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**PROPOSED SU-KNIK MITIGATION BANK MODIFICATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE
MODIFICATION TO MITIGATION BANKING INSTRUMENT
EXPANSION OF SERVICE AREA
AND
CONSOLIDATION OF EXISTING SITE-SPECIFIC BANK SERVICE AREAS**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District (Corps) is seeking comments on a proposal from the Su-Knik Wetland Mitigation Bank (Su-Knik) to modify the bank's service area currently servicing a portion of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB). Su-Knik is requesting to expand their service to the extent of the political boundary of the MSB. They are also proposing to consolidate the site-specific bank service areas; this would mean that any parcels certified under the Umbrella mitigation banking instrument (MBI) of Su-Knik would be able to provide compensatory mitigation for impacts in the political boundary of the MSB. A memorandum describing the proposed modification of the MBI has been received from the program sponsor, the Su-Knik and is enclosed with this notice.

The term "mitigation bank" refers to a site or suite of sites, where resources (e.g., wetlands, streams, riparian areas) are restored, established, enhanced, and/or preserved for the purpose of providing compensatory mitigation for impacts authorized by Department of the Army (DA) permits. In general, a mitigation bank sells compensatory mitigation credits to permittees whose obligation to provide compensatory mitigation is then transferred to the mitigation bank sponsor. The operation and use of a mitigation bank are governed by a MBI which is the legal document for the establishment, operation, and use of a mitigation bank. The term "service area" refers to the geographic area in which impacts can be mitigated at a specific mitigation bank, as designated in its MBI.

The Corps has convened an Interagency Review Team (IRT) comprised of Federal and State agencies. This team worked with Su-Knik to approve Su-Knik's MBI and will be reviewing this modification request. If this modification is approved, the changes to the service area would be incorporated as amendments to Su-Knik's MBI.

Additional information about Su-Knik may be obtained at www.su-knikmitigationbank.com

AUTHORITY: Issuance of a Public Notice regarding proposed mitigation bank programs is required pursuant to the "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final Rule," as published in the April 10, 2008, Federal Register, Vol. 73, No. 70, Pages 19594 – 19705 (33 CFR Parts 325 and 332).

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments on the described proposal, with the reference number, should be made in writing and reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Special Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Address comments to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, Anchorage Regulatory Field Office, (Attn: Steve Lindamood), 1600 A. Street, Suite 110, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-5146.

You may view a copy of the request under the listing SPN-2006-1608
at www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permits/SpecialPublicNotices.aspx

Any questions or requests for additional information should be directed to:

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