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Mr. Peter Boyer, Project Review Coordinator
State of Alaska, DNR
Division of Coastal and Ocean Management
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Halibut Cove Shellfish Farm AK 0911-05AA

Dear Mr. Boyer:

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 (KPBCMP) and finds the project consistent with those policies.

Project Description

The applicant proposes to establish a suspended shellfish farm in Halibut Cove (on the south side of Kachemak Bay). Shellfish would be grown at depths from 5' to 30' below the water's surface, and gear would be suspended by floating longlines. There would be a total of 25, 400' floating longlines within the 550' x 700' leased area, with 50 nets and buoys attached to each of those 25 lines.

Scope of Project Under Review

The scope of the project subject to this consistency review includes the development of an aquatic farm, authorized by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game under Permit 09-101-AFSC. Also within the scope of this review is the tideland lease, authorized by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources under ADL 230647. Outside the scope of this review is the placement of aquatic farm structures in the navigable waters within the State of Alaska, as authorized by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under General Permit POA-2006-1035, under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act.

Findings

The applicant's project will be located more than 1,000 feet from the south eastern shore of Ismailof Island near Halibut Cove. There are several existing shellfish farms in the vicinity. The project will be located away from the boat channel on the north end of the island. There is sufficient draft for craft to navigate the area at all tides. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude

that the public's right to access recreational features protected under KPBCMP policy 3.5, Recreational Features, will not be impaired by this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Williams".

Gary Williams
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Coastal Management Program Coordinator