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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: Humpy Cove/Orca Island Cabins/Suspension Footbridge
State ID NO. AK0812-05AA

Dear Mr. Renkert:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District (KPBCD) has reviewed the subject project for consistency with applicable standards of the Alaska Coastal Management Program and the enforceable policies of the KPBCD and concurs with the applicant's certification of consistency.

Project Description

The project subject to this consistency review is to construct a 4-foot wide by 80-foot long suspension footbridge between Orca Island and the Resurrection Peninsula.

Orca Island Cabins is a private business offering remote cabin rentals. Orca Island and Lot 3 on the Resurrection Peninsula are owned by the applicant. The suspension bridge would provide foot access between the properties. The proposed structure would be constructed on steel towers anchored in bedrock, with wire cables used as stringers and suspenders to support pressure treated wood decking. The towers, which would be placed above mean high water (MHW), would support the footbridge suspended approximately 10 feet over MHW. The shallow, intertidal water under the proposed bridge is not conducive to navigation by motorized vessels.

As mitigation Orca Island Cabins has agreed not to discharge fill below the high tide line and to site the bridge abutments above mean high water.

The location is in Humpy Cove in Resurrection Bay within Section 28, Township 2 South, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian; Latitude 59.9743° North, Longitude 149.2974° West.

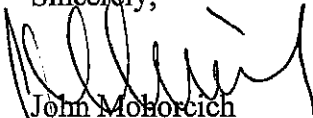
Findings

The applicant's project is consistent with applicable Kenai Peninsula Borough Enforceable Policies (KPBEF) for the following reasons:

- 1) KPBEF 1.0, Coastal Development: No adverse impacts to erosion, deposition or littoral processes are evident in the proposal.
- 2) KPBEF 3.0, Recreational and Coastal Access: The project is water-dependent and water-related and provides non-motorized access to the island that does not pose a hazard to navigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,



John Mohorcich
Acting Kenai Peninsula Borough
Coastal District Coordinator