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Alaska Coastal Management Program
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Alaska Aggregate – Seldovia Dock AK 0804–08AA

Dear Mr. Renkert:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District has reviewed the subject project for consistency with standards of the Alaska Coastal Management Program and proposes that the project be found consistent with those standards provided an alternative measure regarding public access is attached.

Project Description and Scope of Project

The project subject to this consistency review is the construction of a pile-supported dock in marine waters. The dock will be approximately 150 feet long and 24 feet wide and supported by 5 bents, or sets of 2 steel pilings. The design also includes 2 mooring dolphins placed approximately 20 feet water-ward of the end of the dock. The project is subject to Section 10 the Rivers and Harbors Act. The purpose of the dock is to allow the loading of gravel and rock for transport to Homer and other sites in the area.

The location is near Seldovia, Alaska within Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian; Latitude 59.2120°, Longitude -151.6940°. The project is within the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area.

Findings

This activity is water dependent in conformance with 11 AAC 112.200 because transport of product by water to “Homer and other sites in the area” is the only alternative.

The proposed project does not appear to pose a significant adverse effect on public access in conformance with 11 AAC 112.220, or to competing uses such as commercial, recreation or subsistence activities in conformance with 11 AAC 112.300, inasmuch as the developer’s representative has stated, in a Request for Additional Information, that the public will have unimpeded access to the beach when the structure is in place.

With regard to the effect of the proposed project on habitat, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District defers to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game who has statutory authority in the Kachemak Bay Critical Habitat Area.

Alternative Measure

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District recommends that the Final Consistency Determination include a Alternative Measure preserving the right of the public to unimpeded access to the beach in the project area and free passage from one side of the dock structure to the other on the beach.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



Gary Williams
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