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FISH HABITAT PERMIT FH26-II-0133-GP

ISSUED: October 22, 2026
EXPIRES: December 31, 2027

General Public:

RE: Vehicle Stream Crossing
Pasagshak River (Water Body No. 259-41-10010)
Section 26, T 31 S, R 20 W, SM
Crossing Location: 57.460008 N, 152.451525W

Alaska law (AS 16.05.871) requires that a permit from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Habitat Section be obtained prior to operating wheeled or tracked vehicles in or on the bed, bank, or waters of specified anadromous fish-bearing streams and lakes. In some instances, authorizing specific crossing via general permit will serve the public interest and provide proper protection of fish and game. Pursuant to AS 16.05.871(d), the Habitat Section has authorized vehicle crossing of the Pasagshak River at the above referenced stream ford location (see attached map).

Project Description
This general permit authorizes the movement of wheeled or tracked vehicles weighing less than 5,000 pounds dry weight on the bed and banks of the Pasagshak River at the referenced location. Vehicles over 5,000 pounds are not covered under this General Permit and would require an individual Fish Habitat Permit. Crossings authorized at the location referenced in this permit are expected to provide adequate access to the area while minimizing adverse impacts to fish resources and habitats.

Anadromous Fish Act
Water Body No. 259-41-10010 has been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). The waterbody provides habitat for coho, pink, Chinook and sockeye salmon along with Dolly Varden.

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), your project is approved subject to the project description, the following stipulations, and the permit terms.

1. Stream crossings shall be made from bank to bank in a direction substantially perpendicular to the stream flow.

2. Streambanks and streambeds shall not be altered or disturbed in any way to facilitate crossings.

3. Vehicles shall not be refueled or serviced below ordinary high water. Vehicles leaking fuel, oil, or other hazardous substances are prohibited from crossing the stream.

Please be reminded that harassing fish while crossing any stream is prohibited by state law (5 AAC 75.060).

Permit Terms

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.05.871 and must be retained on site during project activities. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Habitat Section; other agencies also may have jurisdiction under their respective authorities. This determination does not relieve you of your responsibility to secure other permits; state, federal, or local. You are still required to comply with all other applicable laws.

You are responsible for the actions of contractors, agents, or other persons who perform work to accomplish the approved project. For any activity that significantly deviates from the approved plan, you shall notify the Habitat Section and obtain written approval in the form of a permit amendment before beginning the activity. Any action that increases the project's overall scope or that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of any provision contained in this permit will be deemed a significant deviation from the approved plan. The final determination as to the significance of any deviation and the need for a permit amendment is the responsibility of the Habitat Section. Therefore, we recommend you consult the Habitat Section immediately before considering any deviation from the approved plan.

You shall give an authorized representative of the state free and unobstructed access to the permit site, at safe and reasonable times, for the purpose of inspecting or monitoring compliance with any provision of this permit. You shall furnish whatever assistance and information the authorized representative reasonably requires for monitoring and inspection purposes.

In addition to the penalties provided by law, this permit may be terminated or revoked for failure to comply with its provisions or failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. You shall mitigate any adverse effect upon fish or wildlife, their habitats, or any restriction or interference with public use that the commissioner determines was a direct result of your failure to comply with this permit or any applicable law.

You shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the department, its agents, and its employees from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities for injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from permitted activities or your performance under this permit. However, this provision has no effect if, and only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the department's negligence.

You may appeal this permit decision relating to AS 16.05.871 in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330-630.

Please direct questions about this permit to Habitat Biologist Beth Evers at 907-267-2143 or beth.evers@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,
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Commissioner



By Ken Bouwens
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Enclosures: FH26-II-0133-GP Vehicle Stream Crossing Map

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Pasagshak Stream Crossing
Legend
Crossing Location
Crossing Location
Pasagshak State Recreational Site Parking
N
400 ft
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