

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Division of Habitat

SARAH PALIN, GOVERNOR

KENAI RIVER CENTER
514 Funny River Road
Soldotna, Alaska 99669
Phone: (907) 260-4882
FAX: (907) 260-5992

FISH HABITAT PERMIT RECREATIONAL MINING IN THE SIXMILE CREEK AND RESURRECTION CREEK DRAINAGES

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

ADDRESS _____
Street (or mailing) City State Zip

SUCTION DREDGE _____ Intake inches (must be 6" or less) _____ Engine HP (must be 18 hp or less)

I hereby certify that I am a recreational miner, that I have read and understand the permit conditions for recreational use of hand tools or a suction dredge in the Resurrection Creek and Sixmile Creek drainages (see Permit Conditions, page two), and hereby agree to the conditions of this permit.

Date of Application

Signature of Applicant

DO NOT WRITE IN SPACE BELOW - FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

VALIDATION:

Initial

FH-
Permit Number

Issue Date

December 31, 2008
Expires

When validation seal has been stamped above, the applicant is authorized to placer mine with hand tools or operate a suction dredge in the Resurrection Creek and Sixmile Creek drainages in accordance with the permit conditions listed on page two of this permit. To be valid, it must be available for inspection while you are mining.

The Resurrection Creek and Sixmile Creek drainages are within the Chugach National Forest. The U.S. Forest Service administers these lands. On federal land, any suction dredge with an intake larger than 4 inches is considered commercial and requires prior approval. We recommend that you contact the Seward Ranger District at 224-3374 and the Glacier Ranger District at 783-3242 regarding suction dredging within the Chugach National Forest. Be advised that nothing in this permit authorizes the permittee to trespass on privately owned property, or to use a dredge in waters passing over private lands or valid mining claims without permission. This permit is not transferable.

Both Resurrection Creek and Sixmile Creek and many of their tributaries have been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing or migration of anadromous fish pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). Adult salmon spawning begins in mid-July and extends through the fall. The eggs deposited in the streambed do not emerge as free-swimming fish until April or May of the following year. Salmon eggs deposited in the streambed gravels are extremely vulnerable to any type of disturbance such as suction dredging. In addition, sediment deposited on top of gravels that contain eggs or fish fry may prevent the eggs and fry from breathing, thereby killing them. For this reason, the instream use of suction dredges is generally limited to the period between May 15 and July 15, which is when salmon are least vulnerable to disturbance.

Please be advised that this permit does not relieve you from complying with State Water Quality Standards specified in regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation (18 AAC 70.005- 18 AAC 70.990).

PERMIT CONDITIONS

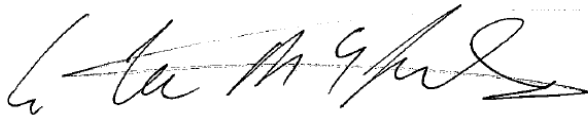
In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d) and AS 16.05.841, you are hereby authorized to conduct mining operations in the Resurrection Creek and Sixmile Creek Drainages subject to the following stipulations:

1. **Mining is authorized in the mainstem (flowing channels) of Sixmile Creek downstream of the confluence of Canyon Creek, and Canyon Creek downstream of the confluence of Pass Creek, only between May 15 and July 15. Granite Creek upstream of the confluence of Bertha Creek is closed to placer mining. All other areas of the Sixmile creek drainage, including tributaries, are open to mining year round.**
2. **Mining is authorized in the mainstem (flowing channels) of Resurrection Creek only between May 15 and July 15. Suction dredges may be operated in tributaries of Resurrection Creek at any time except in Palmer Creek where the first one-fourth (1/4) mile of the mainstem is closed to mining except between May 15 and July 15.**
3. **Streambanks shall not be mined or otherwise disturbed. All dredging shall be conducted within the limits of the wetted perimeter (water level) of the stream. Mining on exposed bars is prohibited.**
4. **The suction dredge shall not be used for high banking, off stream mining, or other water use activities. Suction dredges shall not be used to wash soils or other materials.**
5. **Winches or other motorized equipment shall not be used instream to move boulders, logs, or other objects too large to be moved by hand.**
6. **Wheeled or tracked equipment shall not be used in the stream or disturb the streambank.**
7. **Construction or maintenance of dams, diversions, fills, deflectors, and all other in-water structures is prohibited.**

This permit is issued under the authority of AS 16.05.871 and AS 16.05.841. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by Division of Habitat; other divisions within ADF&G may have jurisdiction under their respective authorities. *This determination does not relieve you of the responsibility for securing other permits, state, federal or local.* You are still required to comply with all other applicable laws.

Sincerely,

Denby Lloyd, Commissioner

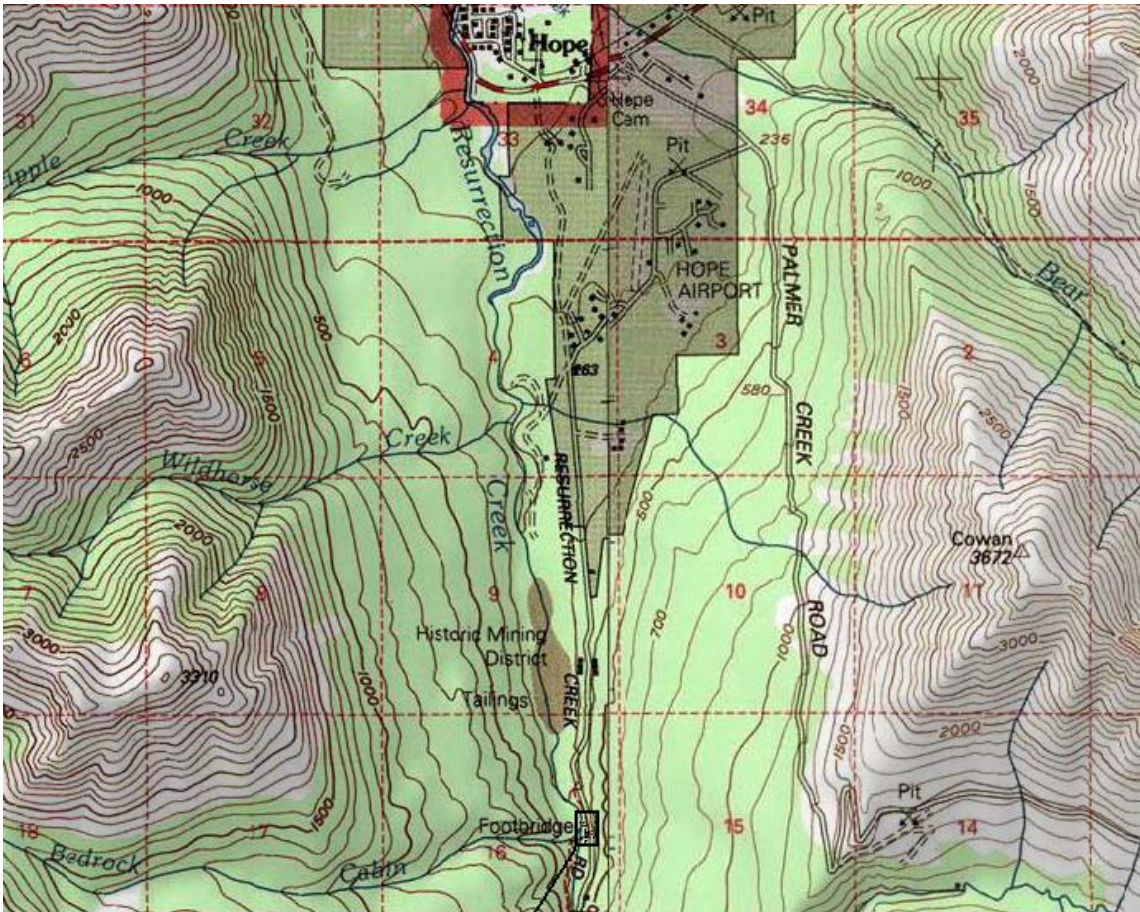


By: Lee McKinley, Habitat Biologist
Soldotna Area Office / (907) 260-4882

cc. J. Fincher, USFS, Glacier Ranger Dist.
R. Begich, ADF&G/SF, Soldotna
S. Maclean, ADF&G, Anchorage

J. Evans, USFS, Seward Ranger Dist.
D. Bosch, ADF&G/SF, Anchorage

L. Books, DNR/DMLW
C. Godsey, EPA



Approximate location of recreational mining area. It is between the Resurrection Pass Trailhead footbridge (north end) and the Pay Streke (private land parcel) on the south end. The Pay Streke is marked with a gate and sign.