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Subject: Resurrection River, Metco, State ID# AK 0604-02AA

Dear Ms. Allison:

Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Program (KPBCZMP) staff reviewed the above noted project to determine conformance with enforceable policies. The proposed project is the commercial removal of gravel from the Resurrection River near Mile 3 of the Seward Highway, in Seward, Alaska in Section 27, Township 1 N., Seward Meridian. Relevant KPBCZMP policies concern enforceable policy 2.4, Dredging in Rivers.

Project Description

The applicant plans to remove 50,000 cubic yards of gravel per year over a ten-year period from a gravel bar in the Resurrection River. Gravel will be removed in shallow, even lifts on exposed bars during periods of low water to avoid creating depressions that could entrap fish. Gravel will be stockpiled below ordinary high water for short periods of time but not in flowing water. Stockpiled gravel will be removed before water rises to the stockpiles.

Project Discussion

The applicant seeks a continuation of gravel extraction that has been conducted at this location for some 30 years. The City of Seward's Floodplain Manager who has permitting authority over this project has stated that gravel extraction, provided it is compatible with habitat concerns and does not increase erosion, bank and slope failure in the Resurrection River, helps to mitigate flooding in Seward.

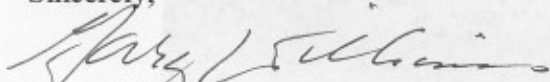
This project was found consistent with KPBCZMP policies during a review in 1996.

Finding

Since the project as proposed will be restricted to exposed gravel bars and no activity will take place in water or interfere with fish migration, the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the KPBCZMP.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Gary Williams
Coastal District Coordinator