



STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Mining, Land and Water

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The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) manages approximately 100 million acres of uplands and 65 million acres of tidelands, shorelands, and submerged lands on behalf of the public. DMLW is responsible for providing for the appropriate use and management of Alaska's state-owned land and water, in order to provide for maximum use of these resources consistent with the public interest.

Members of the public may research the location of DMLW-managed lands with DNR's online Alaska Mapper at <https://mapper.dnr.alaska.gov>. Activities that the public may engage in on DMLW-managed land without prior approval are referred to as Generally Allowed Uses (GAUs) and are listed under [11 AAC 96.020](#); DMLW may approve activities that exceed these uses with a range of authorizations that vary in degree of revocability and exclusivity. An easement is a grant that guarantees use within the authorized area without undue interruption but usually does not provide for exclusive use. Parties who are interested in obtaining an easement across DMLW-managed land may apply using the attached application form.

DMLW generally grants easements for the following activities:

- **Access infrastructure**, including roads, trails, airstrips and bridges.
- **Utilities**, generally encompassing electrical, telecommunications, water, sewer and natural gas infrastructure.
- **Industrial activities**, including commercial outfall lines and some pipelines.
- **Erosion control features**, including for bank armoring, dikes, jetties, and other revetment structures.

Easements may be granted to governmental entities, corporations, or individuals, and may be limited to private use or open to the public at large. DMLW precedent generally favors the creation of public access easements for access infrastructure. DMLW follows the guidelines for easement width established by [11 AAC 51.015](#) and generally grants utility easements at a 30 foot width and public access easements at a 60 or 100 foot width.

All easement application packages must include the following items in order to be eligible for review:

- Easement Application Form with signature.
- Written Development Plan that describes the proposed development of the easement, and a purpose and need statement for the proposed development. A map or sketch that depicts the location of the proposed development is also required. The Development Plan instructions and form can be found at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/cdn/pdf/forms/Development-Plan.pdf>.
- Environmental Risk Questionnaire with signature. This form can be found at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/cdn/pdf/forms/Environmental-Risk-Questionnaire.pdf>.
- Application fee set by [11 AAC 05.070](#) and applicable director's fee order at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DMLWFeeOrder3-v2.pdf>.
- Power of Attorney for a project agent to act on behalf of the applicant, if applicable.

The act of filing an application is not approval for land use. If notified that an application is incomplete, applicants will have 30 days to provide the necessary information. If the applicant is not responsive the

application will be closed. Complete applications will be posted in their entirety to the DMLW public notice webpage for a period of 30 days. Following the close of this notice period DMLW will issue an appealable Regional Manager's Decision (RMD) that will either approve or deny the request. This decision may detail additional steps and/or modify the initial request as a condition of obtaining or holding an easement. Conditions may include, but are not limited to:

- **Survey of the easement boundaries.** A survey of the shoreline may be required prior to undertaking construction activities when working near riparian boundaries. A postconstruction as-built survey of constructed improvements may also be required.
- **Evidence of having applied for or received permission to utilize neighboring lands** or adjoining upland property, if such property is required for the overall project.
- **Dedication of reciprocal easement** over the applicant's land, at DMLW's determination.
- **Use fees** set by [11 AAC 05.070](#) and applicable director's fee order at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DMLWFeeOrder3-v2.pdf>.
- **Performance guaranty** in the form of a cash bond, certificate of deposit or corporate surety bond. The minimum performance guaranty for an easement is \$1,000 per acre or portion of an acre.
- **Proof of insurance** that covers the proposed activities.
- **Submission of an annual report** of activities that occurred within the easement and/or that are proposed to occur within the easement.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the appropriate regional land office listed above and/or apply for an easement a year in advance of their desired construction timeframe. DMLW regional land office contact information is listed at the beginning of this document. Applicants should also expect to retain surveyors or project agents for the full length of proposed construction activities as DMLW holds easements in a conditionally approved status until completion of an as-built survey and/or receipt of required deliverables. Failure to complete conditions of a RMD including the completion of an as-built survey will result in the termination of the authorization, and the applicant will be required to remove any improvements that were installed.

Applicants are encouraged to meet with a member of DMLW's staff to discuss proposed activities prior to filing an application.

Completed Easement Applications must be submitted electronically to an email address below or mailed to one of the following offices closest to the proposed use or activity on state lands:

Northern Region Land Office
3700 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99709-4699
(907) 451-2740
nro.lands@alaska.gov

Southcentral Region Land Office
550 West 7th Ave, Suite 900C
Anchorage, AK 99501-3577
(907) 269-8503
dnr-pic@alaska.gov

Southeast Region Land Office
P. O. Box 111020
Juneau, AK 99811-1020
(907) 465-3400
sero@alaska.gov

Statewide TTY – 771 for Alaska Relay or 1-800-770-8973

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APPLICATION FOR EASEMENT
AS 38.05.850

ADL# _____
(to be filled in by State)

Applications that are submitted with unfilled sections or inadequate explanation and/or without application fees, a location figure and/or a completed Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) Environmental Risk Questionnaire will be deemed incomplete. Incomplete applications will be returned without review. See DMLW's current fee regulations (11 AAC 05) and associated Director's Fee Order for applicable non-refundable fee amounts. The filing of an application does not guarantee processing or approval of the requested authorization.

Applicant: Jeremiah Beckett; CTC, Inc. Doing Business As: Cordova Telecom Cooperative, Inc.
Agent: (if applicable; attach record of authorization to represent) Alison Verkade; Pioneer Consulting
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 459 Email: sarahk@ctcak.coop
City/State/Zip: Cordova, Alaska 99574
Primary Phone: 907-424-2700 Alternate Phone: 907-429-2665
General Location: Southeast Alaska Municipality: See list; Cordova to Juneau
Section(s): See attached list Township: _____ Range: _____ Meridian: _____
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Attach a location figure, plan drawing or survey that shows the detailed location of the requested easement in relation to adjoining property boundaries and reference points. All features must be labeled.

Dimensions requested (Complete line 1 for a lineal easement or line 2 for an easement with an irregular shape):

1. Length: (feet) 2,789,000 Width: (feet) 30

2. Area: 1920 Are units in square feet or acres? (check one)

Term requested and rationale: 30 year, consistent with industry standard easement requests

Are you applying for a public or a private easement? (check one) Rationale:

The easement will be used to install and maintain telecom infrastructure for underserved, rural areas.

Development plan summary/specific purpose of easement: (e.g., electric utility, fiber-optic cable, road, bridge, airstrip/airport, driveway, trail, drainage). This information will be used to determine the scope of use of the easement.

Cordova Telecom Cooperative (CTC) requests a public utility easement from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources to support the installation, operation, and maintenance of a subsea fiber optic cable (SFOC). Specifically, the requested easement is for CTC's Fiber Internet Serving Homes in Southeast Alaska (FISH in SEAK) project that will provide broadband internet to Southeast Alaska via a new high-speed subsea fiber optic telecommunication cable from Cordova to Juneau, with branching units in Yakutat, Pelican, Gustavus, and Hoonah. The FISH in SEAK project will install chemically inert submarine cables with maximum diameter of 47 mm along the seafloor, via direct burial or surface lay. The SFOC will be operated and maintained by CTC as a public utility.

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Easement Application Form 102-112 (Rev. 09/23)

Is this an existing use? Yes No. If yes, explain extent and duration of use to date:

Describe plans for initial construction. Be detailed. Include a list of authorizations for portions of the project that are proposed for construction on adjoining lands, other permitting, and/or third-party non-objections: (Use extra sheets as needed)

Please see attachment for additional detail. CTC is planning two phases for the SFOC spanning two construction seasons (April - October). The first phase of construction includes work outside of marine and estuarine waters and above the high tide line, to construction the terrestrial infrastructure necessary to facilitate the installation of the subsea fiber optic cable in the second phase of the project. The terrestrial portion of the project includes the installation of beach manholes (BMH) at each landing, two earth arrays (Cordova and Juneau), and terrestrial cables connecting the BMHs to cable lay stations. The second phase of the project includes the installation of the submarine cable (maximum diameter of 47 mm), either buried or surface laid depending on water depth and burial feasibility, and connection of the SFCO to the BMHs.

The FISH in SEAK project is partially funded by a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) ReConnect grants and as part of the funding process, NEPA was completed in 2024, including the completion of federal and state environmental and cultural consultations. CTC is in the process of obtaining all necessary municipal authorizations and permits, including necessary easements and ROWs through municipal and private lands for the initial and second phases of the project. In addition, the FISH in SEAK project will require an Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit #57 and a State of AK Special Area Permit for the second phase of the project.

Anticipated construction timeframe: Phase 1: April to October 2026; Phase 2: April to October 2027

If this authorization is granted, I agree to construct and maintain the authorized improvements in an acceptable manner, and to keep the area in a neat and sanitary condition; to comply with all the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining thereto; and provided further that upon termination of the easement for which application is being made, I agree to remove or relocate the improvements and restore the area without cost to the State and to the satisfaction of DMLW.

Applicant's Signature  Date: 07-03-26

This form must be filled out completely and submitted with the applicable fees. Failure to do so will result in a delay in processing. AS 38.05.035(a) authorizes the director to decide what information is needed to process an application for the sale or use of state land and resources. This information is made a part of the state public land records and becomes public information under AS 40.25.110 and 40.25.120 (unless the information qualifies for confidentiality under AS 38.05.035(a)(8) and confidentiality is requested, AS 43.05.230, or AS 45.48). Public information is open to inspection by you or any member of the public. A person who is the subject of the information may challenge its accuracy or completeness under AS 44.99.310, by giving a written description of the challenged information, the changes needed to correct it, and a name and address where the person can be reached. False statements made in an application for a benefit are punishable under AS 11.56.210.

In submitting this form, the applicant certifies that he or she has not changed the original text of the form or any attached documents provided by the Division. In submitting this form, the applicant agrees with the Department to use "electronic" means to conduct "transactions" (as those terms are used in the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, AS 09.80.010 – AS 09.80.195) that relate to this form and that the Department need not retain the original paper form of this record: the department may retain this record as an electronic record and destroy the original.

<p align="center">For Department Use Only Application received date stamp</p> <p>Receipt Types:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13A Pipeline Easement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13 Other Easement</p>
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APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL RISK QUESTIONNAIRE

ADL # _____ (assigned by DNR) Date _____

Applicant (*should match business license*) Cordova Telecom Cooperative, Inc

Mailing Address P.O. Box 459

City/State/Zip Cordova, Alaska 99574 Email sarahk@ctcak.coop

Primary Phone 907-424-2700 Secondary Phone 907-429-2665

Does the applicant have a current Alaska business license? Yes No License # 2195542

Type of license (partnership, LLC, corporation, etc.)? Corporation

Describe the proposed use of and activity on the state land:

Cordova Telecom Cooperative (CTC) will install, operate, and maintain an approximately 850 km subsea fiber optic cable (SFOC) which would be within a 30 ft wide public utility easement from Cordova to Juneau with branching units in Yakutat, Pelican, Gustavus, and Hoonah to provide telecommunications services to Southeast Alaska. The SFOC will operated and maintained, as needed, year-round.

In the course of your proposed activity will you generate, use, store, transport, dispose of, or otherwise come in contact with toxic and/or hazardous materials, and/or hydrocarbons? Yes No. If yes, please list the substances and the associated quantities. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Fuel (gasoline and/or diesel) and necessary lubricants/fluids for excavation and transport equipment. All fuel and lubricants/fluids will be contained within construction and transport vehicles with no on-site fuel storage.

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If the proposed activities involve any storage tanks, either above or below ground, address the following questions for each tank. Please use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary, and, where appropriate, include maps or plats:

a) Where will the tank be located?

NA

b) What will be stored in the tank?

NA

c) What will the tank's size be in gallons?

NA

d) What will the tank be used for? (Commercial or residential purposes?)

NA

e) Will the tank be tested for leaks? Yes No

f) Will the tank be equipped with secondary containment? Yes No. If yes, describe:

NA

g) Will the tank be equipped with leak detection devices? Yes No. If yes, describe:

NA

Do you know or have any reason to suspect that the site may have been previously contaminated? Yes No.

If yes, please explain:

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I certify that due diligence has been exercised and proper inquiries made in completing this questionnaire, and that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeremiah Beckett

Applicant Name



Applicant Signature

02-03-26

Date

CEO, Cordova Telecom Cooperative

Agency, Municipality, or Organization and Position Title (if applicable)

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