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### FISH HABITAT PERMIT

**FH15-III-0219-AMENDMENT 2**

ISSUED: August 1, 2022

EXPIRES: Upon Removal of Structure

Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc.  
Attn: Bartly Kleven  
P.O. Box 73726  
Fairbanks, AK 88707-3726

RE: Culvert Modification  
Last Chance Creek Bay  
Section 18, T002N, R003E, FM, Livengood A-1  
Location coordinates (WGS84): 65.0015 N, 147.2192 W

Dear Ms. Kleven:

Pursuant to AS 16.05.841 (Fishway Act), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Habitat Section has reviewed your proposal to modify and extend the culvert crossing the Gil Causeway at Last Chance Creek Bay on the water storage reservoir. Your amendment request was received by email on July 22, 2022.

#### Project Description

Fairbanks Gold Mining Inc. began mining on the Gil Exploration Project in 2021. To improve access and safely accommodate the movement of heavy equipment on the access road to site, FGMI will additionally widen the road in this location. Additional fill and culvert extensions will need to be added to the existing road. This 96" diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) was initially extended approximately 11 linear feet on the upstream end. This amendment authorizes the addition of a 20 foot extension. The existing channel grade of 0.44% will be matched by the culvert extension. The water level in the Water Supply Reservoir will be drawn down to accomplish this work.

### **Fishway Act**

The Gil Causeway crosses the upper portion of the Water Supply Reservoir. Arctic grayling and burbot use the reservoir for feeding and overwintering. Movement of Arctic grayling and burbot through this reach of the Gil Causeway has been documented with catches in fyke nets.

Your project as proposed is not anticipated to obstruct the free passage of fish.

In accordance with AS 16.05.841, your project is approved subject to the project description and permit terms, with the following stipulation:

1. The structure shall be designed, installed, and maintained to accommodate the efficient passage and movement of fish, both upstream and downstream, for the life of the project.
2. No in-water work will occur during the spring Arctic grayling spawning migration from April 25 – May 15.
3. ADF&G Habitat shall be notified prior to commencement of the drawdown of the WSR, and also when the work is completed and water levels have returned to normal.

### **Permit Terms**

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.05.841 and must be retained on site during project activities. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Habitat Section of ADF&G; 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 ADF&G 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 ADF&G Habitat Section. Therefore, it is recommended that you consult the Habitat Section 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.

Please direct questions about this permit to Habitat Biologist Chelsea Clawson at (907) 459-7287 or [chelsea.clawson@alaska.gov](mailto:chelsea.clawson@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,  
Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner



*Chelsea Clawson for A. Brase*

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