

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: POA-2016-439, Kenai River – Field Site Visit

1. A site visit was conducted at Kenai Peninsula Borough parcel number 135-243-06; Latitude 60.4808° N., Longitude 150.9982° W.; 34540 Marcus Street, Soldotna, Alaska on September 21st, 2016.
2. Mr. Gravier requested a preliminary jurisdictional determination (PJD) to ascertain whether or not he would need a permit to build on a part of his property that is mapped as wetland on the KPB parcel viewer. He stated his neighbor requested a JD in the past on similar property and was told it was upland. He wanted to know the line where his upland drops off to wetland. Additionally, he wants to, at some point in the future, improve his path through the flood plain to his fishing spot. He requested we conduct a JD on the lower elevations of his property in advance of him requesting a permit should he decide to construct a path to the river.
3. Using location information and wetland mapping, a wetland determination was made for the site. Katie McCafferty and I conducted the determination. Three data points were collected. Data points 1 & 2 came from holes dug at 60.48227° N/150.99829° W and 60.48180° N /150.99895° W respectively. These were determined to be wetland. Data point 3, dug at 60.48158° N /150.99849° W, was determined to *not* be in a wetland. See enclosed data sheets.
4. The area received approximately 0.60 inches of rain in the previous 24 hours. However, the rain had stopped prior to the site visit. Many of the plants were already dead or had senesced. The majority of the leaves had fallen from the deciduous trees. Those that remained had already changed colors. All dominant vegetation was still identifiable.
5. The wetland boundary was marked with pink flagging tape and roughly corresponds to the presence of large and healthy spruce trees. This is marked as a pink line on the enclosed map.

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Enclosures