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Subject: Anchor River Channel Restoration FH 09-V-0066

Dear Mr. McKinley:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Zone Management Program (KPBCZMP) staff has reviewed the subject project and finds it consistent with the Program's enforceable policies.

Project Description

This project will restore a reach of the Anchor River captured by a gravel pit during 2002 flooding and restore the floodplain to natural contours. Currently the river is flowing in two channels through the gravel pit and eroding non-functioning berms, which in turn increases turbidity downstream. To the extent practical the active channel will be removed from the gravel pit. A new section of channel will be created through the northern half of the existing berm, requiring ~220' of new bankline. The outside bend will be stabilized using log jams, rootwads or some combination thereof. A southern meander will be re-established to increase channel length, reducing channel gradient and helping prevent further channel entrenchment. ~130' of new bank line will be created in this stretch, similar to that in the northern reach. The floodplain and active channels will be reconnected by re-contouring the levees at the appropriate floodplain elevation, filling the westernmost channel. All abandoned man-made debris will be removed from the site.

The project site is located in the Kenai Peninsula Coastal District- Section 29 T05S R1W S.M. Anchor River, near Anchor Point, Alaska.

Finding

The activity described will not affect natural hazard areas, public access to coastal areas, recreational uses or commercial uses and activities. The KPBCZMP defers to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game regarding fish habitat issues that may relate to this project.

Sincerely,

Gary Williams

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Coastal District Coordinator