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Re: Ordinance 2006-001 (Martin) Substitute Material Site Permits Chapter 21.29

Honorable Assembly,

Please do not ignore the significant issues that the Snow River and Seward Bear-Creek Flood Service area faces by exempting the entire area from this ordinance. Unlike most of the rest of the Kenai Peninsula, the eastern peninsula has serious flood issues complicated by wild glacial streams laden with a seemingly continuous supply of gravel close to civilization.

The SBCFS area needs a professionally designed and engineered plan to remove the apparently unlimited supply of bed load gravel from our wild streams while protecting our fish stocks and reducing flood damage. Exempting this entire area from this ordinance leads to piecemeal gravel extraction, moving the disaster off one property owner downstream to another's instead of following a coordinated plan of action.

With the following exception, I fully support 21.29.010, in particular requiring #3 buffers, #4 a reclamation plan, #9 a site plan and field verification by a professional surveyor including staking the parcel boundaries.

I disagree with C 2, the dewatered bar exemption for all the material site permit requirements for the Seward-Bear Creek Flood Service area. Buffers are needed here along the stream banks, and it is always a good idea to know exactly where the property lines are.

21.29.010 Permit Conditions

1. 50' buffers should be required along the river's edge in the SBCFS.
6. Fuel Storage restrictions should apply across the board, including the SBCFS.

I urge the Assembly to formulate a plan, included in this Chapter, to address the unique challenges for removing gravel and rock from our wild rivers while protecting the natural resources on the Eastern Peninsula.

Thank you,
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