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FISH HABITAT PERMIT FH23-II-0080-GP

ISSUED: January 1, 2023
EXPIRES: December 31, 2024

General Public:

RE: Vehicle Stream Crossing
Chiniak River (Water Body No. 259-25-10040)
Section 32, T 29 S, R 18 W, SM
Location: 57.6176 N, 152.2044 W

Pursuant to the anadromous fish act at AS 16.05.871 (b), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Habitat Section has determined that the public interest would be served through the issuance of a General Permit for vehicle stream crossing of the Chiniak River at the location shown on the enclosed map.

Project Description

This general permit authorizes the movement of wheeled or tracked vehicles weighing less than 5,000 lbs dry weight on the bed and banks of the Chiniak River at the above referenced location. Vehicles over 5,000 lbs are not covered under this General Permit and would require an individual Fish Habitat Permit. The stream crossing is on the downstream side of the of the road washout identified by the legal description above and indicated on the enclosed map and is expected to provide temporary access to areas east of the river while minimizing adverse impacts to fish resources and habitats. When the river crossing is reconstructed with a new bridge or culvert, this General Permit will be rescinded.

Anadromous Fish Act

Water Body No. 259-25-10040 has been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). The water body provides habitat for coho and pink salmon, as well as Dolly Varden.

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), authorization is hereby given for the general public to ford the Chiniak River at the identified crossing subject to the following stipulations and permit terms:

1. Stream crossings shall be made from bank to bank in a direction substantially perpendicular to the stream flow.
2. Streambanks and streambeds shall not be altered or disturbed in any way to facilitate crossings.
3. Vehicles shall not be refueled or serviced below ordinary high water. Vehicles leaking oil or other hazardous substances are prohibited from crossing the creek.
4. This permit must be retained onsite during stream crossing activities.

Permit Terms

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.05.871 and must be retained on site during project activities. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Habitat Section; other agencies also may have jurisdiction under their respective authorities. 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.

You are responsible for the actions of contractors, agents, or other persons who perform work to accomplish the approved project. For any activity that significantly deviates from the approved plan, you shall notify the Habitat Section and obtain written approval in the form of a permit amendment before beginning the activity. Any action that increases the project's overall scope or that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of any provision contained in this permit will be deemed a significant deviation from the approved plan. The final determination as to the significance of any deviation and the need for a permit amendment is the responsibility of the Habitat Section. Therefore, we recommend you consult the Habitat Section immediately before considering any deviation from the approved plan.

You shall give an authorized representative of the state free and unobstructed access to the permit site, at safe and reasonable times, for the purpose of inspecting or monitoring compliance with any provision of this permit. You shall furnish whatever assistance and information the authorized representative reasonably requires for monitoring and inspection purposes.

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. You shall mitigate any adverse effect upon fish or wildlife, their habitats, or any restriction or interference with public use that the commissioner determines was a direct result of your failure to comply with this permit or any applicable law.

You 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.

You may appeal this permit decision relating to AS 16.05.871 in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330-630.

Please direct questions about this permit to the Habitat Section at 267-2342 or dfg.hab.infoanc@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,
Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

By Ron Benkert
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Enclosures: FH23-II-0080-GP Vehicle Stream Crossing Map

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APPROVED STREAM CROSSING MAP

Chiniak River – Water Body No. 259-25-10040
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The approved crossing of the Chiniak River is shown on this map and identified by the legal description above. Crossings are authorized within 20 feet of the centerline of the referenced location.

