



FISH HABITAT PERMIT FH19-II-0043-GP

ISSUED: January 3, 2019
EXPIRES: December 31, 2023

General Public

RE: Saltery Cove Road Vehicle Stream Crossings
American River (Water Body No. 259-23-10010)
Section 31, T 29 S, R 20 W, S.M.
Section 36, T 29 S, R 21 W, S.M.
Section 2, T 30 S, R 21 W, S.M.

Unnamed Tributary American River (Water Body No. 259-23-10010-2031)
Section 31, T 29 S, R 20 W, S.M.
Sections 3, 9, 10, and 16, T 30 S, R 21 W, S.M.

Pursuant to AS.16.05.871(b), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Habitat has determined that the public interest would be served through the issuance of a General Permit for vehicle stream crossings of the American River and the specified tributary at the locations 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 American River and its tributary at the above referenced locations. Vehicles over 5,000 lbs are not covered under this General Permit and would require an individual Fish Habitat Permit. The stream crossing at the existing fords identified by the legal description above and indicated on the enclosed map is expected to provide adequate access to the area while minimizing adverse impacts to fish resources and habitats.

Anadromous Fish Act

Water Body No. 259-23-10010 and Water Body No. 259-23-10010-2031 have been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). The water bodies provide habitat for pink, chum, and coho 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 American River and the unnamed tributary at the identified crossings subject to the project description, the following stipulations, and the permit terms.

1. Stream crossings shall be made from bank to bank in a direction substantially perpendicular to the stream flow.
2. Stream crossings shall be made only at locations with gradually sloping banks. There shall be no crossings at locations with sheer or cut banks.
3. Streambanks and streambeds shall not be altered or disturbed in any way to facilitate crossings.
4. Vehicles shall not be parked in open water. Parking below ordinary high water is authorized only on frozen surfaces or exposed gravel bars.
5. Vehicles shall not be refueled or serviced below ordinary high water. Vehicles leaking oil or other hazardous substances are prohibited from crossing the creek.

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 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.

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 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 Division of Habitat. Therefore, we recommend you consult the Division of Habitat 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 Habitat Biologist Will Frost at 267-2813 or william.frost@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,
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Acting Commissioner



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Enclosures: Stream Crossing Map

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APPROVED STREAM CROSSING – MAP

Crossing Number	Location
1	57.6328 N, 152.5367 W
2	57.6311 N, 152.5403 W
3	57.6286 N, 152.5429 W
4	57.6239 N, 152.5462 W
5	57.6214 N, 152.5535 W
6	57.6208 N, 152.5575 W
7	57.6206 N, 152.5595 W
8	57.6202 N, 152.5633 W
9	57.6160 N, 152.5788 W
10	57.6153 N, 152.5803 W
11	57.5933 N, 152.6451 W
12	57.5930 N, 152.6482 W
13	57.5922 N, 152.6503 W
14	57.5916 N, 152.6514 W
15	57.5910 N, 152.6519 W
16	57.5891 N, 152.6540 W
17	57.5884 N, 152.6557 W
18	57.5854 N, 152.6613 W
19	57.5818 N, 152.6689 W

Map notes: There are 19 approved fords of anadromous fish bearing waters within the area shown on this map, as noted by legal the descriptions above and depicted on the map. Crossings are authorized only within 20 feet of the centerline of a traditional ford crossing at the referenced location. You are advised to contact the Kodiak ATV Club or the appropriate land management agency concerning the location of approved trails or other restrictions on vehicle use on lands managed by those agencies. Vehicle stream crossings of other specified anadromous fish bearing waters, or other locations are not authorized, except by individual permit or other General Permits.

