



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	December 16, 2016
EXPIRATION DATE:	January 17, 2017
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2008-1256
WATERWAY:	Auke Nu Creek

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Matthew Brody at (907) 790-4493, at the address show above, or by email at Matthew.T.Brody@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

APPLICANT: City and Borough of Juneau – Mr. Alec Venechuk
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Juneau, Alaska 99801
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LOCATION: The project is located within Section 22, T. 40 S., R. 65 E., Copper River Meridian, USGS Map Juneau B-3; at Latitude 58.38470° N., Longitude -134.67155° W.; at the Stabler Point Rock Quarry, in Juneau, Alaska.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to allow the Stabler Point Rock Quarry to continue production and provide Juneau with a viable aggregate resource. The Stabler Quarry rock is currently used on private, city, state, and federal projects. Stabler Point Quarry is one of two active rock quarries within the City and Borough of Juneau road system. Organic and mineral soil (overburden) is stripped to expose bare rock before drilling and blasting in the quarry. Sufficient overburden needs to be stored on site for later quarry restoration and for use

in other city projects. Recent permitted expansion of mining limits will generate too much overburden to store in existing piles. The proposed stockpile location is off to the side of the mining area below a topographic break allowing efficient stockpiling from the top. With truck access from below.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant requests authorization for the following work in waters of the U.S. consisting of forested wetlands:

Clear standing timber from site using an excavator, then use an excavator, bulldozer, and/or off road truck to place stripped overburden fill material in a stockpile within forested wetlands. Material would be deposited in the stockpile starting from the flat at the top (west side). Material would continue to be placed in layers moving eastwards until the toe approaches the limits of development. Slope would be at angle of repose (1-1/2:2). Stockpiling would continue vertically once the toe has been established and stabilized. The proposed storage area encompasses 1.8 acres, of which 1.0 acres are forested wetlands. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-2), dated December 15, 2016.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The applicant stated that a City and Borough of Juneau Planning Commission Conditional Use Permit (permit # SGE2016-0001) was applied for on August 24, 2016 and received on August 30, 2016.

APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

a. Avoidance: The project includes expansion to the existing quarry facility, and the applicant is unable to entirely avoid impacts to waters of the U.S. Alternative stockpile locations would disrupt quarry traffic patterns and would require significantly further movement of the overburden material to stockpile locations. The applicant has proposed a stockpile location that utilizes existing uplands to the maximum extent practicable while still meeting their purpose and need.

b. Minimization: The wetlands within the stockpile location would be filled only after uplands have been utilized. Silt fences and logs would be utilized to hold back fill material and sediment to minimized and contain the disturbance area. Additionally the stockpile location would utilize the quarry's existing storm water catchment measures.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: The applicant has proposed no compensatory mitigation due to the relatively small size of the proposed project, the minimal development within the watershed and the immediate proximity to existing disturbances within the watershed.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRs) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

We have determined the described activity would have no effect on any listed or proposed threatened or endangered species, and would have no effect on any designated or proposed critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). Therefore, no consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is required. However, any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

No EFH species are known to use the project area.

We have determined the described activity would not adversely affect EFH in the project area.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings and a Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER
401 Certification Program
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

JUNEAU
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
WQM/401 CERTIFICATION
410 WILLOUGHBY AVENUE
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99801-1795
PHONE: (907) 465-5321/FAX: (907) 465-5274

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

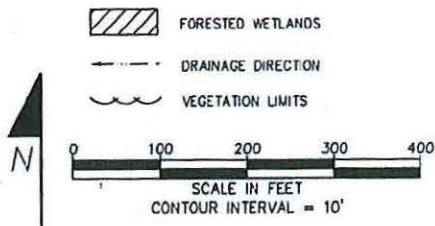
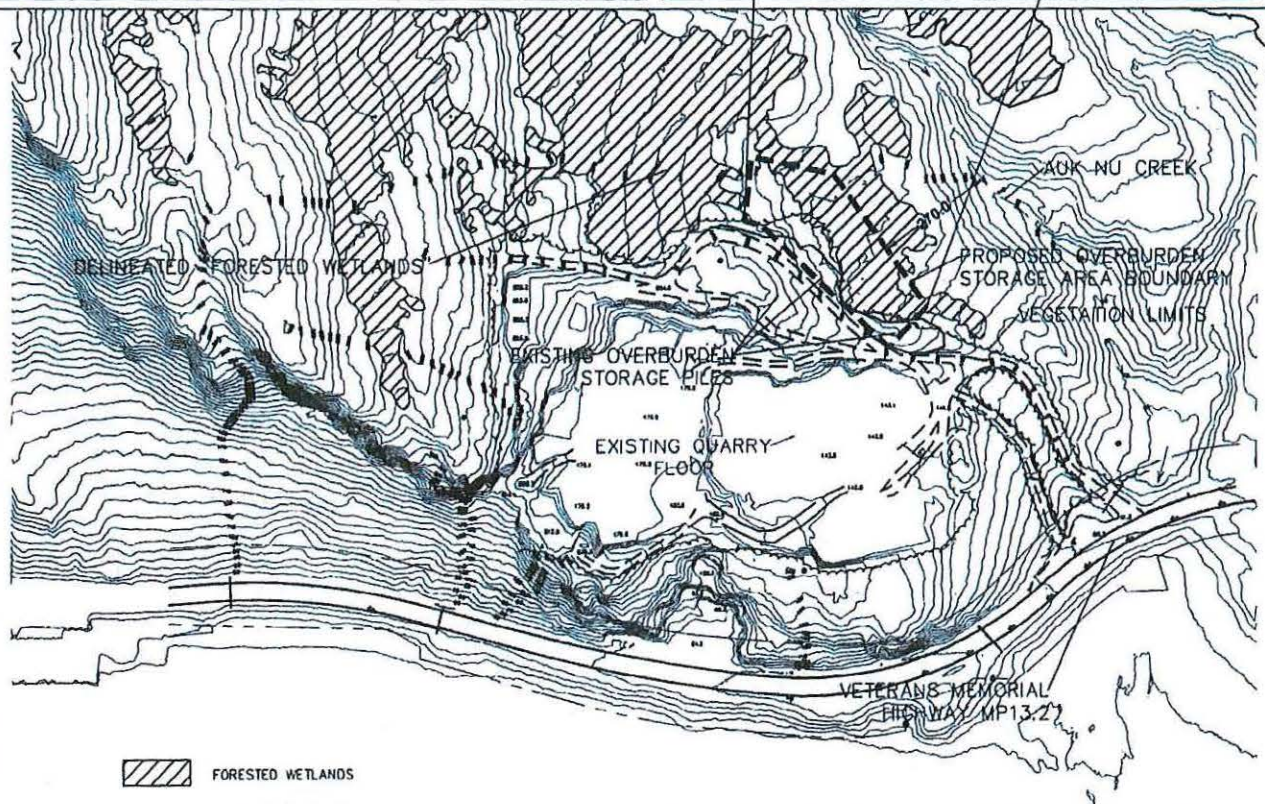
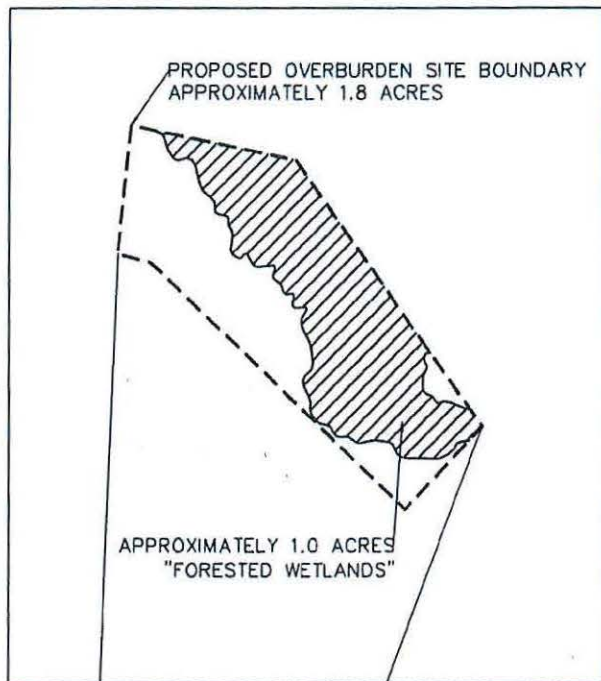
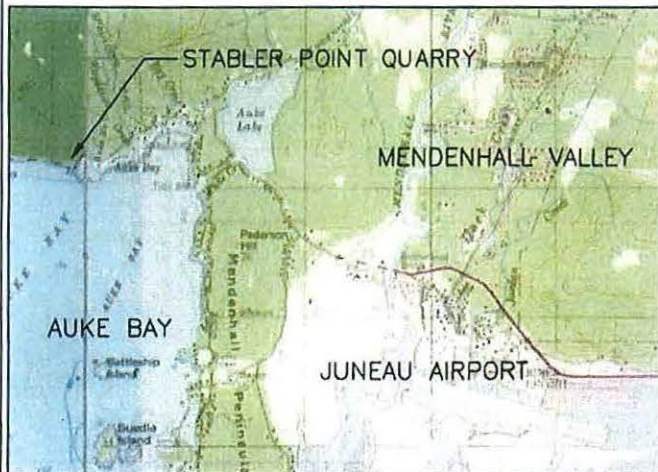
Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. **POA-2008-1256, Auke Nu Creek**, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.

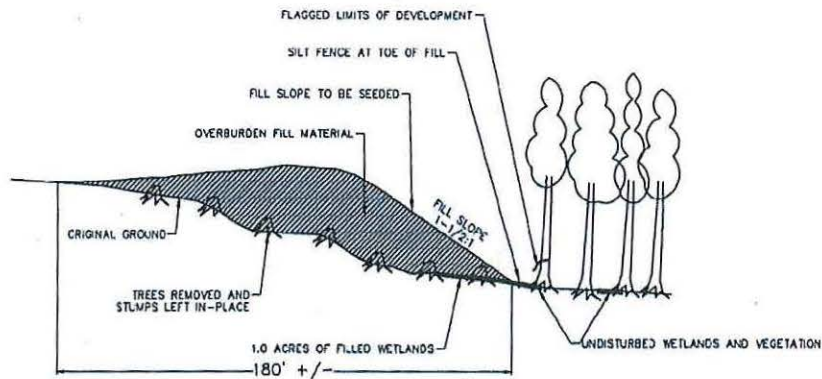


PROJECT LOCATION
Juneau, AK



APPLICANT: CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU
FILE NO.: POA-2008-12-56
WATERWAY: WETLANDS
PROPOSED ACTIVITY: WETLANDS FILL
SEC. 22 T. 40S R. 65E M. COPPER RIVER
LAT.: N 58.384 LONG.: W 134.673
SHEET 1 OF 2 DATE: 12/15/2016

TYPICAL SECTION A-A'



THE LIMITS OF DEVELOPMENT WILL BE FLAGGED IN THE FIELD PRIOR TO VEGETATION CLEARING. SILT FENCE WILL BE INSTALLED ALONG EAST AND NORTHERN LIMITS OF DEVELOPMENT AND ELSEWHERE AS NECESSARY PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF FILL. SILT FENCE WILL BE MAINTAINED IN OPERABLE CONDITION BY THE QUARRY MANAGER. FILL SLOPES WILL BE SEEDED.

