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Subject: Offload Ramp at Beluga, Cook Inlet

Dear Ms. Brudie:

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.

Project Description and Scope

The project subject to this consistency review is the movement of beach sand and gravels from the low-water line up the beach to form a ramp for offloading ramped vessels. This work would be repeated several times each barge season.

The project is located within Section 20, Township 12N, Range 10W, Seward Meridian, Latitude 61.1225° N, Longitude 151.0879°, US Survey 4543, along the West side of Cook Inlet near Beluga, Alaska.

Findings:

The activity proposed takes place within and adjacent to commercial fishing sites. The ramp building apparently occurs with the consent of the affected fishing site holders and with clearly identified timing windows to avoid conflict between fishermen and ramp building and barge landing activities. The project will move material approximately 150' from the low tide line to a 10' high ramp at the bluff.


11 ACC 112.300(b)(7) Habitats, requires that high energy coasts must be managed to avoid, minimize or mitigate significant adverse impacts to the mix and transport of sediment and redirection of transport processes and wave energy. The ramp building process must be repeated throughout the barge off-loading season due to wave action that redeposits material in the littoral zone. The activity does not appear to have the potential to cause erosion to the bluff due to beach starvation or adverse impacts to sensitive offshore habitat.

Advisory:

Heavy equipment activity in a tideflat may require the applicant to obtain additional permits.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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