Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Habitat Section Southeast Region

114-31-10130 Tributary 15

Water body name: Quad: Sitka D-5 Upper Reach Latitude: 57.962794 Longitude: -135.429144 Lower Reach Latitude: 57.962659 Longitude: -135.429680

Findings: We surveyed this uncataloged stream using a backpack electrofisher and GPS. We captured juvenile coho salmon, Dolly Varden, and cutthroat trout. The tributary stream descends into a low-gradient channel at the base of a hillside with quality coho salmon rearing habitat (Table 1; Figures 1, 2).

Recommendations: Add this uncataloged stream to the anadromous waters catalog for rearing coho salmon (Figure 3).

Nomination: Pending

Table 1.–114-31-10130 tributary 15 survey data.

Stream Habitat Gradient Sample Sample Stream Waypoint Latitude Longitude Notes Width ft Substrate Features % Effort Results 1175 SWD 57.962771 -135.429139 Start of survey on tributary. 6-8 Small Gravel 2-4 EF 3 DV Fine Organic Spawning 2 CTSubstrate 2 CO 1176 57.963079 -135.428674 Tributaries split, river-left 1-2 Small Gravel Incised 1-2 EF 1 CT has a 1' tall falls onto clay Channel with no jump pool. Riverright is the main and is a small stream with good rearing habitat. Dropdowns are for river-right. 1177 57.963118 -135.428049 2-4 Fine Organic 1-2 EF No Fish Incised Sand Channel

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ADDITION

Survey date: 7/20/2022 Species & Lifestage: Survey crew: FC, RR





Figure 1.–Juvenile coho salmon captured at waypoint 1175.



Figure 2.-Channel at waypoint 1175.



Figure 3.–114-31-10130 tributary 15 addition map.