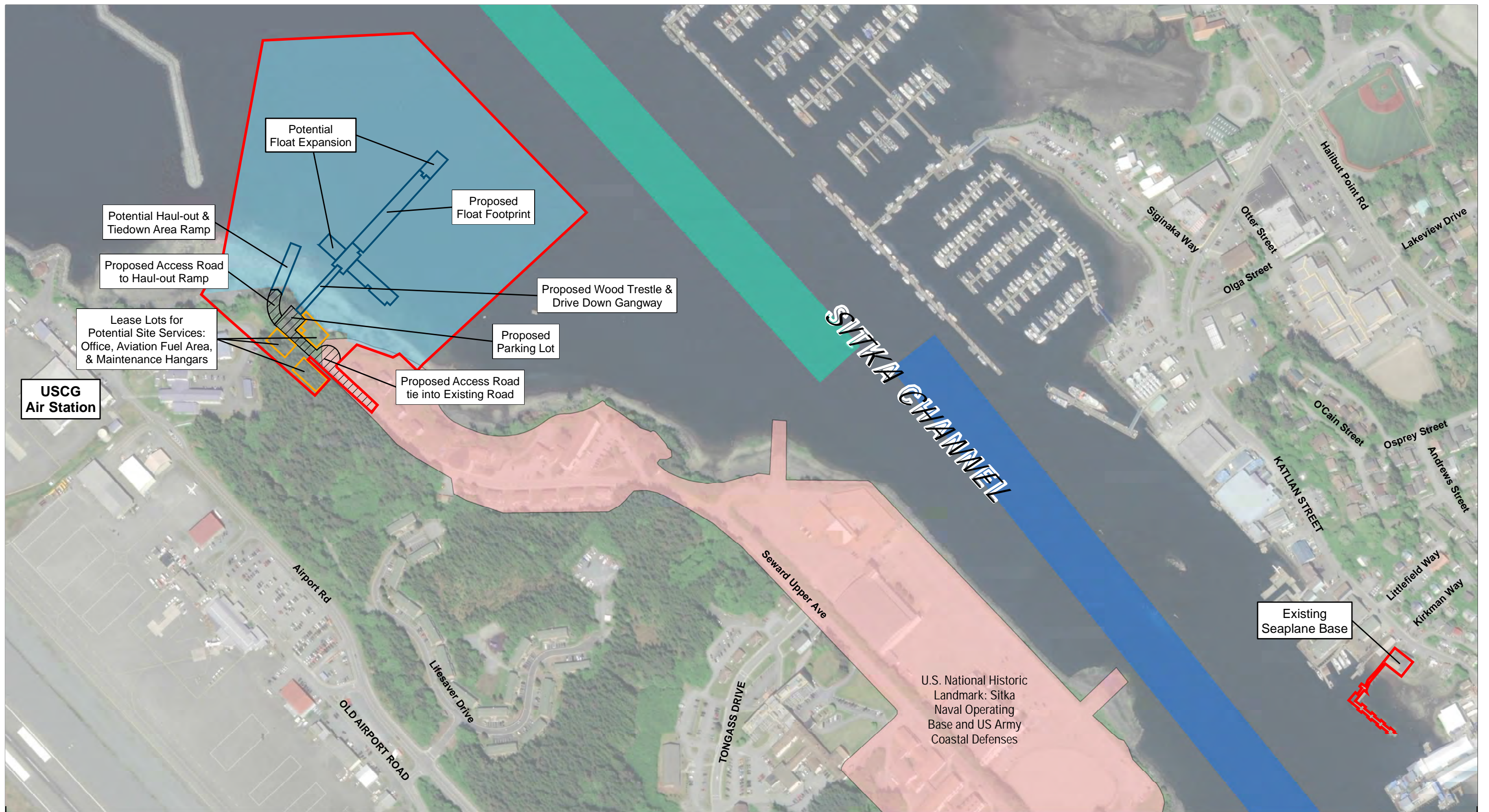
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Figure 1





Preliminary Design	
Sitka SPB Environmental Assessment	
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Figure 2	



Preliminary Project Elements

- Float Layout
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- Parking Lot and Road Expansion
- Proposed Seaplane Lane
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Existing Conditions

- US National Historic Landmark*
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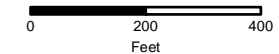
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In Reply Refer To:
New Sitka Seaplane Base
Federal Project # 3-02-0488-001-2019

Consultation Initiation

November 26, 2019

Amy Ainslie
Sitka Historic Preservation Commission
100 Lincoln Street
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Subject: Initiation of Consultation

Dear Ms. Ainslie:

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November 26, 2019

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National Park Service
2525 Gambell Street
Anchorage, AK 99503

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Consultation Initiation

November 26, 2019

Richard Peterson
Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
320 W. Willoughby Avenue, Suite 300
Juneau, AK 99801

Subject: Initiation of Consultation

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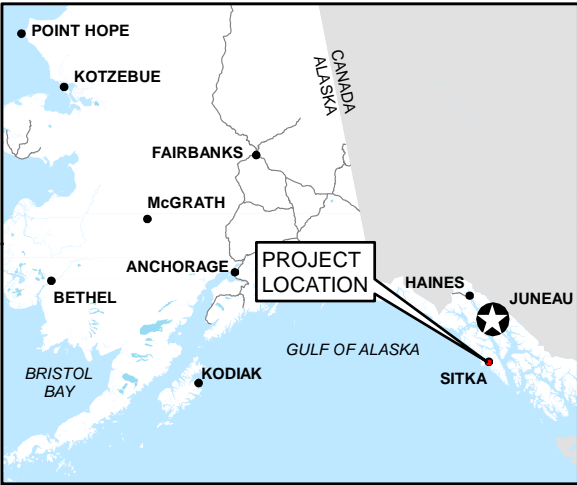
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PROJECT LOCATION

BARANOF ISLAND

THOMSEN HARBOR

JAPONSKI ISLAND

Existing Sitka SPB

U.S. National Historic
Landmark: Sitka Naval
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*As mapped in AHRS

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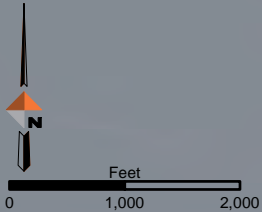
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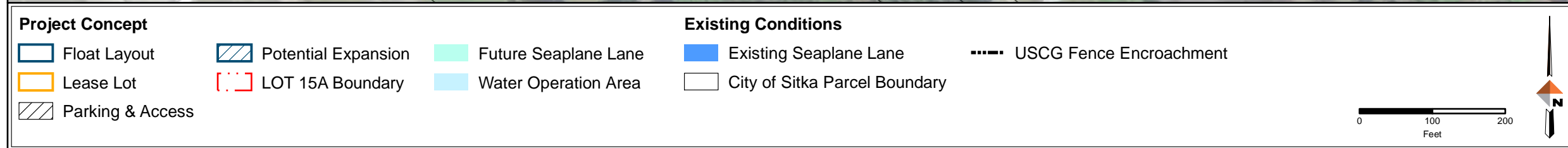
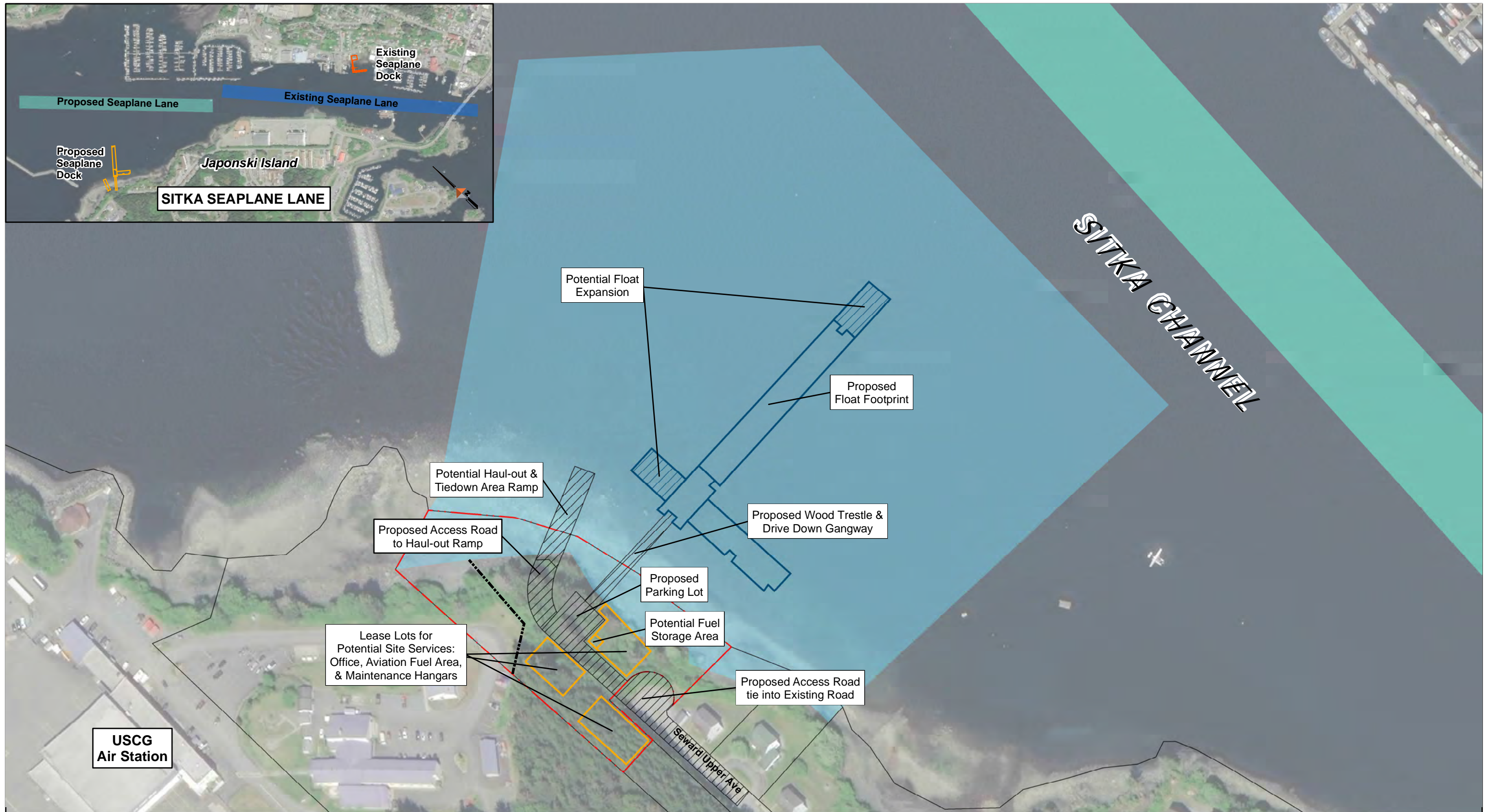


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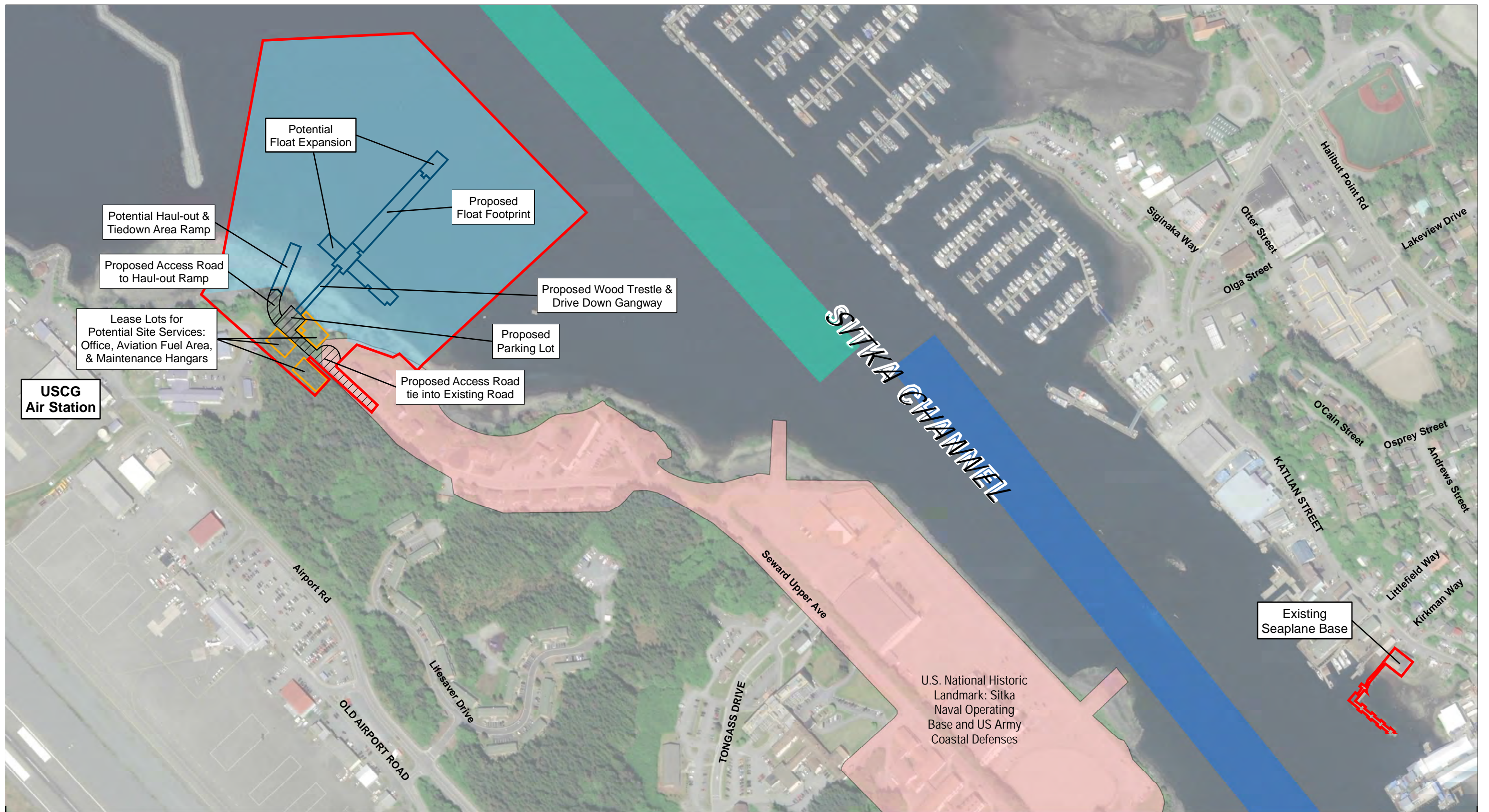
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Preliminary Design	
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Figure 2	



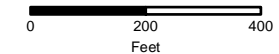
Preliminary Project Elements

- Float Layout
- Potential Service Area
- Parking Lot and Road Expansion
- Proposed Seaplane Lane
- Water Operation Area

Existing Conditions

- US National Historic Landmark*
- Existing Seaplane Lane
- Preliminary APE

* As mapped in AHRS



Preliminary APE

Sitka Seaplane Base Planning & EA



Date: November 20, 2019

Figure 3

Agency Response to Initiation of Consultation

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Hi Lucy,

We appreciate being part of the consultation process for the proposed project, as it relates to the Sitka Naval Operating Base and U.S. Army Coastal Defenses National Historic Landmark.

Please see our comments in the attached memo and the cited maps, and let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to continued consultation about the project.

Thank you,

Janet

PS - note our address is 240 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501

Janet Clemens, Historian
National Park Service
Interior Region 11 - Alaska
240 W. 5th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501
t. 907/644-3461
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On Tue, Nov 26, 2019 at 10:16 AM Lucy Flynn O'Quinn <loquinn@dowl.com> wrote:

Please see the attached letter and maps for consultation initiation of the Project. A hardcopy has also been mailed to your address.

Thank you,

Lucy Flynn O'Quinn
Cultural Resources Specialist

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December 6, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL – NO HARD COPY TO FOLLOW

Lucy Flynn O’Quinn
Cultural Resources Specialist, SOI
DOWL
8410 154th Avenue NE, Suite 120
Redmond, WA 98052

Subject: New Sitka Seaplane Base; Federal Project# 3-02-0488-01-2019

Dear Ms. O’Quinn:

Thank you for contacting us as part of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 initiation of consultation for the City and Borough of Sitka with the Alaska Division of the Federal Aviation Administration’s proposed project to construct a new seaplane base on the north end of Japonski Island, Sitka, Alaska.

The National Park Service (NPS) administers the National Historic Landmark (NHL) program for the Secretary of the Interior and participates in the consultation process when there is the potential for an adverse effect to a National Historic Landmark (NHL). The proposed project area of potential effect is within the Sitka Naval Operating Base and U.S. Army Coastal Defenses National Historic Landmark boundary. Federal agencies undertaking a project within a NHL must be in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 54 U.S.C. 306108 and it implementing regulation 36 CFR §800). As such, the NPS serves as an interested party throughout the Section 106 process to ensure the integrity of the NHL.

To help with your identification efforts and potential assessment of effects, attached are two site maps: Map #1 shows the Sitka Naval Operating Base area of the NHL and identifies the specific historic properties; and Map #2 shows an overlay of the proposed project on a Google Earth screen shot, with notes about the NHL and how potential adverse effects for this historic residential area might be avoided or minimized.

We are interested in learning more about the project, including the letter reference about “A known historic bunker lies within/adjacent to the project area,” as well as about the size and height of the proposed support structures, and if there are potential road “improvements” in anticipation of project construction.

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If you have any questions about our comments, please contact Janet Clemens, Historian, at (907) 644-3461 or janet_clemens@nps.gov.

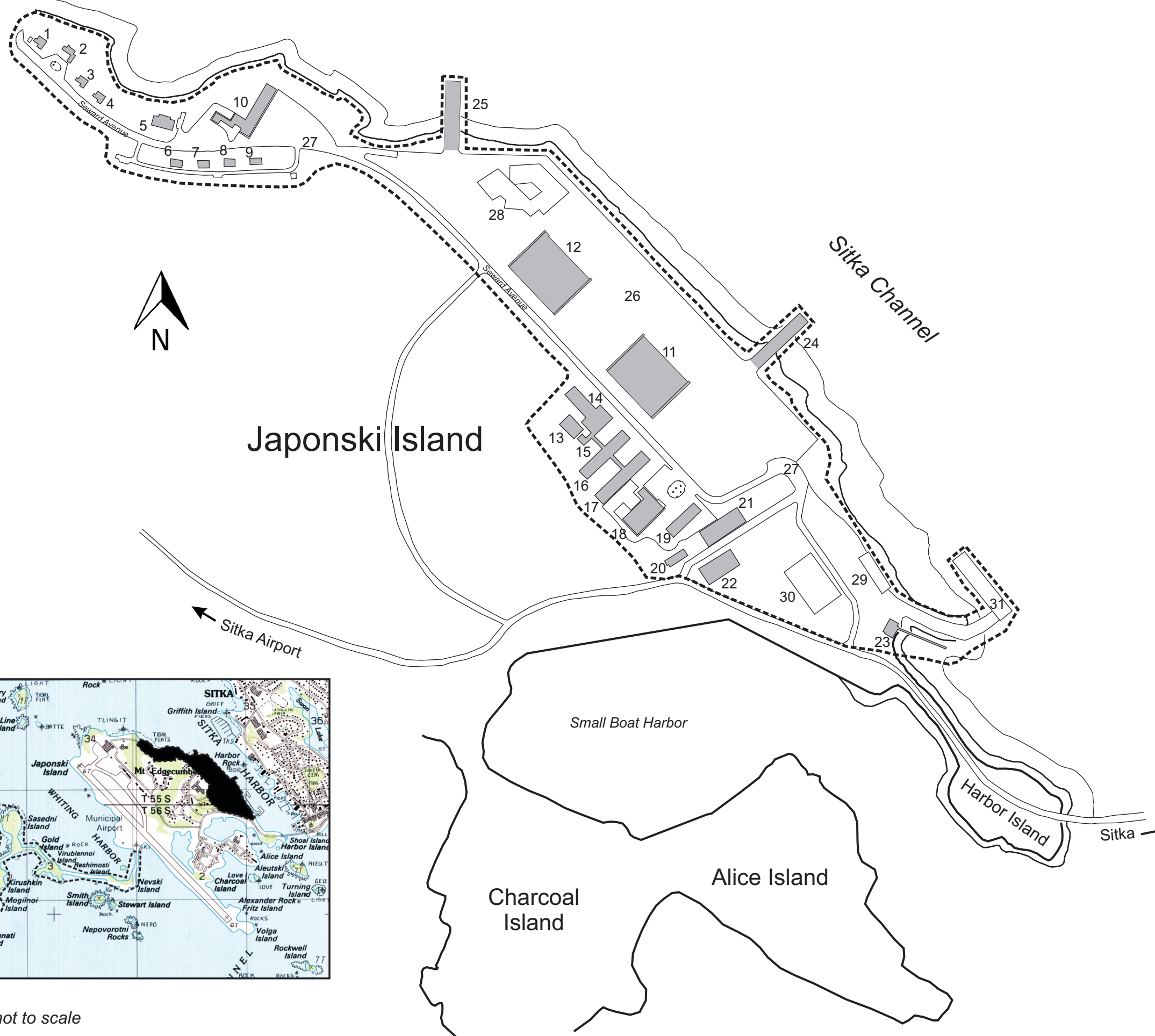
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Jennifer Pederson Weinberger
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Attachments: Map #1 and Map #2

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




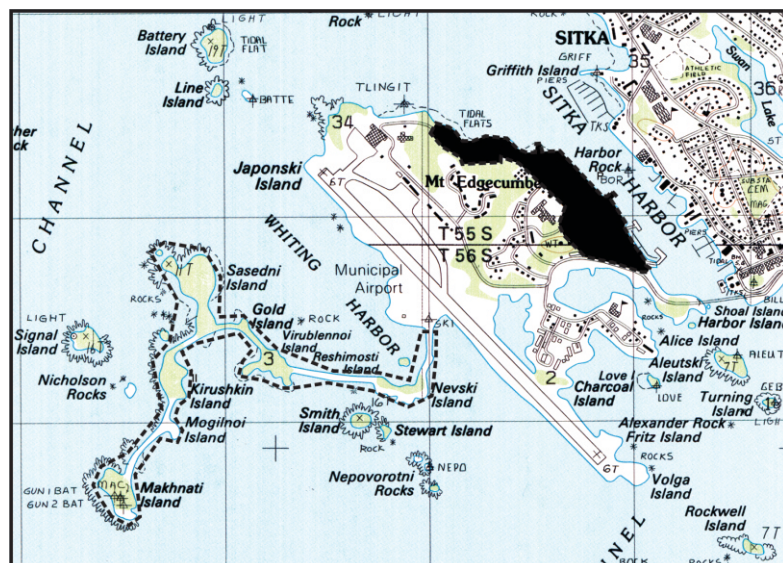
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5. Officers Recreation, Totem Club, Building 205
6. Married Officers Quarters, Building 207
7. Married Officers Quarters, Building 208
8. Married Officers Quarters, Building 209
9. Married Officers Quarters, Building 210
10. Bachelor Officers Quarters, Building 212
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12. Seaplane Hangar No. 2, Building 332
13. Cold Storage Building, Building 289
14. Mess Hall & Bakery, Building 290
15. Brig, Building 291
16. Barracks, Building 292
17. Barracks, Building 293
18. Enlisted Men's Recreation Facility, Building 295
19. Administrations and Operations Building, Building 297
20. Bomb Proof Communications Center, Building 298
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27. Sitka Naval Operating Base Road System

Non-contributing

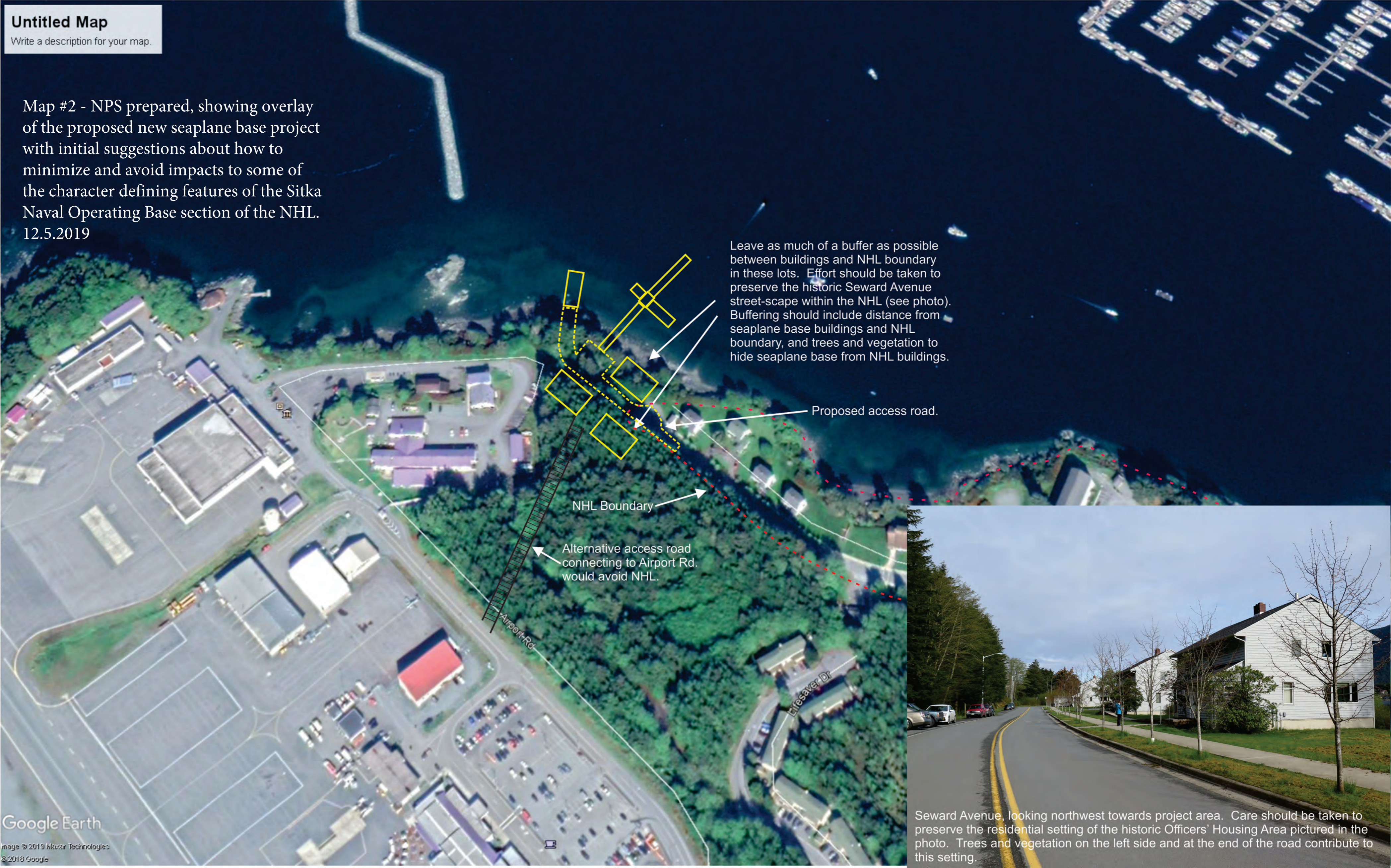
28. Mt. Edgecumbe School
29. Coast Guard CST Building
30. Mt Edgecumbe High School Aquatic Facility
31. U.S. Coast Guard Dock

-  Contributing Buildings and Structures
-  Contributing Sites
-  Non-contributing Properties
-  National Historic Landmark Boundary



Map not to scale

Map #2 - NPS prepared, showing overlay of the proposed new seaplane base project with initial suggestions about how to minimize and avoid impacts to some of the character defining features of the Sitka Naval Operating Base section of the NHL.
12.5.2019



Leave as much of a buffer as possible between buildings and NHL boundary in these lots. Effort should be taken to preserve the historic Seward Avenue street-scape within the NHL (see photo). Buffering should include distance from seaplane base buildings and NHL boundary, and trees and vegetation to hide seaplane base from NHL buildings.

Proposed access road.

NHL Boundary

Alternative access road connecting to Airport Rd. would avoid NHL.

Airport Rd

Lifesaver Dr



Seward Avenue, looking northwest towards project area. Care should be taken to preserve the residential setting of the historic Officers' Housing Area pictured in the photo. Trees and vegetation on the left side and at the end of the road contribute to this setting.

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Hi Lucy,

The Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (AK SHPO) received your correspondence (dated November 26, 2019) on November 27, 2019. Following our review, we noted that the project is within the boundary of SIT-00079, Sitka Naval Operating Base and U.S. Army Coastal Defenses National Historic Landmark (NHL). As such, please give special consideration to the project's possible effects to historic properties within and adjacent to the area of potential effects (APE). As a reminder, the agency official shall undertake special requirements for protecting National Historic Landmarks (36 CFR § 800.10). Please contact Rhea Hood with the National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places Program, at Rhea_Hood@nps.gov or 907-644-3460 to discuss the project's potential effects on the NHL. We have no objections to the preliminary APE, or level of effort conducted for identification at this time. We look forward to receiving the results of the evaluation of the project area as well as FAA's findings for this undertaking and will respond with our concurrence and/or comments at that time.

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Mark W. Rollins, M.A.
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Alaska State Historic Preservation Office/ Office of History and Archaeology
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