

RULES OF THUMB FOR RIVER PROJECTS ON THE KENAI PENINSULA

1. Permits from River Center agencies are required if you are working in the river and/or within 50 feet of Ordinary High Water (OHW). In addition, if you live within Soldotna City limits, a 100 foot Kenai River Overlay District permit is required from the city.
2. Projects on parcels in the Moose Range Meadows Subdivision also require a Kenai National Wildlife Refuge permit.
3. Projects of any type on mapped floodplains require a River Center Floodplain permit (Unless you live inside the city limits of Homer or Seward-contact those cities directly for permits). Floodplains are not regulated in the cities of Soldotna or Kenai.
4. Finished floors of structures in mapped floodplains must be elevated at or above Base Flood Elevation (BFE). Basements or crawl spaces are prohibited within the floodplain.
5. Allowable projects with permit approval:
 - Floating Docks:
 - The flotation materials used must be fully encased (e.g. styrofoam)
 - Maximum size of 80 square feet (Kenai River)
 - Cannot be more than 10-feet from the bank, or 25-feet in a tidal zone (based on a 19.1' high tide)
 - Must be seasonally removed
 - Elevated Light Penetrating (ELP) walkways and stairs:
 - Must be seasonally removed if they cantilever over the river (no more than 12" cantilever allowed)
 - Must be seasonally removed if your bank is prone to ice damage
 - 25% to 59% light-penetrating = Must be at least 18-inches off the ground and no wider than 6 feet.
 - 60% or greater light-penetrating = Must be at least 4-inches off ground and no wider than 8 feet.
 - Maximum length = 1/3 the length of the parcels' river frontage
 - Fish cleaning stations are permitted provided they meet the following standards:
 - Maximum size 25 square feet
 - No enclosed sides or roof
 - Any shelf below the cleaning surface must be at least 8 inches from the ground and be at least 60% light penetrating
 - Hazard tree removal and Vegetation Management (any vegetation removal from the water 50 feet back requires a permit).
6. Non-allowable uses and activities:
 - No pentachlorophenol or creosote wood products; Instead, use non-toxic pressure treated wood or other non-toxic materials
 - Removal of vegetation
 - Excavation of banks
 - Installation of impervious structures