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Subject: ASRC Energy Rig Tenders Dock Dredge, Port Nikiski #AK 0607-03AA

Dear Mr. Walker:

Kenai Peninsula Borough (KPB) Coastal District staff reviewed the above referenced project for consistency with KPB Coastal Management Program enforceable policies. This project seeks a consistency determination for dredging material on the face of Rig Tenders Dock and stockpiling material for future use.

## Project Description and Scope

The proposed work is to dredge approximately 40,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel material from below the mean high water mark of Cook Inlet at the face of the dock. The proposal calls for dredging a 600' long x 60' wide x 10' deep area on the western side of the dock and a 440' long x 60' wide x 10' deep area along the southern side of the dock. The material is to be stockpiled on the existing dock temporarily and discharged, as needed, into approximately 3 – 4 acres below the high tide line of Cook Inlet on the north side of the dock. The project also calls for a 10-year maintenance dredging permit to conduct annual dredging of approximately 12,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel from the dock face.

The purpose of the project is to preserve the structural integrity of the dock and to maintain required water depth at the face of the dock for loading and unloading vessels. The purpose of the occasional discharge of material on the north side is to maintain the structural integrity of the existing sheet pile wall.

## Finding

Kenai Peninsula Borough Enforceable Policy 2.4, Dredging and Filling, requires that dredging and filing in saltwater areas shall be designed and constructed to avoid

significant interference with fish migration, spawning and rearing as well as other important life history phases of wildlife, limit the areas of direct disturbance to as small an areas as possible and maintain circulation and drainage patterns in the area of the fill.

Set net fishers have valid leases to conduct fishing activity adjacent to the north side of the dock. No activity, dredging or material discharge should take place during the time set net fishermen are active at their site to avoid interference with fish migration.

With due attention to the above cited enforceable policy, the work plan as proposed by the applicant will be *consistent* with KPBCZM enforceable policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Gary Williams

Coastal District Coordinator