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August 15, 2008

Ms. Kimberly Klein, Habitat Biologist
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
333 Raspberry Rd.
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

Subject: Chakachamna Lake Hydroelectric Reconnaissance

Dear Ms. Klein:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Zone Management Program (KPBCZMP) staff reviewed the subject project and concurs with the applicant's certification that the project is consistent with KPBCZMP enforceable policy.

Project Description

The applicant seeks to conduct environmental baseline studies for two days between September 1 and September 5, 2008 for the proposed Chakachamna Hydroelectric Project. This work will consist of visual observations only. Data collection will be limited to site photography and note collection concerning fisheries, wetlands, wildlife and surface water hydrology. No physical data or samples will be collected during these efforts. Study area visits will be completed on foot or by a two to three persons team. Access will be via helicopter.

Findings

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is designated as a recreational area for purposes of project reviews under the Alaska Coastal Management Program. KBPCZMP enforceable policy 3.5, Recreational Features, requires projects to avoid, minimize or mitigate direct and significant impacts upon the existing uses and protected features on which the recreation depends. The scope of work will not impact recreational uses and activities protected in the designated area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Williams'.

Gary Williams
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Coastal District Coordinator