



## **FISH HABITAT PERMIT**

**FH26-III-0075**

ISSUED: March 8, 2026  
EXPIRES: December 31, 2031

Ronald Burgett II  
Yukon River & Road Transport LLC  
PO Box 185  
Galena, AK 99741

RE: Gravel Extraction  
Yukon River (Stream Number 334-00-11000)  
Section 1, T9S, R9E, KRM (Nulato C-2 Quad)  
Location: 64.7316 N, 156.9384 W

Dear Ronald Burgett II,

Pursuant to AS 16.05.871 (b), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Habitat Section has reviewed your proposal to extract gravel from a Yukon River gravel bar near Galena under a DNR material sales contract.

### **Project Description**

Yukon River Road & Transport LLC proposes to extract gravel from a Yukon River gravel bar near Galena during April–May or late fall, when water levels are low and the bar is exposed. Extraction will use loaders, bulldozers, excavators, and dump trucks. No equipment will enter the water. Up to 5,000 cubic yards of material will be removed over the five-year DNR contract. The excavation area will measure approximately 500 ft by 500 ft and 10 ft deep and is expected to naturally fill during high-water events.

### **Anadromous Fish Act**

The Yukon River (Stream Number 334-00-11000) has been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). The water body provides migration habitat for chum, coho, and Chinook salmon as well as sheefish. Resident fish also inhabit this section of river including Northern pike, whitefish, Arctic grayling and slimy

sculpin. Your project as proposed is not anticipated to have adverse effects on anadromous fish or their habitat and should not obstruct the free passage of fish.

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), your project is approved subject to the project description and permit terms with the following stipulations:

- 1) Gravel extraction operations shall be conducted in a manner that does not create depression or cuts that will trap fish when water levels fluctuate. At the end of gravel removal operations each year, depressions shall be backfilled, and the mined area shall be graded toward the main channel at a slope less than 3:1.
- 2) During extraction, if a depression is created during material removal, an outlet channel as deep as the lowest elevation point of the depression shall be constructed, contoured, and maintained to drain to the active channel of the river to ensure fish are not trapped with fluctuating water levels.
- 3) Riverbanks shall not be mined, modified, or otherwise disturbed without prior authorization. Riverbanks shall be left in stable condition at the completion of extraction activities each year.

### **Permit Terms**

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.05.871 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.

You may appeal this permit decision relating to AS 16.05.871 in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330-630.

Please direct questions about this permit to Habitat Biologist Chad Bear at 907.459.7373 or [chad.bear@alaska.gov](mailto:chad.bear@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,  
Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

  
For Audra Brase

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