



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Alaska District

# Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Division (1145)  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:** 18 June 2008

**EXPIRATION DATE:** 18 July 2008

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** POA-2005-190

**WATERWAY:** Goodnews River

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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 Don Kuhle at (907) 753-2780, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, by fax at (907) 753-5567, or by email at don.p.kuhle@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

**APPLICANT:** Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF), P.O. Box 196900, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6900. Point of contact is Brian Elliott at (907) 269-0539.

**LOCATION:** The project site is located within Section 21, T. 12 S., R. 73 W., Seward Meridian; USGS Quad Map Goodnews Bay A-7; latitude 59.119° N., longitude 161.588° W.; in Goodnews Bay, Alaska.

**PURPOSE:** The applicant's stated purpose is to improve airport safety and to bring the facility into compliance with the Alaska Statewide Transportation Plan and current Federal Aviation Administration standards.

**PROPOSED WORK:** Expand the Goodnews Bay Airport. The project would rotate the runway two degrees clockwise and expand its length and width. The new runway would be 75' x 3300' with a 150' x 3900' safety area and ancillary pads for navigation lights. The project also includes a 275' x 480' apron, a 35' x 283' taxiway with a 79' safety area, a 20' by 1271' access road, and a 120' x 120' pad for wind cone, segmented circle, and beacon.

The project would require placement of 150,000 cubic yards of clean fill material in 13.92 acres of wetlands. Fill material would be obtained from the old runway, apron, and taxiway as well as existing upland material sites. Construction of the

airport embankment would occur in the winter. Slopes would be staked prior to construction to prevent fill from encroaching onto adjacent wetlands. Erosion and sediment control measures would be employed to prevent siltation of adjacent wetlands.

All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (seven sheets dated March 17, 2008).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The applicant prepared an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed project. They were approved by the Federal Aviation Administration on June 1, 2007.

MITIGATION: The applicant has avoided and minimized impacts to waters of the United States and completed the "Wetlands Avoidance and Minimization Checklist" in accordance with the "Memorandum of Agreement among the Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game Regarding Impacts to Wetland and Other Aquatic Resources, Mitigation and Airport Improvement Projects in Alaska."

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The proposed apron and access road were located in uplands in order to avoid wetlands. Side slopes of the runway embankment were steepened to 3:1 slope from the original 4:1 slope to minimize wetland impacts.

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To compensate for lost fish rearing habitat and channels, the applicant proposes to create 0.25 acre of rearing habitat and 1,000 feet of fish passage channels adjacent those that would be filled.

To compensate for unavoidable impacts to 13.92 acres of wetlands, the applicant would deposit \$33,255 into the Alaska Wetlands Conservation Fund prior to construction.

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.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management, Department of Natural Resources has concurred with the applicant's certification.

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. Three properties have been identified in the project vicinity. They are designated GDN-16, GDN-18, and GDN-236. They would not be affected by the proposed project. Consultation of the AHRs constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time. This application is being coordinated with 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: The project area is within the known or historic range of the Steller's eider and the Spectacled eider. Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or modify their designated critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). 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).

Preliminarily, the described activity may affect EFH in the project area. This Public Notice initiates EFH consultation with the NMFS. Any comments or recommendations they may have concerning EFH will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

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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 authority:

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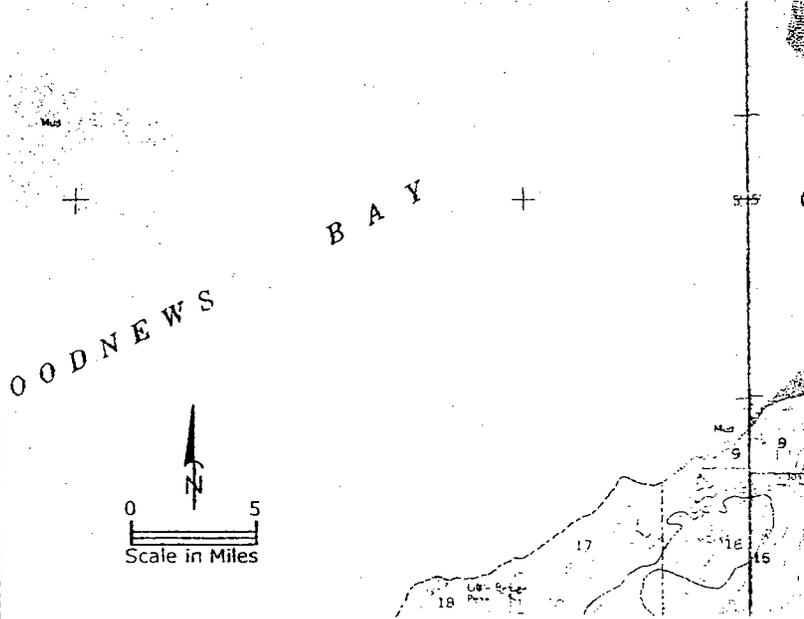
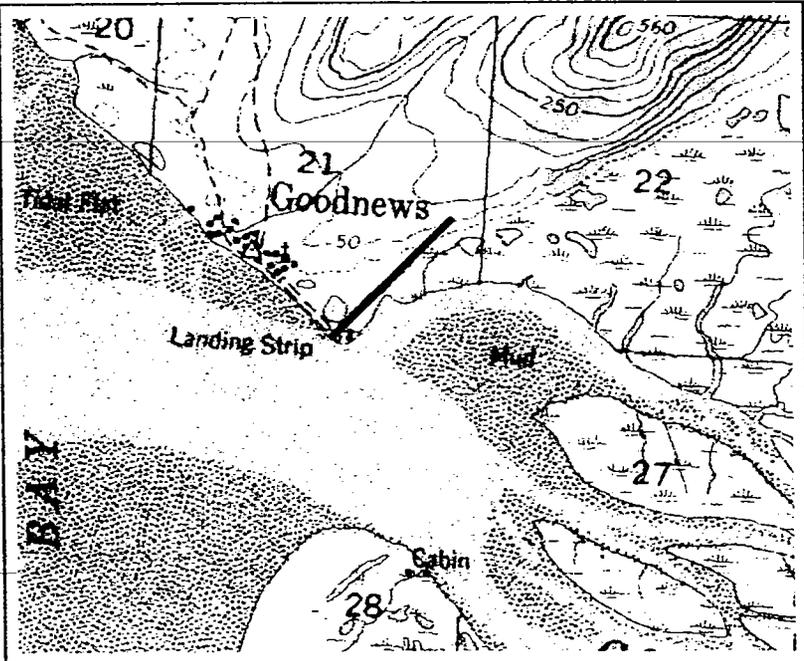
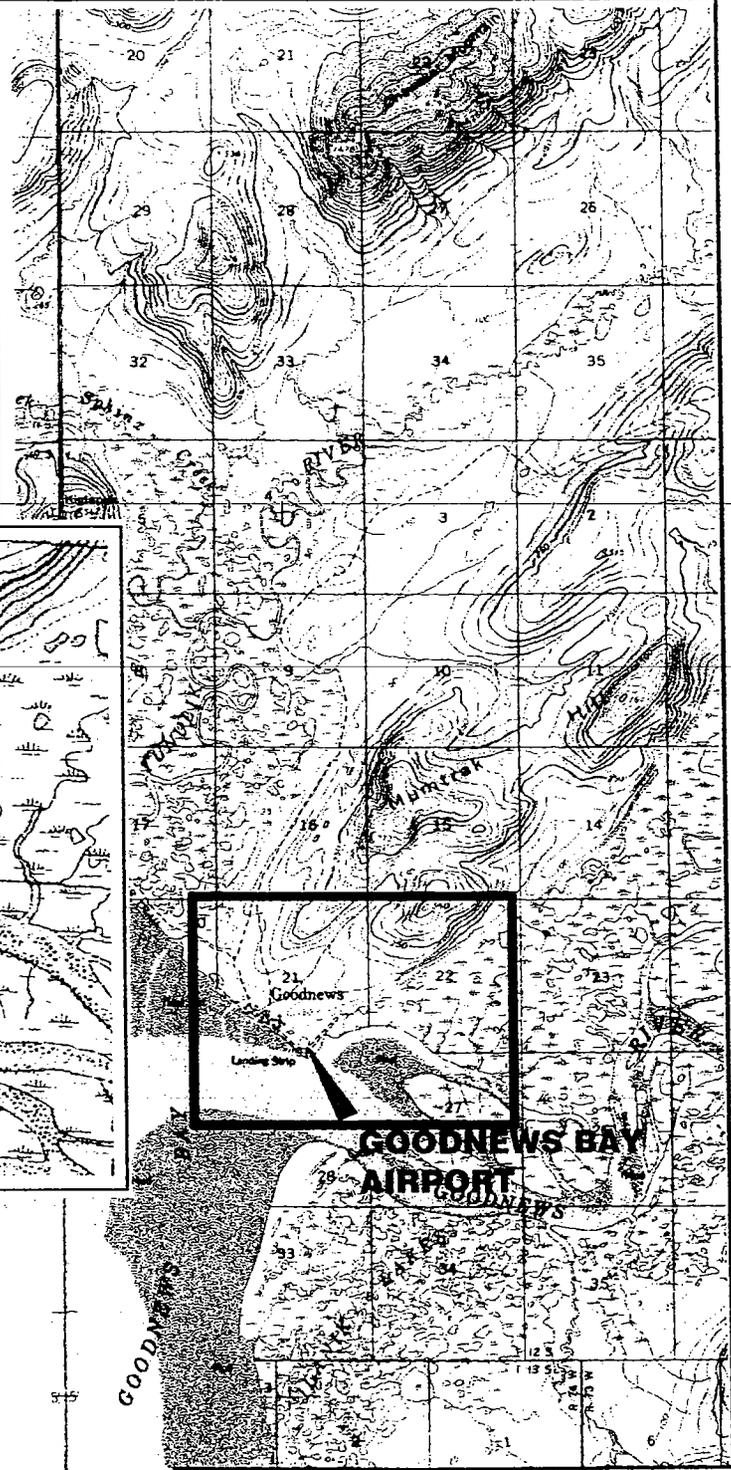
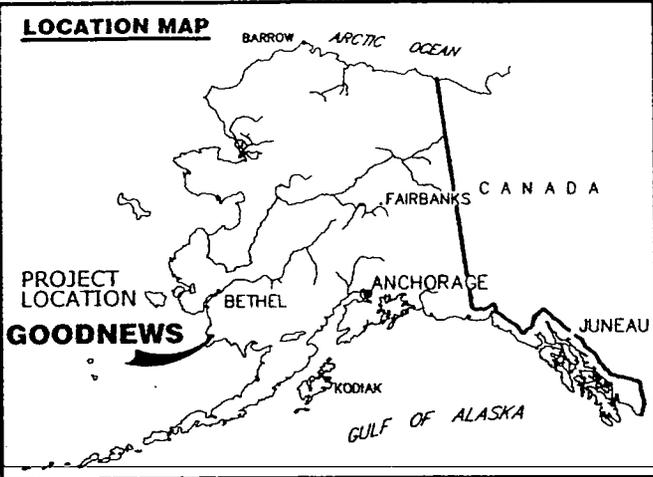
(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States - Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

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Project drawings, Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander  
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures



ACOE PERMIT # POA-2005-190  
 DOT&PF PROJECT # 51349  
 GOODNEWS AIRPORT RECONSTRUCTION  
 LOCATION: T12S, R73W, SEC. 21 S.M.  
 USGS GOODNEWS BAY A-7  
 LAT 51.119' N; LONG 161.588' W  
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**LOCATION AND VICINITY MAPS**

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**PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS**

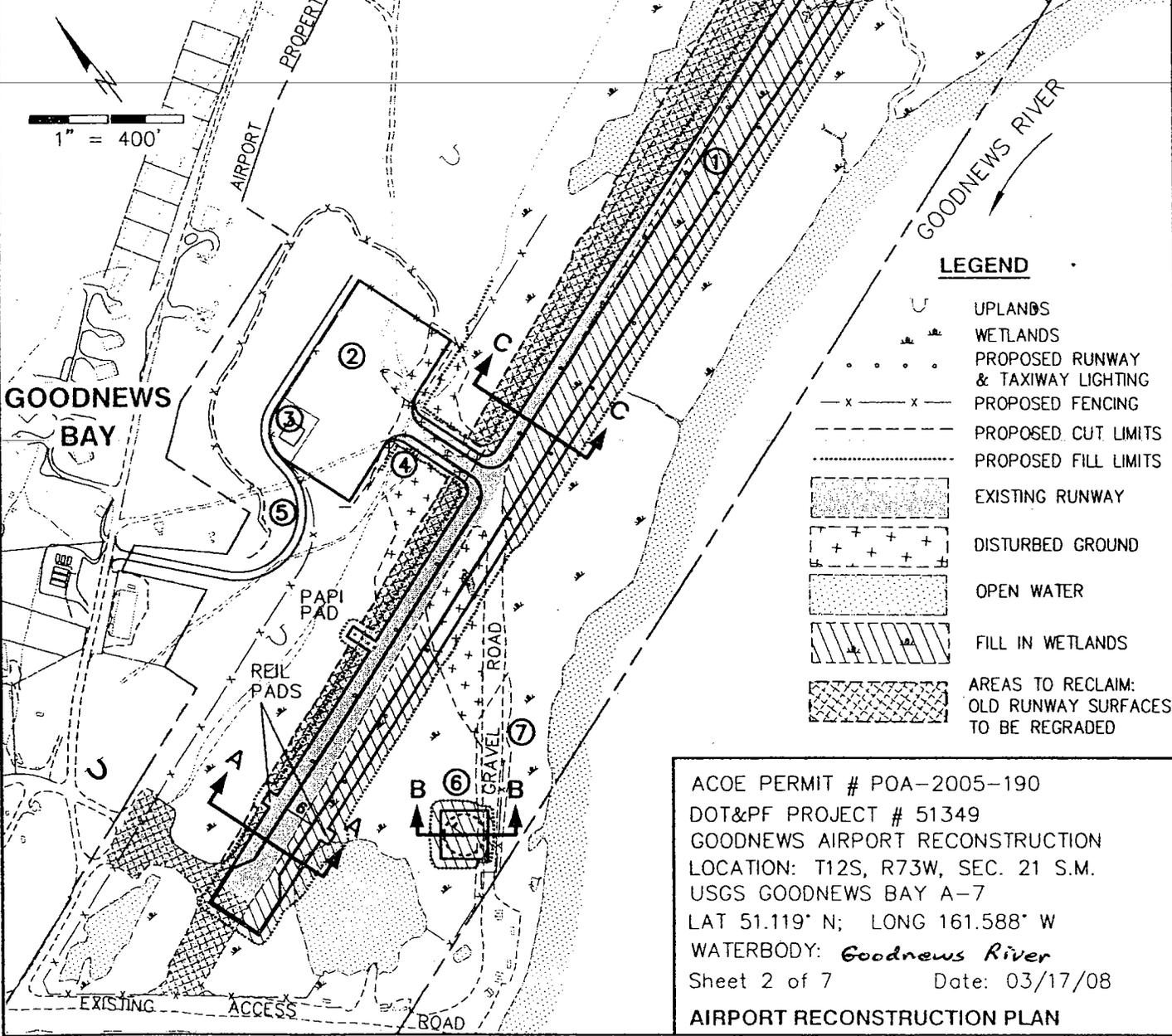
- ① 75' X 3300' RUNWAY WITH 150' X 3900' RUNWAY SAFETY AREA
- ② 275' X 480' APRON
- ③ HEATED 44' X 50' SRE BUILDING
- ④ 35' X 283' TAXIWAY WITH 79' SA
- ⑤ 20' X 1271' ACCESS ROAD
- ⑥ 120' X 120' PAD FOR WINDCONE, SEGMENTED CIRCLE, BEACON
- ⑦ CONTRACTORS STAGING AREA ON EXISTING GRAVEL ROAD

**FISH CHANNEL MITIGATION**

SEE SHEETS 5-7 FOR PLAN VIEWS AND DETAILS OF FISH CHANNELS

**LEGEND**

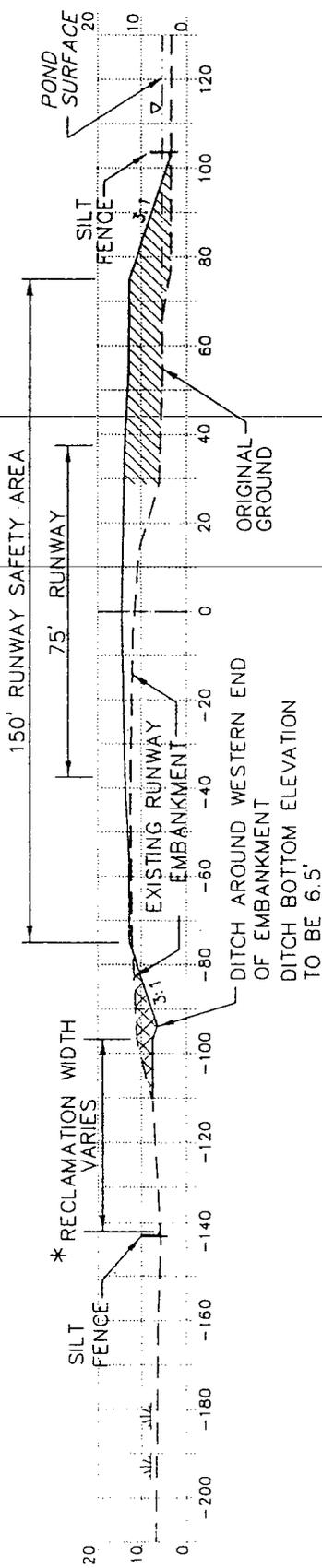
- U UPLANDS
- W WETLANDS
- PROPOSED RUNWAY & TAXIWAY LIGHTING
- PROPOSED FENCING
- PROPOSED CUT LIMITS
- PROPOSED FILL LIMITS
- EXISTING RUNWAY
- DISTURBED GROUND
- OPEN WATER
- FILL IN WETLANDS
- AREAS TO RECLAIM: OLD RUNWAY SURFACES TO BE REGRADED



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**AIRPORT RECONSTRUCTION PLAN**

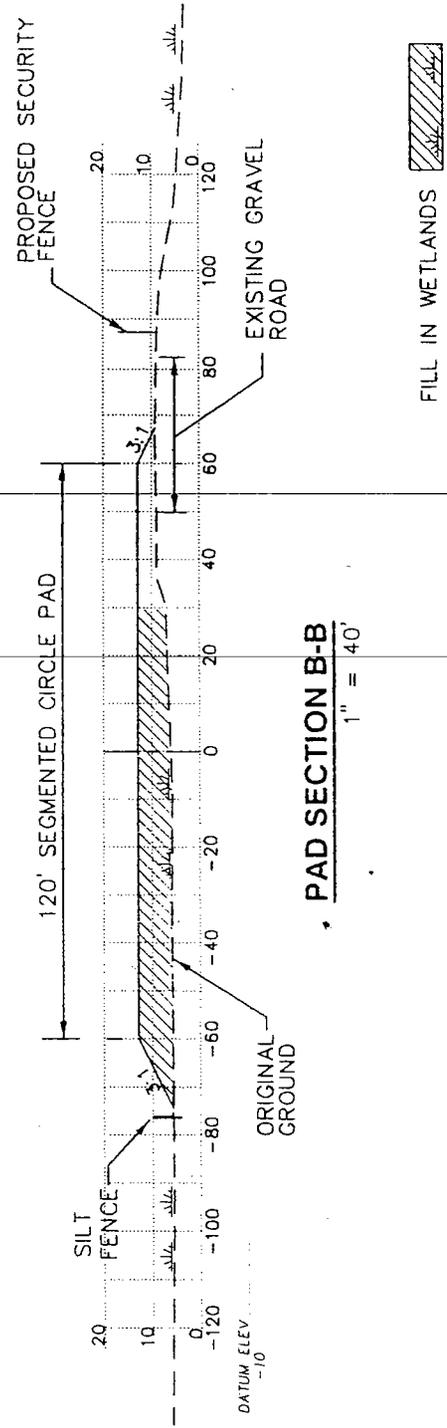
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\* REMOVE PORTION OF EXISTING EMBANKMENT NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT PROPOSED EMBANKMENT AND DITCH; RECLAIM FORMER EXISTING GROUND WITH TOPSOIL



**RUNWAY SECTION A - A**

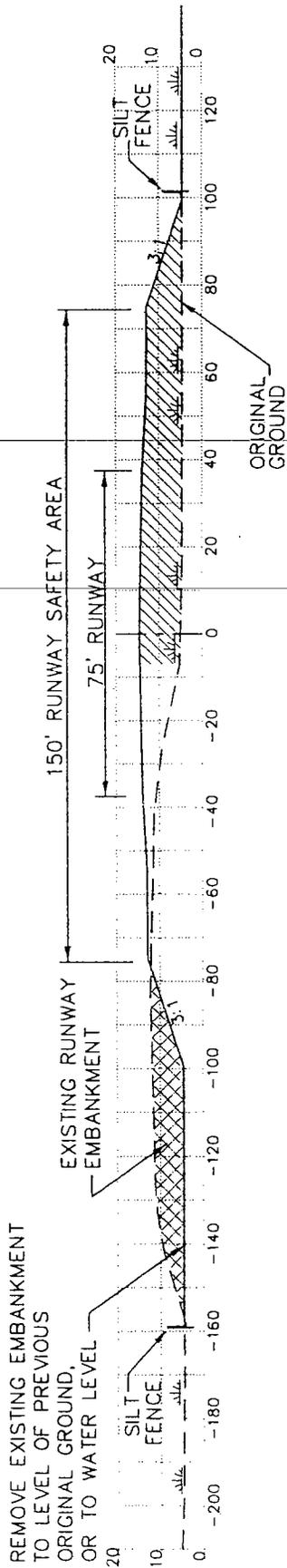
1" = 40'



**PAD SECTION B-B**

1" = 40'

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**RUNWAY AND PAD SECTIONS**



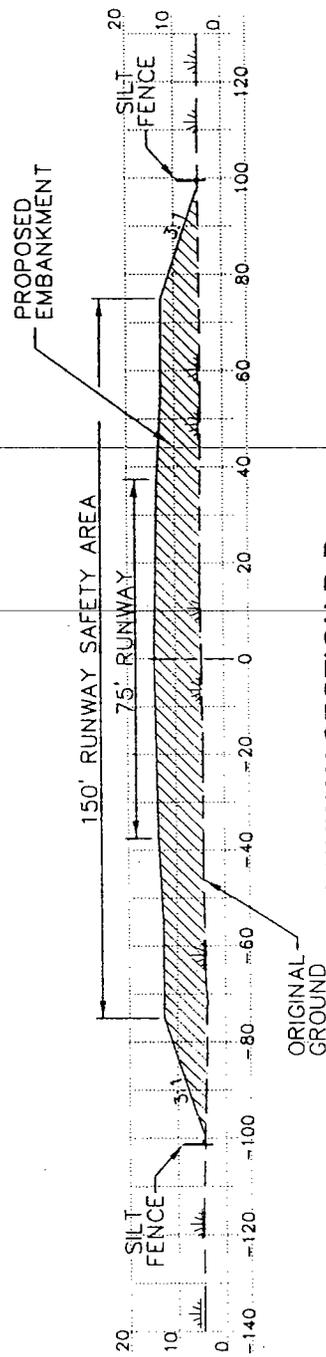
**RUNWAY SECTION C - C**

1" = 40'

FILL IN WETLANDS



MATERIAL TO REMOVE TO RECLAIM FORMER EXISTING GROUND



**RUNWAY SECTION D - D**

1" = 40'

FILL IN WETLANDS



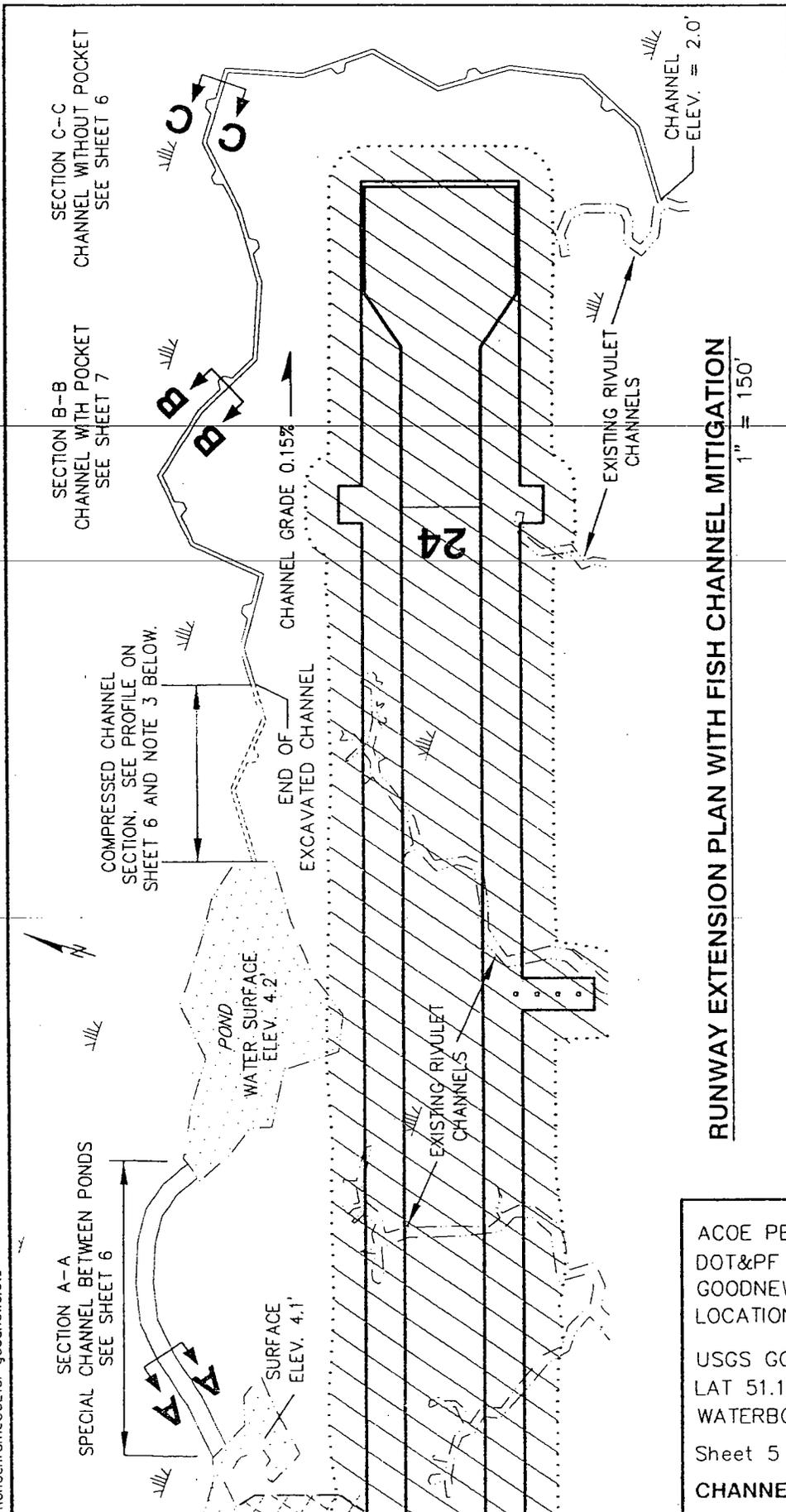
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**RUNWAY SECTIONS**



**RUNWAY EXTENSION PLAN WITH FISH CHANNEL MITIGATION**

1" = 150'

**NOTES:**

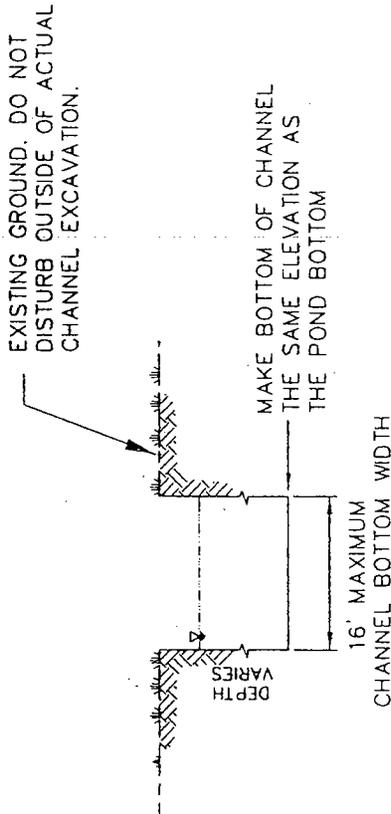
1. THE TWO SPECIAL CHANNEL TYPES ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE JUVENILE COHO HABITAT AND ALLOW FISH PASSAGE AND REARING. THEY ARE NOT INTENDED TO DRAIN THE EXISTING PONDS.
2. MATERIAL EXCAVATED FROM THE CHANNELS SHALL BE COMPLETELY REMOVED FROM WETLANDS AND DISPOSED OF IN UPLANDS OR A LOCATION APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER.
3. USING THE BACK OF A BUCKET, CREATE A 7' WIDE CHANNEL BEGINNING AT THE POND WATER EDGE BY COMPRESSING THE SURFACE SOILS TO CONNECT THE WATER SURFACE ELEVATION TO THE ELEVATION OF THE BOTTOM OF THE EXCAVATED CHANNEL (ELEV. 3.7'). DO NOT EXCAVATE THIS CHANNEL SECTION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE POCKET, WHICH IS EXCAVATED TO ELEVATION -1.0'.

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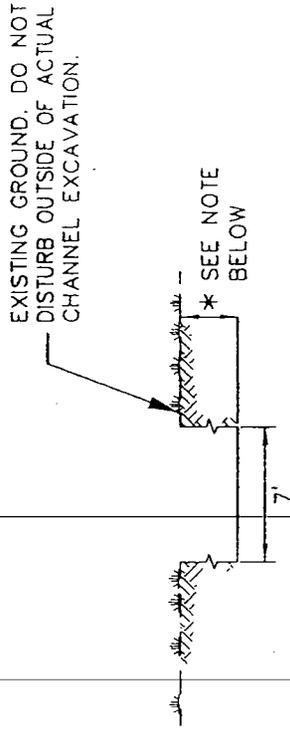
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**CHANNEL PLAN AND DETAILS**

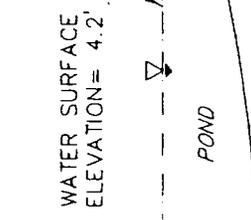


**SECTION A-A**  
**SPECIAL CHANNEL BETWEEN PONDS**  
1" = 20'



**SECTION C-C**  
**TYPICAL CHANNEL SECTION**  
1" = 10'

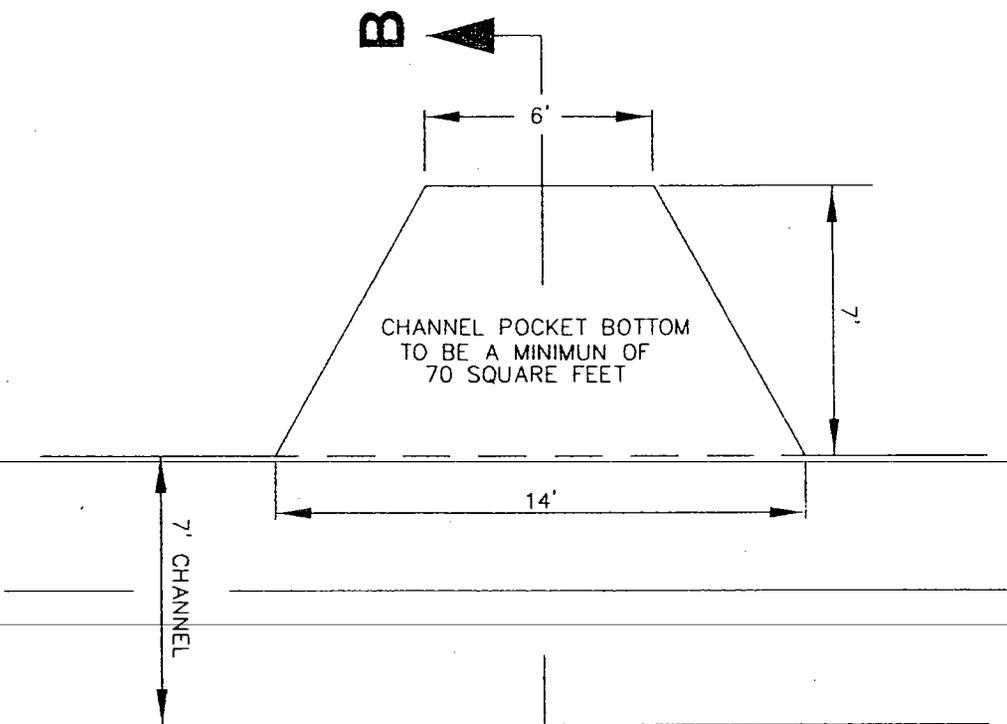
\* NOTE:  
CHANNEL DEPTHS VARY 2.5' TO 3.8'  
DUE TO THE UNEVEN GROUND.



**PROFILE OF CONNECTION BETWEEN POND AND CHANNEL**  
1" = 50'

NOTE:  
THE INTENT IS TO COMPRESS THE UNDERLYING SOIL  
TO DEFINE A CHANNEL FOR THE WATER, BUT NOT  
TO LOWER THE WATER LEVEL IN THE POND.

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**CHANNEL DETAILS AND PROFILE**

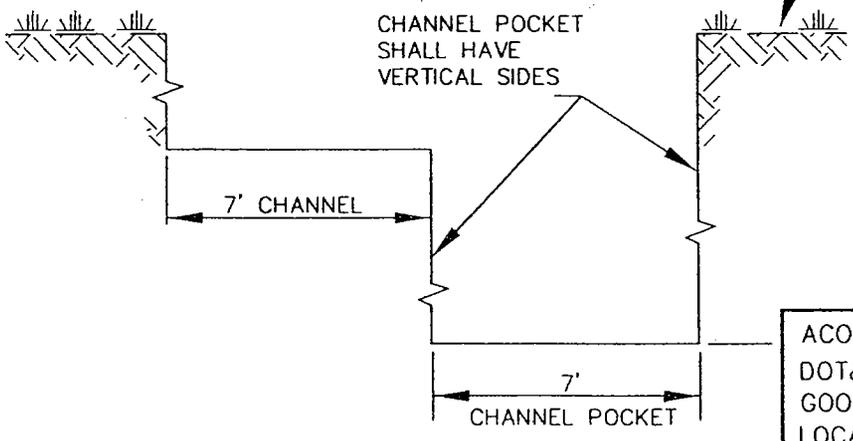


**PLAN VIEW AT SECTION B-B**

1" = 5'

**B**

EXISTING GROUND. DO NOT DISTURB OUTSIDE OF ACTUAL CHANNEL EXCAVATION.



NOTE:  
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**SECTION B-B  
CHANNEL WITH POCKET**

1" = 5'

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**CHANNEL SECTION B-B WITH PLAN VIEW**

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# STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF COASTAL AND OCEAN MANAGEMENT

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR  
CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE  
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. **POA-2005-190, Goodnews River**, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Division of Coastal and Ocean Management (DCOM). For information about this consistency review, contact DCOM at the address or phone number above, or visit the ACMP web site at <http://www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us//Projects/projects.html>.

# STATE OF ALASKA

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

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
WQM/401 CERTIFICATION  
555 CORDOVA STREET  
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
FOR  
STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

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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-2005-190, Goodnews River, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

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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.