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PUBLIC NOTICE

Total Maximum Daily Load for Sediment and Turbidity in the Waters of Granite Creek, Sitka Alaska

Alaska's Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies includes Granite Creek in Sitka, Alaska for impairment by sediment and turbidity. The initial Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) was developed in 2002. A TMDL is a "pollution budget" designed to restore the health of an impaired water body. A TMDL calculates how much pollution a water body can sustain and still meet the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and suggests ways to achieve this goal.

After 12 years of water quality monitoring and implementing best management practices the amount of sediment and turbidity in the creek are within acceptable levels. The draft 2015 TMDL Revision, uses the additional 12 years of data (2002-2013) and calculates new load capacities and turbidity limits. This draft 2015 TMDL Revision is available for public comment.

Find the Draft TMDL and Fact Sheet on the Department of Environmental Conservation website at:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/wqsar/index.htm>.

This public notice period runs from November 6, 2015 – December 7, 2015. Public comments on the Draft 2015 TMDL Revision must be submitted in writing through e-mail, fax or mail and directed to the contact listed below by 5:00 PM December 7, 2015.

For questions, to obtain hard copies of the Draft TMDL, or to submit comments, contact:

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