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 1, 2022
PN Expiration Date: July 18, 2022
PN Reference Number: POA-1994-00059-M1
Waterway: Wrangell Narrows

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’ PN Reference Number indicated above 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 project figures/drawings. The public notice and related project figures/drawings are accessible from the DEC website at http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/.

To comment on the project or request for a public hearing with respect to water quality, submit comments electronically via the DEC public notice site at https://water.alaskadec.commentinput.com/?id=irJbc on or before the public notice expiration date listed above.

**Applicant:** Hammer and Wikan Inc.; Point of Contact: Jim Floyd; Phone: 907-772-4811

**Project Name:** Wrangell Narrows Hammer and Wilkin Grocery Warehouse Expansion

**Location:** The proposed activity is located within Section S27 T58S R79E; Latitude 56.8100, Longitude -132.9406, Copper River Meridian in Petersburg, Alaska.

**Purpose:** The applicant’s stated purpose is to expand the existing warehouse of the grocery store and the sales floor. The current need has exceeded the capacity of the current location. The existing grocery store supplies 90% of the island’s population of essential food products. Due to supply chain issues and receiving all product via barge many times only once a week, a larger warehouse is needed.

**Project Description:** This project proposes to excavate 20663 cubic yards of existing material and place 4703 cubic yards of imported fill into 1.247 acres of Palustrine Emergent wetlands to install a driveway from Haugen Drive, additional parking, and a building pad to expand the existing development of the existing grocery store. The existing grocery store has exceeded its current capacity to adequately serve the community. The building pad would be used to expand the storage and warehouse capacity of the current building.

**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: This site was chosen because it is owned by the applicant and due to its close proximity to the existing grocery store. After the fill is placed, the applicant intends to “add on” to the existing grocery store warehouse and storage. This addition will include loading bays for offloading from 40-foot container trucks. Due to the nature of frozen or chilled perishables and produce, the “add on” needs to be in very close proximity, if not adjacent to the existing grocery store. After reviewing the available land listings and the upland areas on the Wetlands Mapper, it was determined that choosing a different “uplands” site would be extremely expensive if not impossible. Additionally, a different site would not be feasible given the function of the facility described above.

b. Minimization: This project has been minimized to the greatest extent possible in the following ways. A driveway was proposed and approved by Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to access the new pad from Haugen Drive. This eliminates the need to install a driving pad from the existing parking area thus reducing the volume of fill placed and the area of wetlands affected. The driveway, parking area, and building pad are the smallest size possible to allow for 40-foot container trucks, adequate patron parking, and a building footprint for the expansion of the grocery store. The entire pad was lowered from the existing pad elevation to reduce the toe of fill area and thus reduce the area of wetlands impacted. The toe of the fill is the steepest allowable to reduce the area of wetlands impacted. Only the building pad area (Area A) is proposed to have existing material removed down to bedrock.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: No compensatory mitigation is proposed at this time.

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 inquiries or to request copies of the documents, contact dec-401cert@alaska.gov, or call 907-269-6285.

**Disability Reasonable Accommodation Notice**

The State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. If you are a person with a disability who may need special accommodation to participate in this public process, please contact ADA Coordinator Jason Burnett at 907-269-3056 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 within 5 days of the expiration date of this public notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.
HAMMER AND WIKAN GROCERY STORE DEVELOPMENT

LOCATION MAP

APPLICANT: JPM FLOYD
PO BOX 249
PETERSBURG, AK 99833

AGENT: R.E.P. ENGINEERING & ENTERPRISE
2305 HIGHLAND AVE
PETERSBURG, AK 99833

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PROPOSED ACTIVITY: EXCAVATION OF EXISTING TILL AND PLACEMENT OF IMPORTED TILL FOR A NEW BUILDING PAD

LOCATION: 1 DEG S 21TH, SEC 28, COPPER RIVER MERIDIAN
LAT N 56.8800" LENTH W 139.9436"

DATE: 4/22/2022

PETERSBURG, PETERSBURG BOROUGH, AK

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: PROCEED FROM PETERSBURG AIRPORT ALONG HAUSSER DR. 0.25 MILES THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO PROJECT SITE.

SHEET 1 OF 7
NOT TO SCALE

EMBANKMENT ROCK SHALL BE NATURALLY APPEARING BLASTED ROCK FROM A QUARRY. IT SHALL BE FREE OF MUCK, PEAT, FROZEN MATERIAL, ROOTS, SOD, OR OTHER DELICIOUS MATTER. IT SHALL GENERALLY BE 12" MINUS IN SIZE.

AREA UNDER EXISTING PAD WHERE OVERBURDEN WAS REMOVED FOR ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION ON THE SITE.

EMBANKMENT ROCK

EXISTING GRADE

4" MINUS CRUSHED ROCK

EXISTING GRADE

TOP OF HARD, SUITABLE MINERAL SOIL

TYPICAL FILL SECTION

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**Hammertime and Wikan Grocery Store Development**

**SECTION AND DETAILS**

**FILE NO:** POA-1994-00059

**APPLICANT:**

**AGENT:**

**LOCATION:**

**LOCATION:** Petersburg, AK

**DATE:** 4/22/2022

**SHEET:** 7 of 7

**DIRECTIONS TO SITE:**

**DIMENSIONS:**

**DESCRIPTION:**

MILES THEN TURN RIGHT ONTO PROJECT SITE.