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# Public Notice of Application for Permit

<b>PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:</b>	<b>May 27, 2026</b>
<b>EXPIRATION DATE:</b>	<b>June 11, 2026</b>
<b>REFERENCE NUMBER:</b>	<b>POA-2020-00293</b>
<b>WATERWAY:</b>	<b>Sagavanirktok River</b>

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**Public Notice for a Standard Individual Permit Application to be Processed using the Procedures Outlined in the Alaska District Standard Operating Procedures for Processing of Permit Applications in Emergency Situations Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 14156**

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the following request associated with the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) Material Mining for Contingency Stockpiling, has been submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) permit under the provisions of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. In EO 14156 the President declared a national emergency under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621) based upon the finding that the United States' insufficient energy production, transportation, refining, and generation constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to our Nation's economy, national security, and foreign policy. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Alaska District has found that this permit request meets the terms of EO 14156 and is therefore subject to special emergency permitting procedures to address an energy supply situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the application under standard procedures.

The Alaska District will implement the special processing procedures approved by Pacific Ocean Division in accordance with 33 CFR § 325.2(e)(4).

**APPLICANT:** Peter Nagel, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

**LOCATION OF WORK:** The project site is located within Section 22: SE1/4 SE1/4, Section 23: SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 27: E1/2 NE1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4, and Section 26: W1/2 NW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4; Latitude 69.675° N., Longitude 148.649° W.; Dalton Highway milepost 374, near Deadhorse, Alaska.

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:** The applicant proposes to discharge approximately 150,000 cubic yards of alluvial gravel in up to 126 acres below the ordinary high water mark of the Sagavanirktok River in order to mine gravel from a gravel bar. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-8), dated May 19, 2026. Extracted gravel would be hauled for long-term stockpiling on a nearby, existing gravel pad adjacent to the Trans Alaska Pipeline.

The applicant states mining will be performed during low water conditions using an excavator and bulldozer to scrape the top of relatively uniform gravel bar above the water line. Setbacks, isolation berms and restoration details for protecting water quality and fish populations are covered in the enclosed plan. If environmental and resource factors delay completion of the production past freeze-up, mining could be continued into the winter season. Hauling and stockpiling the material would be primarily by articulating rock trucks along the pipeline work pad, bolstered as needed by highway transportation routes.

The applicant states that gravel stockpiles mined from this site in the fall of 2021 and 2022 have been depleted. The gravel was used for local routine maintenance and repair of damaged flood control structures including the 2025 breakup flood. The availability of a gravel stockpile in the area makes it possible to rapidly mitigate flood damaged structures and conduct routine maintenance of the right-of-way work pad on a timely basis during the short summer construction season. Therefore, that is why the proposed actions are necessary to control the immediate impacts of the emergency.

**APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION:** The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

- a. Avoidance: The applicant states no wetland would be filled or affected by the proposed mining.
- b. Minimization: The applicant states the project will avoid adverse impacts to water flow, floodplain, and existing vegetation in riparian areas. Heavy equipment use would be confined to the existing TAPS work pad and unvegetated gravel bars. All fueling will be done on the right-of-way outside the active floodplain. Mining would not be conducted in flowing water and will not extend into the water table. Access within the mining site will be routed as

much as practical to avoid small, isolated waters or very minor stream braids. One or two temporary gravel ramps would be installed if needed for equipment access from the end of the existing access road to the gravel bar and then removed after mining is completed. The piling of gravel on the gravel bar/s for loading the hauling equipment will be short-term duration only. Any fish encountered in pools will be captured and released in the waterways nearby.

**COMPENSATORY MITIGATION:** The applicant has provided the following explanation why compensatory mitigation should not be required: The gravel mining will not occur in wetlands. The proposed source bar has been subjected to disturbances from past floods and icing events and supports only sparse vegetation, if any. Therefore, impact to local flora will be minimal and no additional mitigation is proposed.

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:** Compliance with Section 401 Water Quality Certification procedures is required for this project.

**HISTORIC PROPERTIES:** In accordance with the special processing procedures established by Pacific Ocean Division, the district is coordinating with the State Historic Preservation Office under 36 CFR Part 800.12 in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES:** In accordance with the special processing procedures approved by Pacific Ocean Division in accordance with 33 CFR § 325.2(e)(4), the district is consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under 50 CFR Part 402.05 in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

**ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT:** In accordance with the special processing procedures established by Pacific Ocean Division, the district is consulting with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) under 50 CFR Part 600.920 in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

**PUBLIC INTEREST:** This application will be reviewed in accordance with 33 CFR Parts 320-332, the Regulatory Program of USACE, and other pertinent laws, regulations, and executive orders. Our evaluation will also follow the guidelines published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230). Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; of those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values,

flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The district will make a permit decision after considering/addressing any comments submitted by the agencies.

**COMMENTS:** Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted electronically to Tyler Marye by email at [tyler.j.marye@usace.army.mil](mailto:tyler.j.marye@usace.army.mil) or via the Regulatory Request System at <https://rrs.usace.army.mil/rrs>

If you do not have internet access, comments may be submitted through the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to the following address:

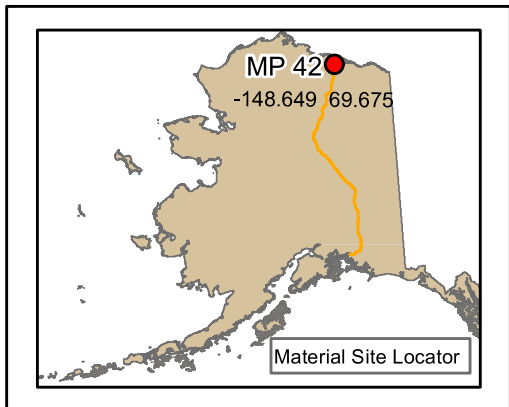
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Comments should only be provided through the USPS when electronic transmission is not possible. Precautionary internal mail handling procedures may be instituted to protect our workforce, which may result in longer than normal times to process and receive hard copy submissions. To be considered in our evaluation, comments submitted through the USPS should have a postmark dated on, or prior to, the close of the comment period, June 11, 2026.

Please note that submitted comments in response to this Public Notice become part of our administrative record and, as such, may be available to the public under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you for your interest in our Nation's water resources. Mr. Marye may also be reached at (907) 753-5778.


District Commander  
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

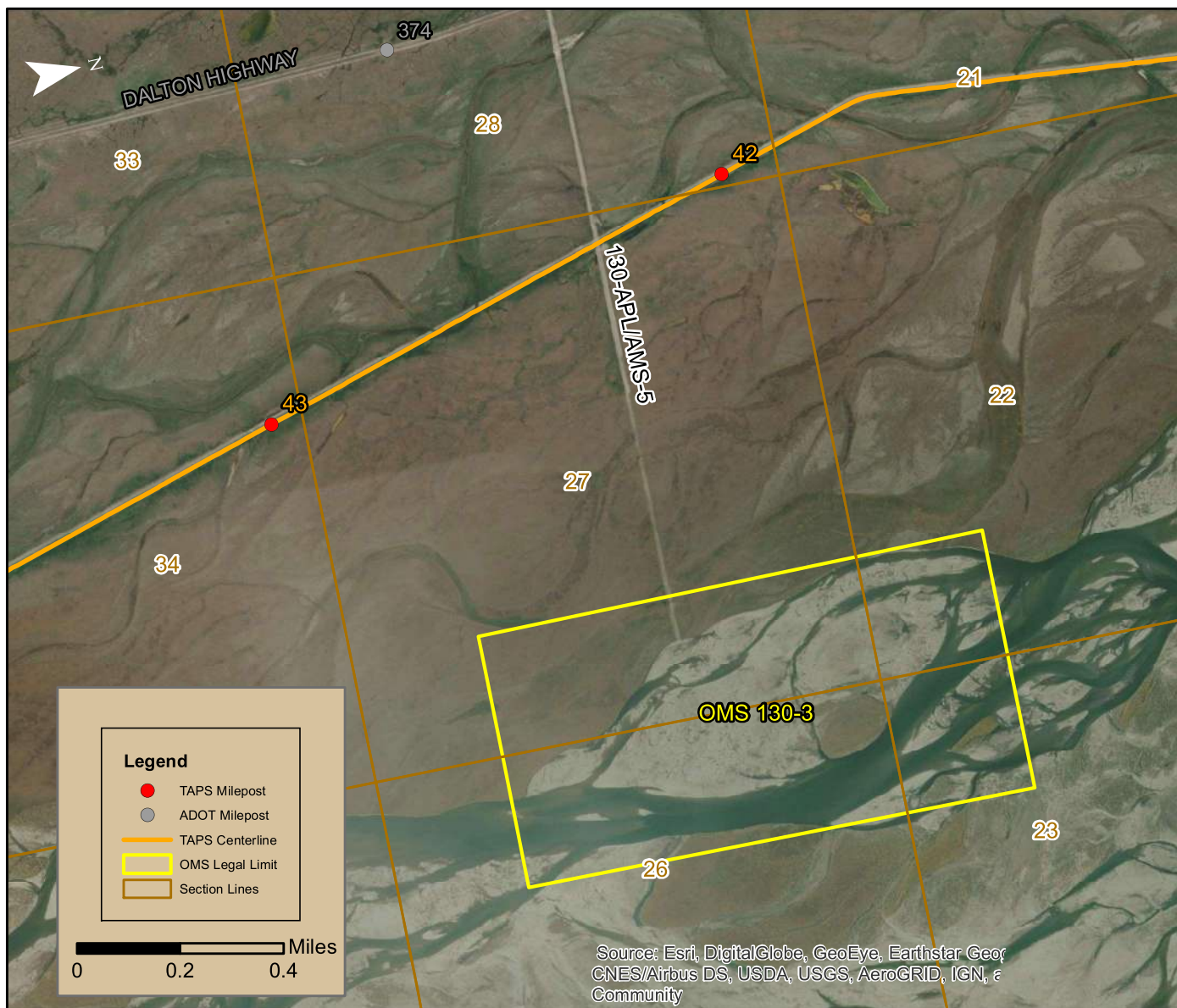


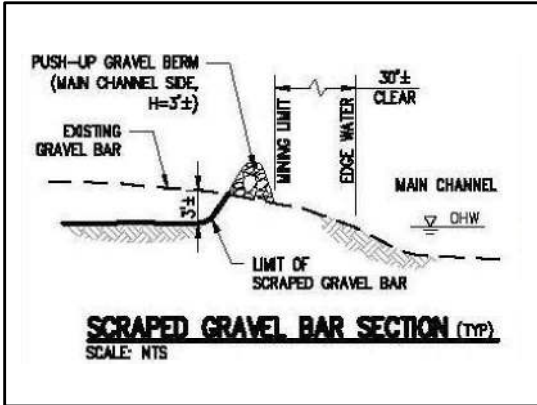
Legal Description of Material Site Tract:  
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SEC 22: SE1/4 SE1/4, SEC 23: SW1/4 SW1/4,  
SEC 27: E1/2 NE1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4 &  
SEC 26: W1/2 NW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4  
OMS Legal Limits: Approximately 320 acres

Property Owner: State of Alaska  
U.S.G.S Sagavanirktok (C-3)  
North Slope Borough, Alaska




## Proposed OPERATIONS MATERIAL SITE 130-3 Sagavanirktok River Location and Vicinity Map



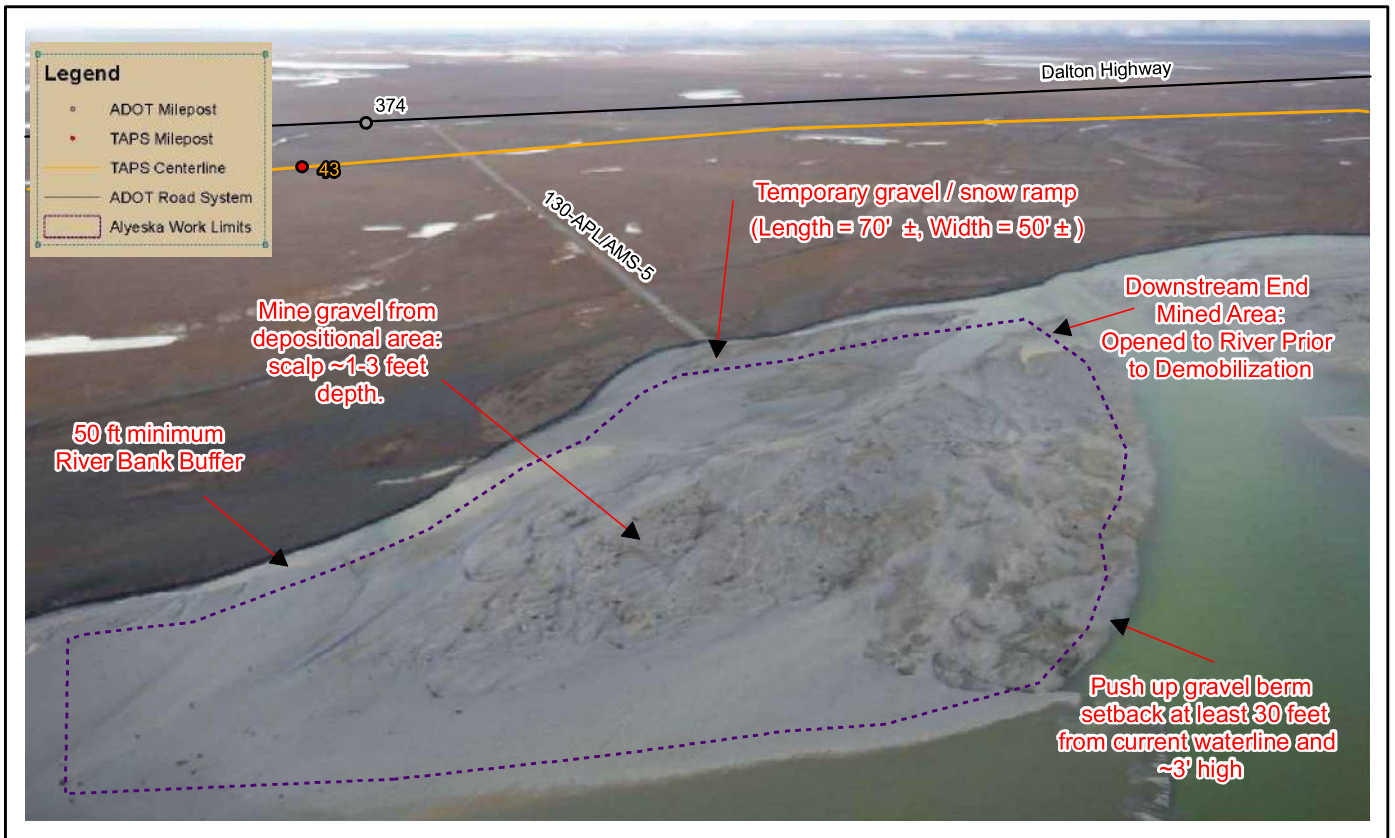


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 Alyeska Work Limits: Approximately 129 acres

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## Proposed OPERATIONS MATERIAL SITE 130-3 Sagavanirktok River Material Site Photo



Annette Nauheim: GIS Specialist

Photo is not geo-referenced or ortho-rectified.

Date of Photo: September 2019

LAST REVISION DATE: April 6, 2020

**ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE COMPANY**  
**MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN**  
**OPERATIONS MATERIAL SITE 130-3**

**LAST REVISION DATE:** April 6, 2020

**I. LOCATION AND ACCESS**

Pipeline Milepost:	42
Highway Milepost:	Dalton Highway MP 374
Access Road:	130-APL/AMS-5
Latitude/Longitude:	N 69° 40' 29.994" / W 148° 38' 56.4 69.675, -148.649, Decimal Degrees
Comments:	Unvegetated gravel bar/s in floodplain of the Sagavanirktok River

**II. SITE DESCRIPTION**

Pit Users:	Alyeska
Past Mining Use:	Workpad and access road construction
Future Material Use:	Workpad, road, and erosion control structure repair and upgrade
Landform:	Braided river floodplain gravel bars
Material Type:	alluvial gravel with cobbles
Work Area:	Approximately 129 acres. Alyeska work limits have not been surveyed.
Estimated Yield	over 396,000 cu yds
Volume Extracted:	N/A
Select Material:	Screening operations will not be required
Groundwater Depth:	Varies with the level of the Sagavanirktok River
Permafrost:	None. Seasonal freeze and thaw.

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**III. MINING REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Excavation Methods**

Equipment: Equipment to be used includes, but is not limited to, graders, dozers, excavators and light plants.  
Blasting: No  
Working Depth: Approximately three feet from surface, or depth of water table whichever is less. Material shall be removed in shallow even lifts.  
Side Slopes: N/A  
Processing and Stockpiling: None. Temporary floodplain stockpiling shall not exceed 5 days subsequent to the completion of active mining operations.  
Work Limits Subdivision: Site will be developed as material quantities dictate.

**B. Clearing, Waste and Overburden Material**

Previous Clearing: None  
Merchantable Timber: None  
Clearing Required: None  
Clearing Debris: None  
Burning: None  
Waste Stockpile: None  
Overburden Depth: None  
Overburden Stockpile: None  
Petroleum Wastes: No petroleum wastes will be disposed of at this site.

**C. Site Hydrology**

Buffer Zone: No active mining within 30 ft of any active channel.  
Drainage: N/A; Permeable gravels.  
Water Quality Impact: None anticipated. No de-watering needed because the depth will not exceed the top of water table; Also, 30' buffer zone and temporary berms between the mining area and river edge. Other BMP's as needed include temporary culvert/low water crossing, silt fence, and waddles, , .

Hydraulic Analysis: Mining in the Sagavanirktok River floodplain as proposed will not have an effect on the river regime. Maintain even smooth lifts. This shallow-scrap technique will not increase channelization or channel migration because it alters the floodplain profile only negligibly.

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#### **IV. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

##### A. Impact on Non-Mineral Resources

###### 1. Aesthetics

Visible from Highway: Will appear as an exposed, unvegetated gravel bar.  
Impact: None

###### 2. Antiquities and Historical Sites

Known Resources: None  
If Found: Stop mining, notify APSC Land/Legal

###### 3. Big Game Movements and Wildlife Protection

Wildlife Concerns: Polar Bears, Caribou and Musk Ox may pass through  
Comments: Follow best management practices in the Polar Bear Interaction Plan. Assure free passage and avoid harassment. Future wildlife utilization will not be jeopardized.

###### 4. Fisheries Protection

Fish Stream/Lake: Sagavanirktok River supports anadromous fish  
Impact to Fish: None.  
Comments: Buffer strips along moving water boundaries maintained to avoid siltation. Material shall be removed in a manner to prevent fish entrapment. A temporary ramp will be constructed per the Site Photo. Temporary low water crossing/s or culvert/s will be installed If needed for equipment to cross minor connected waterways of the river.

###### 5. Land and Water Quality:

There will be no hazardous substances stored in the mining area overnight. Equipment will be taken to the access road or RPW offsite of the river pits for fueling and servicing. BMP's will include but not be limited to the use of 110% containment for all stationary units, e.g. unattended equipment, light plants.

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B. Special Authorizations

	<u>Stipulation</u>	<u>Applies</u>
1.	2.2.2.2	Mobile ground equipment may operate briefly in the Sagavanirktok River.
2.	2.3.3.1	Alyeska work limits for this site encroach within 300 ft of the Sagavanirktok River.
3.	2.4.4.1	Disturbed areas will not be reseeded.
4.	2.6.1.3	Gravel to be removed from the river bed (floodplain) of the Sagavanirktok River.
5.	2.8.1	Mining in the Sagavanirktok River, as proposed, will not have an effect on the river regime.

C. Anticipated Third Party Effects

Known Effects: None.

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**V. RECLAMATION**

Cut Slope Grading:

N/A

Grading and Stabilization:

The perimeter berms and ramp will be removed at the end of each mining season. The site will be re-graded to the best of our ability to prevent ponding. The downstream end of the mined area will be daylighted to the river edge. All stockpiles, equipment and any artificial materials such as culverts, silt fence or waddles, will be removed before each seasonal demobilization is complete.

Annual Reclamation Statement:

Filed as directed by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (Statute 27.19) upon request for a release from bond

