

Alaska Region

July 27, 2006

Erika Ammann NOAA / National Marine Fisheries Service 222 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Box 43 Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7577

Dear Ms. Ammann:

Thank you for submitting a description of the North Road Fish Passage projects for review by the Alaska Regional Implementation Team for Coastal America. The two projects, located at Leaf Creek and Bishop Creek on the Kenai Peninsula, involve the replacement of failing culverts to improve fish passage to upstream habitat. Partners include the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, ConocoPhillips, and the Kenai Watershed Forum.

The Alaska Regional Implementation Team reviewed your proposal and we are pleased to endorse the North Road Fish Passage projects. We hope this endorsement facilitates any remaining contributions necessary by federal, state, or local agencies or nongovernmental partners to complete these two worthy projects. Please plan on providing a brief progress report at the Team's annual meeting in Anchorage in February 2007.

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Sincerely,

Jonathan M. Kurland and Douglas L. Mutter Co-Chairs, Alaska Regional Implementation Team

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cc: Virginia Tippie, Director, Coastal America



### Coastal America Alaska Regional Implementation Team Partnership Projects

Partnership projects endorsed by the Alaska Regional Implementation Team (AKRIT) are provided the following opportunities. For further information on these topics, please get in touch with either AKRIT Co-Chair: Jon Kurland, National Marine Fisheries Service at 907-586-7638; or Doug Mutter, U.S. Department of the Interior at 907-271-5011.

- The multi-agency regional implementation team stands ready to help your project achieve its intended on-the-ground results. AKRIT member agencies are:
  - National Marine Fisheries Service
  - o Department of the Interior
  - o U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - o Minerals Management Service
  - Bureau of Land Management
  - National Park Service
  - o U.S. Forest Service
  - Natural Resources Conservation Service
  - Environmental Protection Agency
  - o Department of the Air Force
  - o Department of the Army
  - Department of the Navy
  - Alaska Department of Natural Resources
  - Alaska Department of Fish and Game
- Projects may qualify for military assistance from Department of Defense agencies as an Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) exercise.

- Projects seeking to expand their education and outreach potential may be able to accomplish this through Coastal America's Coastal Ecosystem Learning Center (CELC) program, based at the Alaska SeaLife Center.
- AKRIT endorsement means that your project is also eligible for consideration of support from non-governmental organizations through the Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership (CWRP).
- The Coastal America awards program offers project sponsors and participants the opportunity for regional and national recognition for their work to protect, restore, and preserve coastal resources. Annual awards are given publicly for:
  - Partnership awards recognize outstanding Coastal America partnership efforts and/or multiagency projects.
  - Sprit awards recognize outstanding partnership efforts that demonstrate the "sprit" of Coastal America.
  - Special Recognition awards recognize non-federal organizations for the demonstrated leadership in establishing partnerships.



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Linda Shaw NOAA / National Marine Fisheries Service P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668

Dear Ms. Shaw:

Thank you for submitting a description of the Shorezone coastal mapping project for review by the Alaska Regional Implementation Team for Coastal America. The project involves compiling oblique aerial imagery and maps of coastal resources in southeast and south central Alaska using a standardized system that catalogs both geomorphic and biological features, and making the data available to resource managers and the public via an interactive web site. Partners include the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, National Park Service, and The Nature Conservancy.

The Alaska Regional Implementation Team reviewed your proposal and we are pleased to endorse the Shorezone mapping project. We hope this endorsement facilitates additional contributions by federal, state, or local agencies or nongovernmental partners to complete this worthy project. Please plan on providing a brief progress report at the Team's annual meeting in Anchorage in February 2007.

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John Halverson Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation 555 Cordova Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Halverson:

Thank you for submitting a description of the Eroding Coastal Landfills Remediation projects for review by the Alaska Regional Implementation Team for Coastal America. The projects, located at approximately 17 sites mostly along the Bering Sea, involve relocating or capping solid waste disposal sites that create pollution and safety hazards due to severe erosion. Partners include the Statement of Cooperation members from the Department of the Interior, Department of Defense, and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Alaska Regional Implementation Team reviewed your proposal and we are pleased to endorse the Eroding Coastal Landfills Remediation projects. We hope this endorsement facilitates contributions necessary by federal, state, or local agencies or nongovernmental partners to complete these worthy projects. Please plan on providing a brief progress report at the Team's annual meeting in Anchorage in February 2007.

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Dean Davidson U.S. Forest Service Chugach National Forest 3301 C Street, Suite 300 Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Thank you for submitting a description of Phase II of the Resurrection Creek restoration project for review by the Alaska Regional Implementation Team for Coastal America. The project, located on the Kenai Peninsula near Hope, involves having youths employed through the Youth Restoration Corps revegetate 2.25 miles of stream channel and 52 acres of flood plain to complete an ongoing effort to restore a stream reach that was altered by hydraulic mining. Partners include the Forest Service, Fish America Foundation, National Forest Foundation, ConocoPhillips, BP Exploration Alaska, and the Youth Restoration Corps.

The Alaska Regional Implementation Team reviewed your proposal and we are pleased to endorse Phase II of the Resurrection Creek project. We hope this endorsement facilitates any remaining contributions necessary by federal, state, or local agencies or nongovernmental partners to complete this worthy project. Please plan on providing a brief progress report at the Team's annual meeting in Anchorage in February 2007.

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Christopher Estes Alaska Department of Fish and Game 333 Raspberry Road Anchorage, Alaska 99518

Dear Mr. Estes:

Thank you for submitting a description of the Matanuska-Susitna Basin Salmon Conservation Partnership projects for review by the Alaska Regional Implementation Team for Coastal America. The five projects involve fish passage restoration at Big Beaver Lake / Wolf Road, Dollar Lake / Tamarack Cove, Wasilla Creek, and Moose Creek, and effectiveness monitoring for Alaska Forest Resources Practices Act standards to protect fish habitat in the Mat-Su Valley. Partners include the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The Alaska Regional Implementation Team reviewed your proposal and we are pleased to endorse the Matanuska-Susitna Basin projects. We hope this endorsement facilitates any remaining contributions necessary by federal, state, or local agencies or nongovernmental partners to complete these five worthy projects. Please plan on providing a brief progress report at the Team's annual meeting in Anchorage in February 2007.

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Brian Lance NOAA / National Marine Fisheries Service 222 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Box 43 Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7577

Dear Mr. Lance:

Thank you for submitting a description of the Whittier artificial reef project for review by the Alaska Regional Implementation Team for Coastal America. The project, located near Whittier in western Prince William Sound, involves installing artificial reef structures to enhance fish habitat and assessing the viability of such reefs to offset losses of nearshore habitat. Partners include the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Prince William Sound Science Center.

The Alaska Regional Implementation Team reviewed your proposal and we are pleased to endorse the Whittier artificial reef project. We hope this endorsement facilitates any remaining contributions necessary by federal, state, or local agencies or nongovernmental partners to complete this worthy project. Please plan on providing a brief progress report at the Team's annual meeting in Anchorage in February 2007.

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David Wigglesworth Municipality of Anchorage P.O. Box 196650 Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6650

Dear Mr. Wigglesworth:

Thank you for submitting a description of the Salmon in the City projects for review by the Alaska Regional Implementation Team for Coastal America. The projects target the Chester, Ship, and Campbell Creek watersheds to improve salmon habitat and increase community awareness of salmon habitat and associated threats. Partners include the Municipality of Anchorage, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

The Alaska Regional Implementation Team reviewed your proposal and we are pleased to endorse the Salmon in the City projects. We hope this endorsement facilitates any remaining contributions necessary by federal, state, or local agencies or nongovernmental partners to complete these worthy projects. Please plan on providing a brief progress report at the Team's annual meeting in Anchorage in February 2007.

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