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Mr. Jim Renkert, Project Review Coordinator
State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Office of Project Management and Permitting
Alaska Coastal Management Program
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 705
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Alaska Aggregate – Seldovia Dock AK 0804-08AA

Dear Mr. Renkert:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District has reviewed the subject project for consistency with the statewide standards of the Alaska Coastal Management Program and finds the project consistent with those standards.

Project Description and Scope of Project

The proposed project is the construction of an Offload Pier in the marine waters of Seldovia Bay to assist in loading vessels with aggregate products from the Seldovia Native Associations Dan's Hill Quarry. The project is subject to Section 10 the Rivers and Harbors Act.

The project subject to this consistency review will consist of the following:

A pier 150' long x 24' wide constructed on 10 piles;

A 100' x 24' transfer ramp;

Two mooring dolphins (3 piles each) at the end of the transfer ramp;

A 160' x 60' transfer barge moored to the seaward end of the transfer ramp;

Two mooring buoys anchored by two 3000 lb navy anchors (4 total) with 2-inch chain.

The pier will be constructed from steel and concrete and will be supported by 5 bents or 5 sets of 2 steel pilings. The pier structure will extend 150 feet seaward. The pier and ramp will extend approximately 250 feet seaward. The pier, ramp and transfer barge will extend approximately 410 feet seaward when the transfer barge is in use.

Landward of the pier, a 30' x 10-20' long approach ramp will be built from fill material. All fill material will be placed above MHW (+17'). A back wall will be installed at or above MHW to retain fill. The preferred material for the back wall will be concrete or 12" x 12" timbers with geotextile. Piles will be driven to support the superstructure which supports the back wall. If the back wall is constructed with timber no creosote or pentachlorophenol preservatives will be used. ACZA may be used.

The location is near Seldovia, Alaska within Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian; Latitude 59.2120°, Longitude -151.6940°. The project is within the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area.

Findings

This activity is water dependent in conformance with 11 AAC 112.200 because transport of product by water to "Homer and other sites in the area" is the only alternative.

The applicant has stated in a revised project description that public access through and around the project will not be impeded and that signage alerting the public to the right of access will be posted. The project is, therefore, consistent with the public access provision of 11 AAC 112.220.

With regard to the effect of the proposed project on habitat, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District defers to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game who has statutory authority in the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Gary Williams
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Coastal Management Program Coordinator