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November 25, 2009

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

Subject: Lone Creek Beaver Dam Pipes

Dear Ms. Marie:

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District has reviewed the subject project for consistency with the enforceable policies of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal Management Program and finds the project consistent with those policies.

Project Description

PacRim Coal, LP proposes to install two perforated high density plastic pipes in a beaver dam located downstream of a long term stream gaging station on Lone Creek (C196). The pipes will measure eight inches in diameter and twenty feet in length. The purpose of the pipes is to draw down the water level on the upstream side of the dam so the stream gage readings at station C196 are not affected by the pooling effect behind the beaver dam. The pipes are expected to remain in place through spring and PacRim Coal anticipates that the beavers will move to inhabit a new location after the water level in the pond is drawn down.

Scope of Project

The scope of the project under review is the placement of two perforated plastic pipes in a beaver dam on Lone Creek.

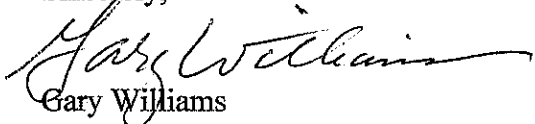
Findings

The activity proposed does not pose a threat to vegetative cover in a designated erosion-prone area (KPBCZMP Policy 2.2, Erosion) nor does the activity conflict with recreational uses or in-water development policies (KPBCZMP Policy 3.0, Recreational and Coastal Access).

With regard to the effect of the proposed project on fish habitat, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Coastal District defers to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Williams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gary Williams
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Coastal Management Program Coordinator