



PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program/401 Certification
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Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification

Public Notice (PN) Date: July 20, 2021
PN Expiration Date: August 20, 2021

PN Reference Number: POA-2018-00123
Waterway: Bonanza Channel/Safety Sound

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the CWA, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws.

Notice is hereby given that a request for a CWA §401 Water Quality Certification of a Department of the Army Permit application, Corps of Engineers' Reference Number POA-2018-00123, Bonanza Channel / Safety Sound, has been received for the discharge of dredged and/or fill materials into waters of the United States (WOUS), including wetlands, as described below and shown on the enclosed project figures/drawings. The public notice and related project figures/drawings are also accessible from the DEC website at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>.

Any person desiring to comment on the project with respect to water quality, may submit comments electronically via the DEC public notice site (**preferred method**) at <https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=Qk6FU>.

Alternatively you may direct written comments or requests for public hearing via email or mail to the address listed above by the Public Notice (PN) expiration date. All comments submitted via mail or email should include the PN reference number listed above in the subject heading. Mailed comments must be postmarked on or before the expiration date of the public notice.

Applicant: IPOPOP, LLC., Attention: Beau Epstein, 9811 W. Charleston Blvd, #2-444; Las Vegas, NV 89117
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Agent: Yukuskokon Professional Services, LLC., Attention: William Burnett, P.O. Box 870507, Wasilla, Alaska 99687; Email: billburnett@yukuskokon.com

Project Name: Bonanza Channel Placer Project (including Bonanza Channel Case Study (BCCS))

Location: The project site is located approximately 25 miles east of Nome, Alaska, in Bonanza Channel and at approximately Mile Post 28.5 along the Nome-Council Road, between Latitude 64.5044° N., Longitude 164.6169° W., on the western limit and Latitude 64.52866° N, Longitude 164.5447° W. on the eastern limit; within the following sections, townships, and ranges:

Section 24, T. 11 S., R. 30 W., Kateel Meridian;
Section 25, T. 11 S., R. 30 W., Kateel Meridian;
Section 26, T. 11 S., R. 30 W., Kateel Meridian;
Section 18, T. 11 S., R. 29 W., Kateel Meridian;
Section 19, T. 11 S., R. 29 W., Kateel Meridian; USGS Quad Map Solomon C-6.

Purpose: The applicant's stated purpose is to extract gold from mining claims leased by IPOP and included within the scope of the project application.

Project Description: The project proponent plans to discharge 4,827,161 cubic yards of dredged material into 195 acres of waters of the United States over a period of six years to gather scientific information and mine for gold by constructing and maintaining an access channel, dredge disposal areas, and mining channel, and constructing a man camp in approximately 1.2 acres of uplands.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the CWA, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

The permit application and associated documents are available for review. For inquires or to request copies of the documents, contact dec-401cert@alaska.gov, or call 907-269-6285.

Disability Reasonable Accommodation Notice

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