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Mr. Jennings H. Graham
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Dear Mr. Graham;

RE: Fish Habitat Permit Application for Hoadly Creek

This is to inform you that we have reviewed your application for instream work and the placement of pilings in Hoadly Creek (Cataloged Anadromous Stream # 101-47-10200) for the purpose of expanding the Oceanview Italian Restaurant. This stream has been subjected to significant encroachments, streamside disturbances, and cumulative impacts in the past. We believe such factors within the riparian area have significantly affected basic habitat components and decreased the fisheries productivity of this stream. In an attempt to maintain the remaining fisheries values of Hoadly Creek it is our intent to permit no new structures below the ordinary high water and, as much as possible, seek to keep future encroachments from further degrading the riparian area.

Consequently, we regret to inform you the Regional Office in Douglas has decided to deny your permit application. We are sorry that this project review has not resulted in the decision you wanted. Perhaps some alternative design, one that does not encroach on Hoadly Creek, could be used to expand the square footage of your building. However, it is our understanding that Alaska Department of Transportation may also recommend denial for the parking variance you are seeking, and that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough may deny the variance as well. So, alternative designs will apparently have to meet those concerns as well as fisheries habitat concerns.

Sincerely,

Bill Hanson
Regional Management Coordinator

cc. Jim Anderson, DNR, Juneau
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