



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
Donald E. Gilman River Center

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gary Knopp, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Assembly

THRU: David R. Carey, Borough Mayor *DR Carey*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*
JM John Mohorcich, River Center Director
Brenda Ahlberg, Community and Fiscal Project Manager *B Ahlberg*

FROM: *GW* Gary Williams, Coastal Zone Management Program Coordinator

DATE: January 20, 2011

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2010-19-31 accepting and appropriating grant funds from the U.S. Department of Interior in the amount of \$99,272 for the Kenai River Near Bank Turbidity Study

The Kenai Peninsula Borough assembly, by Resolution 2009-018, approved 19 projects for funding through the federal Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). The Kenai River Near Bank Turbidity Study was among those projects approved and forwarded to the State of Alaska for inclusion in the Alaska CIAP Plan.

On April 23, 2010 the Department of Interior, Minerals Management Service, henceforth known as the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), approved the Alaska Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) Plan which included \$1,708,491.93 available to be granted in FY 2009 -2010. Among the projects approved was the Kenai River Near Bank Turbidity Study.

This study will monitor and sample the nearshore turbidity at key locations on the Kenai River where heavy boat traffic occurs for extended periods of time. This information is important to insure that state water quality standards are being met and that habitat for juvenile salmon in the nearshore is not being degraded.

The study will place "turbidity loggers" (hydrolabs) in the Kenai River. These devices consist of a programmable data logger and a turbidimeter that, when mounted in a stream, will collect samples of turbidity over time. The information collected will be tabulated and provided to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

The performance period of this grant ends December 31, 2012.

The Coastal Zone Management Program Coordinator is the assigned project manager responsible for the administration of CIAP Funds.

Attachments: award notification

FINANCE DEPARTMENT	
Acct. #	FUNDS VERIFIED
Acct. No. <u>311.2135.11041.4999</u>	
Amount <u>N/A</u>	
By: <u>CBW</u>	Date: <u>1/20/11</u>