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Ms. Sadie Wright, Project Specialist
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Subject: Deep Creek DNR Parks Boat Launch # AK0607-02

Dear Ms. Wright:

Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Coastal District staff reviewed the above referenced project for consistency with KPB Coastal Management Program enforceable policies. The review concerns a proposal by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to reinstall a boat launch and improve facilities at a public recreation area adjacent to Deep Creek.

Project Description and Scope

In 2002 a flood destroyed a boat launch ramp at the Deep Creek State Recreation Area near the mouth of Deep Creek.

The work proposed by the DNR includes the discharge of approximately 59 cubic yards of fill material below the high tide line of Deep Creek to construct a two lane, concrete boat ramp. The ramp will be 150 feet long and range between 22 feet and 44 feet wide. The ramp will extend approximately 35 feet below the high tide line and 28 feet below the mean high water mark of the creek. The drivable surface of the ramp will be 22' wide and consist of approximately 18 cubic yards of D-1 gravel as bedding material for approximately 28 cubic yards of concrete planks and treated lumber sills. Approximately 13 cubic yards of articulating concrete matting will extend 10 feet from each side of the concrete planks. The articulating concrete matting will extend approximately 25 feet below the high tide line and 18 feet below the mean high water mark. Approximately 1,320 feet of the creek bank will be filled under this proposal.

Findings

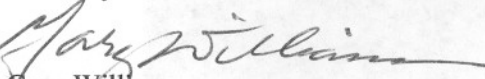
Kenai Peninsula Borough Enforceable Policy 3.3, Erosion, calls for development activities on shorelines to avoid adverse impacts to shoreline processes, in part, to retain existing vegetative cover in erosion-prone areas to the greatest extent feasible and prudent. In cases where development or other activities lead to removal of vegetation,

erosion shall be prevented or, if it occurs, shall be remedied through revegetation or by other appropriate means. To achieve consistency with this policy the DNR should employ generally accepted Best Management Practice in conducting creek bank excavation, fill and restoration activity.

Kenai Peninsula Borough Enforceable Policy 2.6, Mitigation, calls for all land and water use activity to be planned and conducted to mitigate potential adverse impacts on fish and wildlife populations and habitats. This policy calls for the avoidance of loss or natural fish and wildlife populations and habitat or if loss cannot be avoided, to minimize the loss. To achieve consistency with this policy the in-water construction and adjacent upland work should employ Best Management Practice to avoid negative impacts to wildlife habitat.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gary Williams
Coastal District Coordinator