



## **KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH**

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Office of Project Management and Permitting  
Alaska Coastal Management Program  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Subject: Peakaview Subdivision Road, 0711- 05A

Dear Mr. Atkinson:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District has reviewed the subject project for consistency with the Statewide Standards of the Alaska Coastal Management Program and proposes that the project be found consistent. The site of the project is within Section 19, Township 4 South, Range 14 West, Seward Meridian, Kenai Peninsula Borough Tax Lots 165-390-14 and 165-390-19, near Anchor Point.

#### Project Description and Scope

The applicant proposes to add 3,300 cubic yards of gravel fill material within a dedicated right-of-way in wetlands. The proposed road will improve an existing access and add new road for the purpose of providing access to the applicant's subdivision. Fill material will be obtained from an approved local gravel source and the road will be built to Kenai Peninsula Borough road standards.

The applicant proposes to reduce potential impacts to wetlands by delineating clearing limits with flags, installing silt fences prior to construction, maintaining the silt fences during construction, limiting side slopes fill to a 2:1 ratio and installing a minimum of 4 culverts, at natural grade level, to allow water flow through the roadbed. The applicant proposes to construct during winter to minimize wetland impacts.

The applicant examined alternatives to the proposed access, all of which would result in more fill in wetlands than the project as proposed.

#### Findings

The Statewide Standards of the Alaska Coastal management Program at 11 AAC 112-280, Transportation Routes and Facilities, requires that such activities avoid, minimize or mitigate:

- (1) alterations in surface and ground water drainage patterns;
- (2) disruption in known or reasonably foreseeable wildlife transit and
- (3) blockage of existing or traditional access.

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The applicant proposes a minimum of four culverts to expedite water that would otherwise be impounded by road construction in a wetland. To avoid water impoundment the applicant should, at minimum, follow Kenai Peninsula Borough Code 14.40.170 and related Road Construction Standards, VII. Drainage and Culvert Material to insure that water is properly conveyed.

With regard to items (2) and (3) above, no avoidance, minimization or mitigation is necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Gary Williams  
Kenai Peninsula Borough  
Coastal District Coordinator

