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Mr. Peter Boyer, 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: Tern Lake/Daves Creek Stream Restoration, AK0904-04AA

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 and finds the project consistent with those policies.

Project Description and Scope

This project is multifaceted, the overall purpose of which is to restore stream habitat in Daves Creek near the Tern Lake outlet, and to enhance stream access and fish viewing in the area for a variety of users. Specific project details and goals include, but are not limited to: replacing the Tern Lake outlet culvert with a bridge (to include a pedestrian walkway on the bridge); upgrading existing recreational facilities and user trails in the area; reducing the stream gradient near the outlet of Tern Lake; reducing or eliminating road gravel and trash entering the stream banks and channel; optimizing aquatic organism passage and habitat conditions, and; rehabilitating the damaged stream by creating a more natural stream channel with woody debris, pools, and spawning gravel. The project as proposed would take place over a two year period, with instream restoration activities limited to the 2-month period between May 15 and July 15, as required by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, in order to minimize impacts to spawning or rearing salmon. In 2009, the existing culvert would be removed and replaced with a bridge. In 2010, the channel restoration would be completed, and trail reconstruction would occur in 2010 in concert with the restoration and planting of the riparian area and flood plain. If additional funding is obtained the entire project may occur in 2009. In reviewing this proposed project for consistency with the ACMP, please note that the culvert removal and bridge installation components have been found consistent, via Generally Consistent Determination 7.

The location is within Sections 11 and 12, Township 5 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian.
Latitude / Longitude: 60°32' / 149°55'.


Findings

The activity proposed does not pose a threat to vegetative cover in a designated erosion-prone area (KPBCZMP Policy 2.2, Erosion) nor does the activity conflict with recreational uses or in-water development policies (KPBCZMP Policy 3.0, Recreational and Coastal Access).

With regard to the effect of the proposed project on fish 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
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Coastal Management Program Coordinator