

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME Division of Habitat

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FISH HABITAT PERMIT

SMALL-SCALE MINING WITH A SUCTION DREDGE
ANADROMOUS FISH STREAMS-NORTHERN KENAI PENINSULA

Please submit application to the Soldotna Field Office at the above address, by fax or email to ADFGKRC@borough.kenai.ak.us

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Size of Suction Dredge Intake (in.): _____ (must be 6 inches or less)

Horsepower: _____ (must be 18 hp or less)

For Official Use Only	
PERMIT NUMBER:	FH-11-V- _____
DATE ISSUED:	_____/_____/2011__
DATE EXPIRES:	JULY 15, 2011
ISSUED BY:	_____

I certify that I am a small-scale miner and that I have read and understand this permit, including the permit conditions. I agree to strictly abide by all of the conditions of this permit and I affirm that all information provided herein is true.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date ____/____/2011__

AUTHORIZED ANADROMOUS FISH (SALMON) STREAMS

Stream Name	Section(s)	Township	Range	Meridian	Stream No.
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), approval to mine is hereby given subject to the following stipulations:

1. Mining below the ordinary high water line (vegetation line) is only authorized from **May 15 through July 15.**
2. Streambanks shall not be mined or otherwise disturbed. All dredging shall be conducted within the limits of the wetted perimeter (water level) of the stream. Mining on exposed bars is prohibited.
3. The suction dredge shall not be used for high banking, off stream mining, or other water use activities. Suction dredges shall not be used to wash soils or other materials.
4. Motorized equipment shall not be used to move boulders, logs, or other objects too large to be moved by hand.
5. Wheeled or tracked vehicles or equipment shall not be operated in the stream or disturb the streambank.
6. Construction or maintenance of dams, diversions, fills, deflectors, and all other in water structures is prohibited.

This permit constitutes approval pursuant to AS 16.05.871(d). The above named person is authorized to operate the described suction dredge within the described Northern Kenai Peninsula stream locations. If the stream is located on the Southern or Central Kenai Peninsula please contact the Division of Habitat at the letterhead address for an individual fish habitat permit application. For this permit to be valid, it must be available for inspection while you are mining. This permit is not transferable and does not relieve you from complying with State Water Quality Standards specified by the Department of Environmental Conservation (18 AAC 70.005-990).

Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by ADF&G, Division of Habitat. *This determination does not relieve you of the responsibility for securing other state, federal or local permits nor does it authorize trespass on mineral claims or private property.* The Division of Habitat advises the permittee to contact the appropriate landowner or land management agency prior to conducting activities authorized by this permit.

Off-road vehicle access to the mining area that involves ford crossings of anadromous fish streams is NOT authorized by this recreational mining permit. An individual fish habitat permit may be required for these ford crossings. Please contact the Soldotna Division of Habitat office at (907) 714-2475 with any questions.

cc: L. Books, DNR/DMLW
C. Godsey, EPA
V. Ross, COE

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__R. Begich, ADF&G, Soldotna	__ABWE/Palmer
__D. Rutz, ADF&G, Palmer	__ABWE/Cantwell
__M. Somerville, ADF&G, Glenallen	__ABWE/Glennallen
	__ABWE/Soldotna

NOTE: On state land, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water also classifies suction dredges with an intake 6 inches or less recreational. Dredge operators with an intake larger than 6 inches should contact the Alaska Division of Mining, Land and Water (451-2790) to obtain commercial mining application instructions.

Federal land managers consider dredges with an intake 4 inches or smaller recreational. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) consider dredges with an intake 6 inches or smaller recreational. Larger dredges are considered commercial operations and require prior notice or approval from the federal land manager and COE. Applicants should contact the Bureau of Land Management (907-474-2200), COE (907-474-2166), and EPA (907-271-3401) to obtain application instructions.

COE Suction Dredge GP http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/REG/gps_scanned/GP%202007-372FINAL.pdf

EPA Suction Dredge GPs <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/water.nsf/NPDES+Permits/General+NPDES+Permits#Placer%20Mining>