



GENERAL FISH HABITAT PERMIT FH18-I-0062-GP

ISSUED: May 15, 2018
EXPIRES: December 31, 2023

General Public:

RE: Klehini River Equipment Crossing

Klehini River (Stream No. 115-32-10250-2077)

Section 21 and 22, T 28 S, R 54 E, CRM (Skagway B-4)

Location: 59.4323 N, 136.2204 W

The Klehini River bridge near Haines Highway milepost 26 provides access for heavy equipment crossing the river, however Porcupine Road closures or other constraints may preclude using the bridge. There is an established Klehini River equipment crossing area near Haines Highway milepost 34, previously authorized under FH17-I-0167-GP. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Division of Habitat has determined that both the public interest and the proper protection of fish and wildlife and their habitats are served through the issuance of a General Permit authorizing equipment crossings at this location.

Project Description

A person may take equipment across the Klehini River within the bounds of the established crossing area (Figure 1).

Anadromous Fish Act

The Klehini River has been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). Stream No. 115-32-10250-2077 provides habitat for Chinook, chum, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon, cutthroat trout, and Dolly Varden char. Chinook, coho, and chum salmon and Dolly Varden char transit this portion of the river and spawn upstream.

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), project approval is hereby given subject to the activity description above and the terms of this permit.

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.05.871. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Division of Habitat. This

determination does not relieve you of your responsibility to secure other permits; state, federal, or local. You are still required to comply with all other applicable laws.

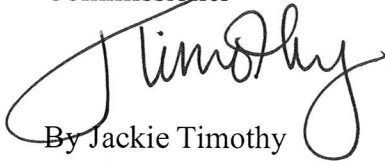
In addition to the penalties provided by law, this permit may be terminated or revoked for failure to comply with its provisions or failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. The department reserves the right to require mitigation measures to correct disruption to fish and game created by the project and which was a direct result of the failure to comply with this permit or any applicable law.

Any member of the general public operating under this General Permit shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the department, its agents, and its employees from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities for injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from permitted activities or your performance under this permit. However, this provision has no effect if, and only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the department's negligence.

This permit decision may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330-630.

Any questions about this permit may be directed to Habitat Biologist Johnny Zutz at (907) 465-46474 or emailed to johnny.zutz@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,
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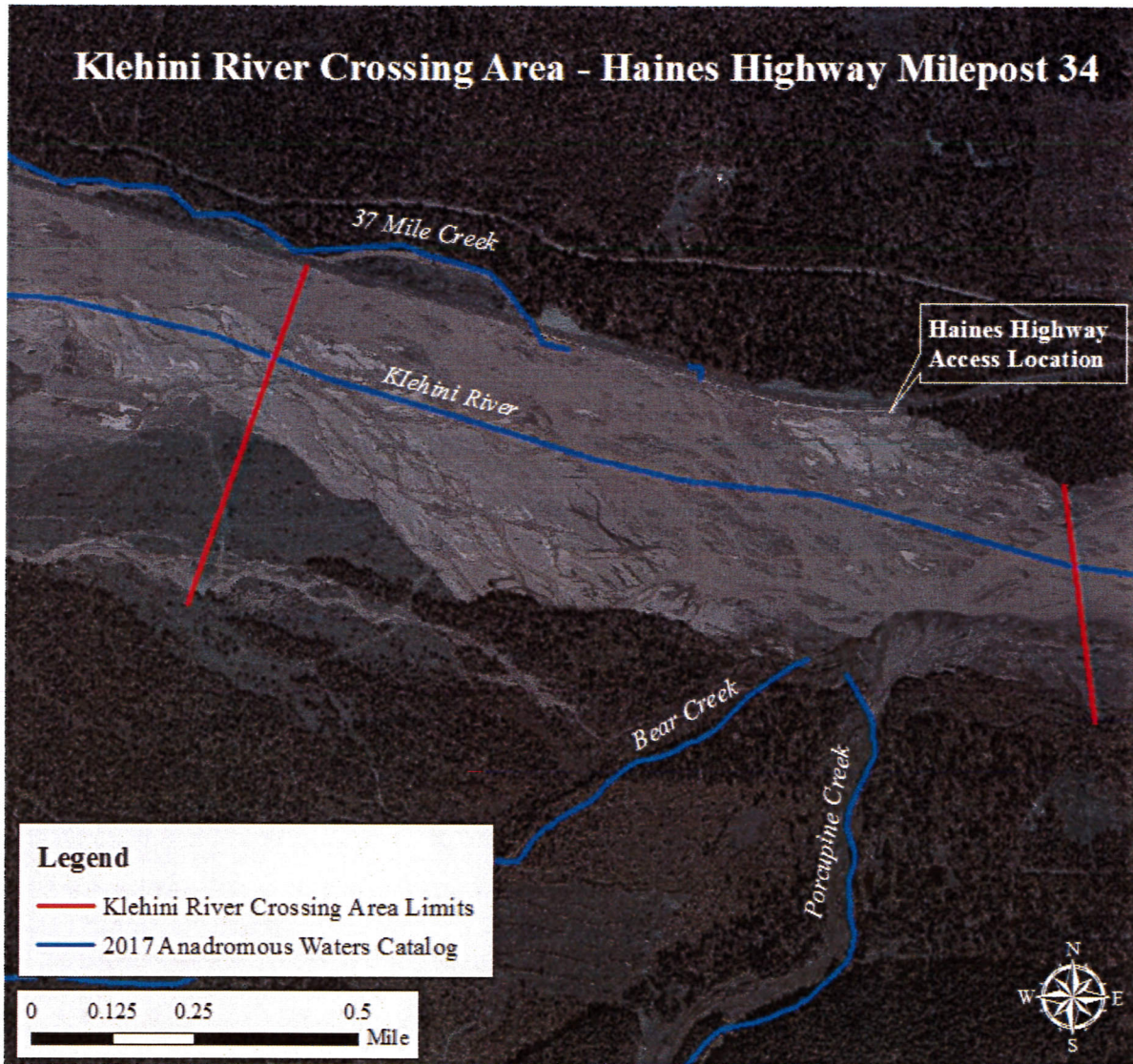


Figure 1.—Authorized Klehini River crossing area.