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Ms. Nicole Allison, Project Review Coordinator
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Subject: Kasilof River Wetlands – Larry Lewis – AK 0605-07AA

Dear Ms. Allison:

Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Plan (KPBCMP) staff received a project proposal for review submitted by Larry Lewis to the ACMP seeking a consistency determination for construction activity in wetlands in Lot A2, Reyes Tracts #2 Subdivision in Kasilof, Alaska. Based on our review of the project, we offer the following comments.

Project Description

The project subject to this review is the excavation of approximately 8,000 cubic yards of material from approximately 1.1 acres of wetlands to create a 3' to 5' deep pond and to side-cast the excavated spoils into several 2' high piles with 3:1 side-slopes at least 12' from the excavated areas. The total amount of side-cast material is estimated to cover approximately one-half acre of wetlands.

Project Discussion

The purpose for this wetland development project is to provide habitat in the form of shallow ponds for cranes, puddle ducks, nesting diving ducks, shore birds and moose and bear.

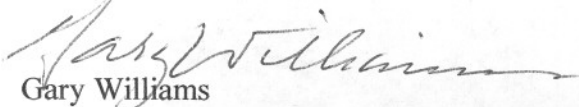
Finding

Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Zone Management Program (KPBCZMP) enforceable policies 2.4, Dredging and Filling, and 2.5, Disposal of Dredged Material, requires that dredging and filling in wetlands shall limit the area of disturbance to as small an area

as possible; minimize sediment migrating away from the dredge site and maintain the circulation and drainage patterns in the area of the fill. Inasmuch as the developer has not detailed a plan to prevent sediment, caused by dredging and filling activity, from migrating onto adjacent, undisturbed wetland, the KPBCZMP recommends as an alternative measure that the developer provide an erosion and sediment control plan based on Best Management Practices as a condition of receiving a permit to excavate.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Williams".

Gary Williams
Coastal Management Program Coordinator