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Ms. Ginny Litchfield, Habitat Biologist
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Kenai Area Office
514 Funny River Road
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Subject: Seldovia River Fishway Project

Dear Ms. Litchfield:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Zone Management (KPBCZMP) Program staff reviewed the subject project and concurs with the applicant's certification of consistency with the enforceable policies of the KPBCZMP.

Project Description:

This project includes construction of an Alaska Steeppass Fishway to allow for fish passage around the present barrier falls located one mile upstream from the tidewater mouth. In-water construction would occur during the normal fish habitat window of May 15-July 15, 2009.

Findings

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is a designated recreation area for purposes of Alaska Coastal Management Program consistency reviews. The proposed activity qualifies as a water dependant use under policy 3.1 and has priority over other non-water dependant uses. KPBCZMP enforceable policy 3.5, Recreational Features, requires projects to avoid, minimize or mitigate direct and significant impacts upon the existing uses and protected features on which the recreation depends. The scope of the work proposed by the applicant will not adversely impact uses and activities protected in the designated area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Gary Williams
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Coastal District Coordinator