

RULES OF THUMB FOR RIVER PROJECTS ON THE KENAI PENINSULA

1. A Kenai River Center permit is required if you are working in the river and/or within 50 feet of Ordinary High Water (OHW)
2. A City of Soldotna 100-foot Overlay District permit is required if you live within the City limits
3. Moose Range Meadows Subdivision parcels need a Kenai National Wildlife Refuge permit
4. Projects of any type on mapped floodplains require a Kenai River Center Floodplain permit (Unless you live in the cities of Homer, Soldotna or Kenai)
5. Finished floors of structures in mapped floodplains must be above Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and have proper openings that are professionally certified. Basements or crawl spaces are prohibited within the floodplain.
6. Allowable projects with permit approval:
 - Floating Docks:
 - Must be fully encased
 - Maximum size of 80 square feet
 - 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 74% light-penetrating = Must be at least 18-inches off ground
 - 75% or greater light-penetrating = Must be at least 8-inches off ground
 - Maximum length = 1/3 the length of the parcels' river frontage
 - Maximum width = 8-feet
 - All support posts must be out of the water and at least 12-inches back from ordinary high water
 - Fish cleaning table
 - Hazard tree removal
7. 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 is prohibited
 - Excavation of banks is prohibited
 - Installation of impervious structures is prohibited