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Subject Beluga Whales: An Endangered Species

Sir,

The Houston South route to Port Mackenzie will bisect 20 miles of the Little Susitna Watershed. This railroad corridor will disrupt or destroy critical salmon spawning habitat. It is this habitat that produces food for the whales.

Recommending this route flies in the face of NOAA and the Marine Mammal Protection Act studies and subsequent recommendations. The Willow Route avoids these hazards and therefore avoids challenges from the environmental community. Lawsuits from the environmental community will cause costly delays, which could ultimately make this project "cost prohibitive."

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Strong