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Alaska Coastal Management Program
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Subject: Seward Fish Cleaning Dock AK09-6-10AA

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

Project Description

The project subject to this consistency review is to place twenty-two, 16" galvanized steel pilings in the Seward Small Boat Harbor to construct a 12' by 95' timber trestle and a 26' x 54' dock. The piling will be set in place using either a hammer driving or vibratory method.

The trestle and dock are being constructed for a roof covered fish cleaning station. The proposed trestle would connect to the existing boardwalk and provide ADA access to two roof covered fish cleaning tables. The 3' by 37' tables would be outfitted with potable water service and spray nozzles. Fish waste would be washed down through the deck into a collection barge beneath the dock. The barge will discard the fish waste offshore.

Additional Information

The following mitigation measures are proposed to avoid and minimize impacts to waters of the United States.

A. Avoidance: With the recent expansion of the harbor basin, including new mooring floats and slips, the facility has experienced increase use and the need for additional fish cleaning facilities is apparent. Upgraded fish cleaning tables can reduce fish waste management problems. People

would be less likely to clean fish on their boats, or elsewhere in the harbor, and dispose the waste by tossing it overboard or placing it in area dumpsters.

B. Minimization: Fish waste is thrown from the existing cleaning table into a collection barge below the dock. This barge is then towed offshore for marine disposal. Currently, the tables are located in an area within the harbor where there is a low MHHW causing the barge to be grounded much of the time. Because high tides float the barge only about twice a month harbor staff is restricted from emptying the barge on an as needed basis. This results in fish waste overflowing the collection barge and accumulating in the water around it. This impacts water quality within the harbor, and creates attractant issues from animals and birds.

The location is in the Seward Small Boat Harbor in Section 3, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian; Latitude 60.1206° North, Longitude 149.4334° West

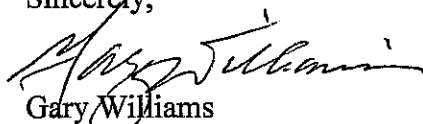
Findings

This project is within an area designated as suitable for facilities that support seafood processing and is a water-dependent use consistent with KPBCMP policy 6.0, Commercial Fishing and Seafood Processing Facilities. The development of this facility is consistent with KPBCMP policy 1.5, Ports and Harbors because it is designed and will be operated for public use. The project is consistent with KPBCMP policy 3.2, Activities in Recreational Waters because it is sited to avoid obstruction to navigation. The project is consistent with KPBCMP policy 3.5, Recreational Features, because it avoids or minimizes conflict with described recreational features of the Seward area.

This project is consistent with all other KPBCMP policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Gary Williams
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Coastal Management Program Coordinator