

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY PROGRAM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM) NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 12/14/2020

ORM Number: POA-2020-00532

Associated JDs: N/A

Review Area Location<sup>1</sup>: State/Territory: Alaska City: Anchorage County/Parish/Borough: Anchorage

Municipality

Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 61.155525 Longitude 149.916397

### II. FINDINGS

A. Summary: Check all that apply. At least one box from the following list MUST be selected. Complete the corresponding sections/tables and summarize data sources.
The review area is comprised entirely of dry land (i.e., there are no waters or water features, including

wetlands, of any kind in the entire review area). Rationale: N/A

There are "navigable waters of the United States" within Rivers and Harbors Act jurisdiction within the

review area (complete table in Section II.B).

There are "waters of the United States" within Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete appropriate tables in Section II.C).

☐ There are waters or water features excluded from Clean Water Act jurisdiction within the review area (complete table in Section II.D).

## B. Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 Section 10 (§ 10)<sup>2</sup>

§ 10 Name	§ 10 Size		§ 10 Criteria	Rationale for § 10 Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A	N/A.	N/A.

## C. Clean Water Act Section 404

Territorial Seas and Traditional Navigable Waters ((a)(1) waters): <sup>3</sup>				
(a)(1) Name	(a)(1) Size		(a)(1) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(1) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Tributaries ((a)(2) waters):					
(a)(2) Name	(a)(2) Size		(a)(2) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(2) Determination	
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	

Lakes and ponds, and impoundments of jurisdictional waters ((a)(3) waters):				
(a)(3) Name	(a)(3) Size		(a)(3) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(3) Determination
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.

Adjacent wetlands ((a)(4) waters):						
(a)(4) Name	(a)(4) Size		(a)(4) Criteria	Rationale for (a)(4) Determination		
N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.	N/A.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Map(s)/figure(s) are attached to the AJD provided to the requestor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District's list of Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigable waters list, do NOT use this document to make the determination. The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 navigability determination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A stand-alone TNW determination is completed independently of a request for an AJD. A stand-alone TNW determination is conducted for a specific segment of river or stream or other type of waterbody, such as a lake, where upstream or downstream limits or lake borders are established. A stand-alone TNW determination should be completed following applicable guidance and should NOT be documented on the AJD Form.



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## D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters ((b)(1) – (b)(12)): <sup>4</sup>					
Exclusion Name	Exclusion	n Size	Exclusion <sup>5</sup>	Rationale for Exclusion Determination	
Strawberry Bog	109	acre(s)	(b)(1) Non- adjacent wetland.	Strawberry Bog is physically separated from the nearest jurisdictional water (Campbell Creek) by an artificial structure (upland development) that does not allow for a direct hydrological surface connection. Strawberry Bog does not meet the definition of an adjacent wetland per 33 CFR 328.3(C)(1)(i-iv).	

### III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- **A. Select/enter all resources** that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.
  - Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: Renewable IPP, LLC This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: N/A

- ☑ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: NRCS Soil Survey, Digital Globe Aerial Imagery
- Photographs: Aerial: Google Earth Aerial Imagery (1996-2020), Digital Globe Aerial Imagery (2016-

2020)

Corps site visit(s)	conducted on: N/A
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- Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): N/A
- Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.
- USFWS NWI maps: N/A
- USGS topographic maps: N/A

#### Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

Data Source (select)	Name and/or date and other relevant information
USGS Sources	N/A.
USDA Sources	N/A
NOAA Sources	N/A.
USACE Sources	N/A.
State/Local/Tribal Sources	N/A.
Other Sources	Anchorage Municipality Streams Layer

**B.** Typical year assessment(s): The Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT) was utilized to determine which aerial photographs were taken during typical or non-typical years. The Corps focused specifically on imagery that was taken during the wetter part of the year (August through October). Seven total images were taken of the review area during the identified months. Of those, the APT determined four were taken during typical years (August 31, 2002; September 20, 2002; July 1, 2014; and September 5, 2020), one was taken during a drier than typical year (August 27, 2019), and two were taken during a wetter than

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Some excluded waters, such as (b)(2) and (b)(4), may not be specifically identified on the AJD form unless a requestor specifically asks a Corps district to do so. Corps districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these waters within the review area.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Because of the broad nature of the (b)(1) exclusion and in an effort to collect data on specific types of waters that would be covered by the (b)(1) exclusion, four sub-categories of (b)(1) exclusions were administratively created for the purposes of the AJD Form. These four sub-categories are not new exclusions, but are simply administrative distinctions and remain (b)(1) exclusions as defined by the NWPR.



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typical year (October 22, 2012, and September 26, 2017). None of these images show a direct hydrologic surface connection between Strawberry Bog and Campbell Creek, including those images taken in wetter than typical years. As there is not a hydrologic surface connection present during a wetter than typical year, during the wet season, it is not likely that a hydrologic surface connection is present at least once during a typical year.

C. Additional comments to support AJD: N/A