

## Department of Fish and Game

DIVISION OF HABITAT Southeast Region Office

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## FISH HABITAT PERMIT FH17-I-0007

ISSUED: February 7, 2017

Kevin Eppers Environmental Manager Coeur Alaska, Inc. 3031 Clinton Drive, Suite 202 Juneau, AK 99801

**RE:** Upper Slate Lake Water Withdrawal

Sec 23 T 35 S R 62 E, CRM (Juneau D4 Quad) Location: 58.8153 N, 135.0398 W (WGS 84)

Dear Mr. Eppers:

Pursuant to AS 16.05.841 (Fishway Act), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Habitat reviewed your proposal to withdraw water from Upper Slate Lake near the Kensington Gold Mine tailings treatment facility.

## **Project Description**

You will withdraw Upper Slate Lake water at the diversion pipeline dam and the flume using 2 or 4 inch pump intakes placed in a 5 gallon bucket with holes or basket, both encased with 1/8 inch screen.

## Fishway Act

Upper Slate Lake supports Dolly Varden char, which are present in the diversion dam pool and transit the diversion pipeline and the flume.

In accordance with AS 16.05.841, project approval is hereby given subject to the project description above and the terms of this permit.

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 Division of Habitat 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 stipulation 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 Division of Habitat. Therefore, it is recommended you consult the Division of Habitat immediately when any deviation from the approved plan is being considered.

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

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 Division of Habitat; 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.

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. The Division of Habitat reserves the right to require mitigation measures to correct disruption to fish and game created by the project and which was a direct result of the 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.

Any questions or concerns about this permit may be directed to Habitat Biologist Kate Kanouse at (907) 465-4290 or emailed to kate.kanouse@alaska.gov.

Sincerely, Sam Cotten Commissioner

By Jackie Timothy

Southeast Regional Supervisor

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