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Mr. Shane Walker, Project Review Coordinator
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Subject: Chevron GWRS Retaining Wall, # AK 0604-02OG

Dear Mr. Walker:

Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Coastal District staff reviewed the above referenced project for consistency with KPB Coastal Management Program enforceable policies. This project seeks a consistency determination for rock removal near the Chevron Ground Water Retention system (GWRS).

Project Description and Scope

At the request of local set-net fishermen Chevron has consented to conduct rock removal activities from the beach in front of the GWRS. Large rocks brought in or exposed by tidal action due to shoreline alternation caused by Chevron cause the fishermen's nets snag and tear on these obstructions during fishing periods. The applicant seeks a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit to conduct maintenance dredging of approximately 200 cubic yards rock from below the mean high water mark of Cook Inlet at the Chevron facility near Nikiski, Alaska. In addition to removing obstructions to fishing operations the rock will serve as added protection for the GRWS.

The rock removal activities will consist of using a small team of people to carry rocks of various sizes (1-foot to 3.5-foot in diameter) from the intertidal zone to the GRWS retaining wall where they will be placed at either end of the existing GRWS.

Finding

Kenai Peninsula Borough Enforceable Policy 2.4, Dredging and Filling, requires that dredging and filing in saltwater areas shall be designed and constructed to avoid significant interference with fish migration, spawning and rearing as well as other important life history phases of wildlife, limit the areas of direct disturbance to as small an areas as possible and maintain circulation and drainage patterns in the area of the fill.

With due attention to the above cited enforceable policy, the work plan as proposed by the applicant will be *consistent* with KPBCZM enforceable policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Gary Williams
Coastal District Coordinator