



STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

P.O. BOX 115525  
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811-5525

Permit #: SF2009-113

Expires: 10/30/2009

Collections Report/Samples Due: 11/30/2009

FISH RESOURCE PERMIT  
(For Scientific/Educational Purposes)

This Permit authorizes Ed Fleming (whose signature is required on page 2 for permit validation)  
person

of Otter Tail Environmental Inc. at 1045 N. Ford Street, Golden, CO 80403  
agency or organization address

to conduct the following activities from July 12, 2009 to October 30, 2009 in accordance with AS 16.05.930:

**Purpose:** To continue baseline fisheries data collection for the proposed Donlin Creek Mine.

**Location:** Kuskokwim River drainage: Cobalt/Crooked/Dome/Grouse/Kaina/Ones/Owhat Creeks and nearby unnamed drainages entering the Kuskokwim River from the north; Kuskokwim River in the vicinity of the Birch Tree Crossing Port Site Infrastructure.  
Yukon River drainage: headwaters of the Iditarod River and other systems along the route of the proposed road from the mine to Aniak.

**Species Collected:** Local species

**Method of Capture:** Beach seine, minnow trap, hook-and-line, dip/gill/fyke/trammel nets, backpack electrofisher (see **Stipulation #7**)

**Final Disposition:** ≤4500 slimy sculpin and ≤500 each of other local species may be captured, identified, and released alive at capture site.  
≤500 YOY slimy sculpin and ≤15 each of burbot and northern pike may be captured and killed for heavy metal analysis.

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**REPORTS DUE: November 30, 2009.** These reports shall include species, numbers, dates, and locations of collection (datum/GPS coordinates in the decimal degrees format (dd.ddddd)) and disposition, and if applicable, sex, age, and breeding condition, and lengths and weights of fish. *It must also include the date/time the local biologist was contacted for final authorization to carry out collecting activities.* A completion report (abstract, background, methods, data, analysis), if not submitted with the collection report described above, must be submitted to the department by: March/2009. Data from such reports are considered public information. The report shall also include other information as may be required under the permit stipulations section.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS, EXCEPTIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

1. This permit must be carried by person(s) specified during approved activities who shall show it on request to persons authorized to enforce Alaska's fish and game laws. This permit is nontransferable and will be revoked or renewal denied by the Commissioner of Fish and Game if the permittee violates any of its conditions, exceptions or restrictions. No redelegation of authority may be allowed under this permit unless specifically noted.
2. No specimens taken under authority hereof may be sold or bartered. All specimens must be deposited in a public museum or a public scientific or educational institution unless otherwise stated herein. Subpermittees shall not retain possession of live animals or other specimens.
3. The permittee shall keep records of all activities conducted under authority of this permit, available for inspection at all reasonable hours upon request of any authorized state enforcement officer.
4. Permits will not be renewed until the department has received detailed reports, as specified above.
5. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY STATED HEREIN, THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE the exportation of specimens or the taking of specimens in areas otherwise closed to hunting and fishing; without appropriate licenses required by state regulations; during closed seasons; or in any manner, by any means, at any time not permitted by those regulations.

Bob Bierkowski  
Fish Resource Permit Coordinator  
Division of Sport Fish

Robert Bantz  
for Director  
Division of Sport Fish

5-8-09  
Date

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**Authorized Personnel:** The following persons may perform collecting activities under terms of this permit:

**Edward Fleming, Mark Jessup, Kortney Kirkeby**

*Employees and volunteers under the direct supervision of, and in the presence of, one of the authorized personnel listed above may participate in collecting activities under terms of this permit.*

### **Permit Stipulations:**

- 1) The local Area Management Biologist (AMB), **John Burr** (459-7220; [john.burr@alaska.gov](mailto:john.burr@alaska.gov)) Yukon River, **John Chythlook** (459-7361; [john.chythlook@alaska.gov](mailto:john.chythlook@alaska.gov)) Kuskokwim River, must be notified prior to you engaging in any collecting activities. *The time/date of this contact must be included in your collections report (using the "data submission form" furnished by ADF&G).* These AMB have the right to specify methods for collecting, as well as limiting the collections of any species by number, time and location.
- 2) A valid Alaska sport-fishing license must be in the possession of any individual using hook-and-line gear.
- 3) Any instance of >25% unintended collecting mortality requires sampling at a site to cease immediately and the AMB contacted.
- 4) All unattended sampling gear; 1) labeled with the permittee's name, telephone number, and permit number, 2) securely tied to substrate, 3) soak no more than twenty-four hours at a time, 4) be located with GPS coordinates, and 5) must be accounted for/ removed at the conclusion of sampling.
- 5) Gill nets must be constantly/closely monitored to minimize incidental fish, bird, and mammal mortalities.
- 6) Salmon eggs used as bait in traps must either be; sterilized commercial eggs or, if raw, must be disinfected prior to use. A 10-minute soak in 1/100 Betadyne solution or some other iodophor disinfectant is adequate.
- 7) Gloves (cotton, etc.), boots, and collecting gear should be disinfected between streams to reduce the potential of pathogen transmission. A wash/rinse in 1/100 Betadyne solution should be adequate.
- 8) If never before recorded anadromous fish species are found in permitted streams and rivers, the permit holder will work closely with ADF&G to see that information is included in the database for the *Catalog of Waters Important for Spawning, Rearing or Migration of Anadromous Fishes*. Anadromous fish include *Oncorhynchus spp.*, Arctic char, Dolly Varden, sheefish, smelts, lamprey, whitefish, and sturgeon. Please direct questions to J. Johnson, 267-2337 or [j.johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us](mailto:j.johnson@fishgame.state.ak.us)
- 9) Electroshocking is currently discouraged, but not prohibited by the department. Electroshockers may not be used in anadromous waters in the presence of adult salmonids, adult trout or adult char. In areas where other means of capture are not feasible, only one pass is allowed. Monitor all such electroshocked fish for one hour before release. Mortalities or injuries must be reported on the DATA SUBMISSION FORM. Operators of electroshockers must have formal training.
- 10) **Atlantic salmon** and other **non-native invasive aquatic species** that you encounter during your sampling should be killed. In such an event, please contact the nearest ADF&G office (see # 1 above) ASAP with species identification or description, capture location or location of sighting if capture is not possible, number captured, size, and sex. Preserve and turn in the whole specimen to the nearest ADF&G office.
- 11) *A copy of this permit, including any amendments, must be made available at all field collection sites and project sites for inspection upon request by a representative of the department or a law enforcement officer.*
- 12) Issuance of this permit does not absolve the permittee from compliance in full with any and all other applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, or ordinances.
- 13) A **report of collecting activities**, referenced to this fish resource permit number, must be submitted to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish HQ, P.O. Box 115525, Juneau, AK 99811-5525, Attention: Bob Piorkowski (465-6109; [Robert.Piorkowski@alaska.gov](mailto:Robert.Piorkowski@alaska.gov)), and to the AMB listed under **stipulation #1** within 30 days after the expiration of this permit. This report must summarize the number of fish captured by date, by location (provide GPS coordinates and datum), and by species, and the fate of those fish. Fish length, weight, sex, and age data should be included if collected. A completion report (abstract/background/methods /data/analysis), if not submitted with the collection report described above, must be submitted to the department within six months of the expiration of the permit. Data from such reports are considered public information. A report is required whether or not collecting activities were undertaken.

**PERMIT VALIDATION requires permittee's signature agreeing to abide by permit conditions before beginning collecting activities:**

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**Signature of Permittee**

cc: John Chythlook, Division of Sport Fish, Bethel/Fairbanks  
John Burr, Division of Sport Fish, Fairbanks  
Fred Bue, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Fairbanks  
John Linderman, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Bethel  
Mac McLean, Division of Habitat, Fairbanks  
Fish and Wildlife Protection, Fairbanks