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FISH HABITAT PERMIT 15-II-0061

ISSUED: April 14, 2015
EXPIRES: May 15, 2015

Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska
Attn: Doanh Thi Tran
P.O. Box 334
Unalaska, Alaska 99685

Dear Ms. Tran,

Re: Debris Removal – Iliuliuk River
Stream No. 302-31-10500
Sections 3, 10, and 11, T. 73 S., R. 118 W., S. M.

Pursuant to AS 16.05.871(b), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Habitat, has reviewed your proposal to conduct cleanup activities in the lower Iliuliuk River (see Location Map).

Project Description

You propose to conduct cleanup efforts in the lower Iliuliuk River by removing debris and trash from the streambed and streambanks. Up to six volunteers at a time wearing waders, boots, snorkel, or SCUBA equipment will work in the river to collect items such as batteries, metal, wood, plastics, and skiff-sized derelict vessels. Workers will begin at the Church Hole and walk downstream to about the City Floating Dock (see Location Map). A crane will be staged on West Broadway Avenue to assist with the removal of bundled debris and heavier items. Only the hook of the crane will operate below ordinary high water in Iliuliuk River. All trash and debris removed from the river will be taken to the landfill for proper disposal. When the removal of a piece of debris may be damaging to the habitat, ADF&G Division of Habitat staff will be consulted for removal options. Instream cleanup activities are intended to take place over one to two days.

Anadromous Fish Act

Iliuliuk River has been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). Iliuliuk River is known to support coho, pink, and sockeye salmon, and Dolly Varden.

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), project approval is hereby given subject to the project description above and the following stipulations:

1. All instream activity below the ordinary high water mark of Iliuliuk River shall be conducted prior to May 15.
2. The streambanks shall not be altered or disturbed to facilitate access to and debris removal from Iliuliuk River.

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 Division of Habitat 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 stipulation 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 Division of Habitat. Therefore, it is recommended you consult the Division of Habitat immediately when a deviation from the approved plan is being considered.

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

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 Division of Habitat; 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.

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.

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.

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

Any questions or concerns about this permit may be directed to Habitat Biologist Jeanette Alas at 267-2805 or emailed to jeanette.alas@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

Sam Cotten, Commissioner



For: Michael J. Daigneault
Regional Supervisor
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Enc: Location Map

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Location Map: Cleanup efforts will be from about the Church Hole to the City Floating Dock.