



## **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

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Department of Natural Resources  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: GCI Turnagain Arm Cable Installation

Dear Ms. Kalli:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Zone Management (KPBCZMP) Program staff reviewed the subject project and concurs with the applicant's certification of consistency with the enforceable policies of the KPBCZMP.

#### Project Description

The scope of the project to be reviewed is the installation of the 34.5-mile long submarine fiber optic cable in Turnagain Arm, including directional boring, digging trenches, and burying cable at the east and west landfall points, and laying the cable in the arm using a marine vessel.

The location is Turnagain Arm, from McHugh Creek to the Placer River, within the Municipality of Anchorage and Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Districts, within the following sections: Sections 5 & 6, T8N R3E, Seward Meridian Sections 1 & 2, T9N R1E, S.M. Sections 3, 6, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 24, & 25, T9N R2E, S.M. Sections 30, 31, & 32, T9N R3E, S.M. Sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, & 36, T10N R1E, S.M. Sections 7, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, & 36, T10N R1W, S.M. Sections 31, 32, 33, & 34, T10N R2E, S.M. Sections 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, & 12, T10N R2W, S.M. Sections 30, 31, 32, & 33, T11N R2W, S.M. Sections 25 & 36, T11N R3W, S.M.

#### Findings

The Kenai Peninsula Borough is a designated recreation area for purposes of Alaska Coastal Management Program consistency reviews. The proposed activity qualifies as a water dependant use under policy 3.1 and has priority over other non-water dependant uses. KPBCZMP 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

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recreation depends. The scope of the work proposed by the applicant will not adversely impact uses and activities protected in the designated area.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Williams".

Gary Williams  
Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Coastal District Coordinator