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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
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Salmon Creek Channel Reopening – AK 0809-04AA

Dear Mr. Renkert:

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

Project Description and Scope of Project

The proposed project is to use heavy equipment to relocate, shape and reopen a dry channel of Salmon Creek near the confluence of Salmon Creek and Clear Creek. The purpose of the project is to allow for temporary relief from the current water inundation in the Clear Creek area due to sediment deposition. Work will consist of moving excess gravel deposits and reestablishing the main channel of Salmon Creek to slow sedimentation at the current Clear Creek and Salmon Creek confluence.

Large dozers and excavators will conduct streambed development while the area is dry. All materials will be used to establish the main channel. Material will be shaped to establish a channel, flood way and flood plain. Upon completion and inspection of the channel water will be introduced with the use of an excavator.

Advisory Information

The project is a temporary mitigation measure. Work will take place outside of the fish window (May 15 – July 15). Sedimentation studies show an accumulation of over 450,000 cy of bed load material build-up directly upstream from the confluence. This bed load relocating to the area has resulted in sedimentation of previous work completed within the fish window.

The confluence of the creeks referenced above are in Section 26, Township 1 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian; Latitude 60.1500°, Longitude 149.4158° West.

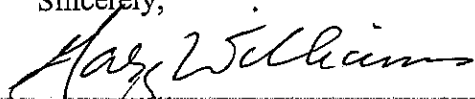
Findings

The activity proposed does not pose a threat to vegetative cover in a designated erosion-prone area nor does the activity conflict with recreational uses or in-water development policies.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Gary Williams
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Coastal Management Program Coordinator