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Ms. Nina Brudie, Project Review Coordinator
Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Office of Project Management and Permitting
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 705
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Kenai Boat Harbor Silt Removal

Dear Ms. Brudie:

Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Plan (KPBCMP) staff received a project proposal for review submitted by the City of Kenai to the Office of Project Management and Permitting seeking a coastal zone consistency determination for removal of silt in the Kenai Boat Harbor. The project is located within the City of Kenai in the footprint of the current harbor. Based on our review of the project, we find the project Consistent with the borough's Coastal Management Program policies and offer the following comments.

Scope of the Project

The project subject to this consistency review is maintenance dredging for a ten-year period. Up to 3,000 cubic yards (cy) of silt and mud would be removed from a 35,000 square foot area each April and May and up to 25 cy of silt and mud would be dredged from four boat ramps as many as three times per month during the summer months. Dredging would occur when the site is dewatered and all equipment would work from the ramps. Dredged material would be temporarily stored at an on-site upland location, and permanently disposed of at an off-site upland area.

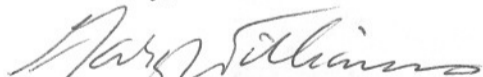
Findings

The improvements called out in the scope of the project are water dependent and therefore are appropriate in the Kenai Boat Harbor. The dredging work will be conducted during periods when the site is dewatered. Spoils will be stored upland and away from the Kenai River. This activity is consistent with Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Program (KPBCZMP) policies 2.0, Coastal Development, KPBCZMP 2.5, Dredging and Filling, and KPBCZMP 2.4, Disposal of Dredged Material.

The dredging activity will not have a direct and significant impact on marine life in the vicinity of the project. This activity is consistent with KPZMP policies 2.6, Mitigation and KPBCMP 2.7, Cumulative Impacts.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,



Gary Williams
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Coastal District Coordinator