

**DECISION RECORD
and
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

I. Decision:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) are planning to build a fish hatchery on Elmendorf Air Force Base (EAFB) in spring of 2009. In 2008, ADF&G completed pre-construction site preparation activities, and are ready to begin the construction phase of the project. BLM has determined that the fish hatchery construction activities fall within the scope of the Environmental Assessment, and the construction project requires no further examination. These activities are considered to be Phase II of a multi-phase operation. Phase II would include the construction of the fish hatchery, and any additional improvements needed to the surrounding lease area.

Rationale for the Decision:

It has been determined that there is a need for a local fish hatchery to replenish brood stock to rivers and streams within the Municipality of Anchorage. Recreational fishing is a large part of Alaskan culture, and replenishing yearly fish take with fry would offset the depleted resource. State monies have been set aside to construct, operate and maintain a new fish hatchery. Operations at the existing hatchery would continue until it is replaced by the new hatchery once it becomes fully functional. The approved pre-construction activities that were completed in 2008 have prepared the site for the new construction work, scheduled to begin in Spring of 2009.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):

The proposed action is consistent with existing national environmental policies and objectives as set forth in Section 101 (a) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Further and based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, it is my determination that the proposed action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

The proposed action will not significantly restrict Federal subsistence uses, decrease the abundance of federal subsistence resources, alter the distribution of federal subsistence resources, or limit qualified Federal subsistence user access.

V. Adverse Energy Impact Compliance:

This action has been analyzed as required by Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-053 to determine if it will cause an adverse impact on energy development. The action will not have an adverse direct or indirect impact on energy development, production or distribution. The preparation of a Statement of Adverse Energy Impact is not required.

VI. Compliance and Monitoring Plan: N/A

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Date