



PUBLIC NOTICE

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program/§401 Certification
555 Cordova Street, Anchorage AK9501-2617
Phone: 907-269-6285 | Email: DEC-401Cert@alaska.gov

Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification

Public Notice (PN) Date: June 7, 2024
PN Expiration Date: July 8, 2024

PN Reference Number: POA 2024-00028 v1.0
Waterway: Mud Bay

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into waters of the United States, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), must also apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the CWA and the Alaska Water Quality Standards (18 AAC 70). The scope of certification is limited to the water quality-related impacts from the activity subject to the Federal license or permit (40 CFR 121.3, 18 AAC 15.180).

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 received¹ for the discharge of dredged and/or fill materials into waters of the United States (WOTUS), 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 <https://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>.

To comment on the project or request for a public hearing with respect to water quality, submit comments via email to the DEC email address: DEC-401Cert@alaska.gov with the subject line referencing Public Notice Reference Number: **POA 2024-00028 v1.0** on or before the public notice expiration date listed above.

Applicant: Gateway Aviation II, LLC, Kirk Thomas, 1600 Tongass Ave., Ketchikan, AK 99901, (904) 821-6833; kirkt@aseresorts.com

Agent: MEA Inc., Fred Monrean, PO Box 934315143 N. Tongass Hwy, Ketchikan, AK 99901; (907) 254-8640; fmonrean@kpunet.net.

Project Name: Gateway Aviation II, LLC – New Haul Out and Hanger

Dates of the proposed activity is planned to begin and end: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

Location: The proposed activity is located within Section 29, T. 74s, R. 90e, Copper River Meridian, in Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Alaska. Project Site (Latitude, Longitude): 55.419200, -131.76480.

Purpose: Construction of a hover craft haul out ramp, and a maintenance hanger.

Description of Proposed Work: Place 22,925 cubic yards of shot rock, 2,670 cubic yards of D-1 crushed base, 2,100 cubic yards of armor rock, and 3,150 square yards of filter fabric to construct a hovercraft facility. In total, approximately 5,501 cubic yards (1.8-acre) of fill below the high tide line (HTL) but above the mean high-water line (MHW) and 914 cubic yards (0.347-acre) of fill below the MHW would be placed. There would be 0.1415-acre of estuarine and marine deepwater habitat (E1UBL), and 0.0753-acre of estuarine and marine wetland habitat (E2USN) filled.

Additional Information: The applicant has received a driveway permit from the Alaska Department of Transportation dated February 2024.

1. Ref: EDMS Submission: HQ4-6BSR-YT8EF, rcvd: 06/07/2024

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.

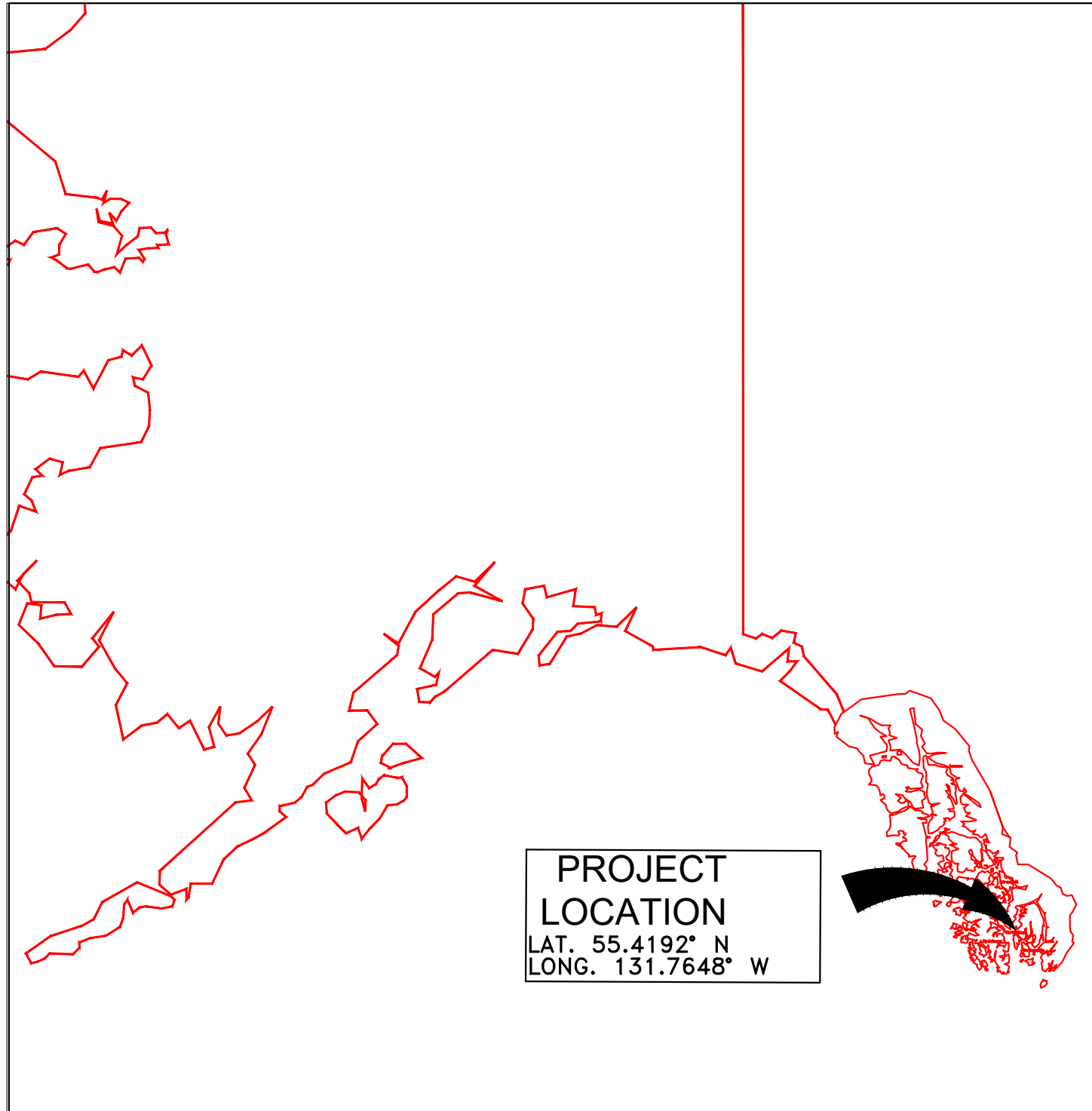
- a. **Avoidance:** The ramp for the haul out is placed on the property in lieu of the ramp on the tidelands area this complicates the haul out process, but avoids the fill on the area seaward of the MHWL.
- b. **Minimization:** The ramp for the haul out is above the current property line and the MHWL as much as possible, this minimizes the foot print of the fill.
- c. **Mitigation:** The stream areas will be left as intact as feasible and native vegetation will be planted or allowed to grow back along the banks of the streams.

After reviewing the application, the Department will evaluate whether the activity will comply with applicable water quality requirements (any limitation, standard, or other requirement under sections 301, 302, 306, and 307 of the CWA, any Federal and state laws or regulations implementing those sections, and any other water quality-related requirement of state law). The Department may certify (or certify with conditions) with reasonable assurance the activity and any discharge that might result will comply with water quality requirements. 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

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 in order to participate in this public process, please contact ADA Coordinator Megan Kohler at 907-269-4198 or TDD Relay Service 1-800-770-8973/TTY or dial 711 prior to the expiration date of this public notice to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.



PURPOSE:
PROVIDE HOVER CRAFT
HANGER AND HAUL OUT
FACILITY

DATUM:
HORIZONTAL :NAD. 83/91
VERTICAL N.G.V.D. 29

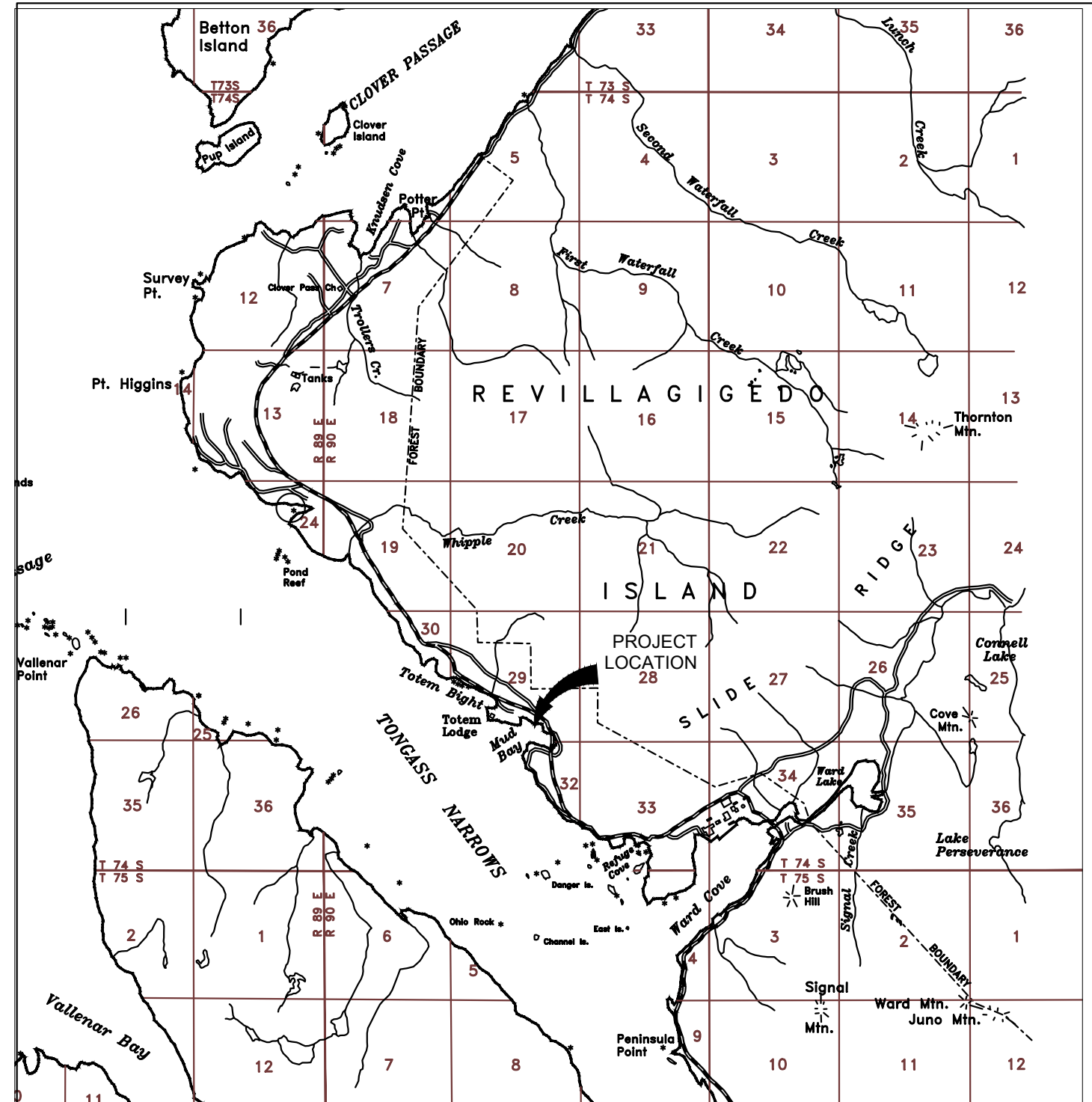
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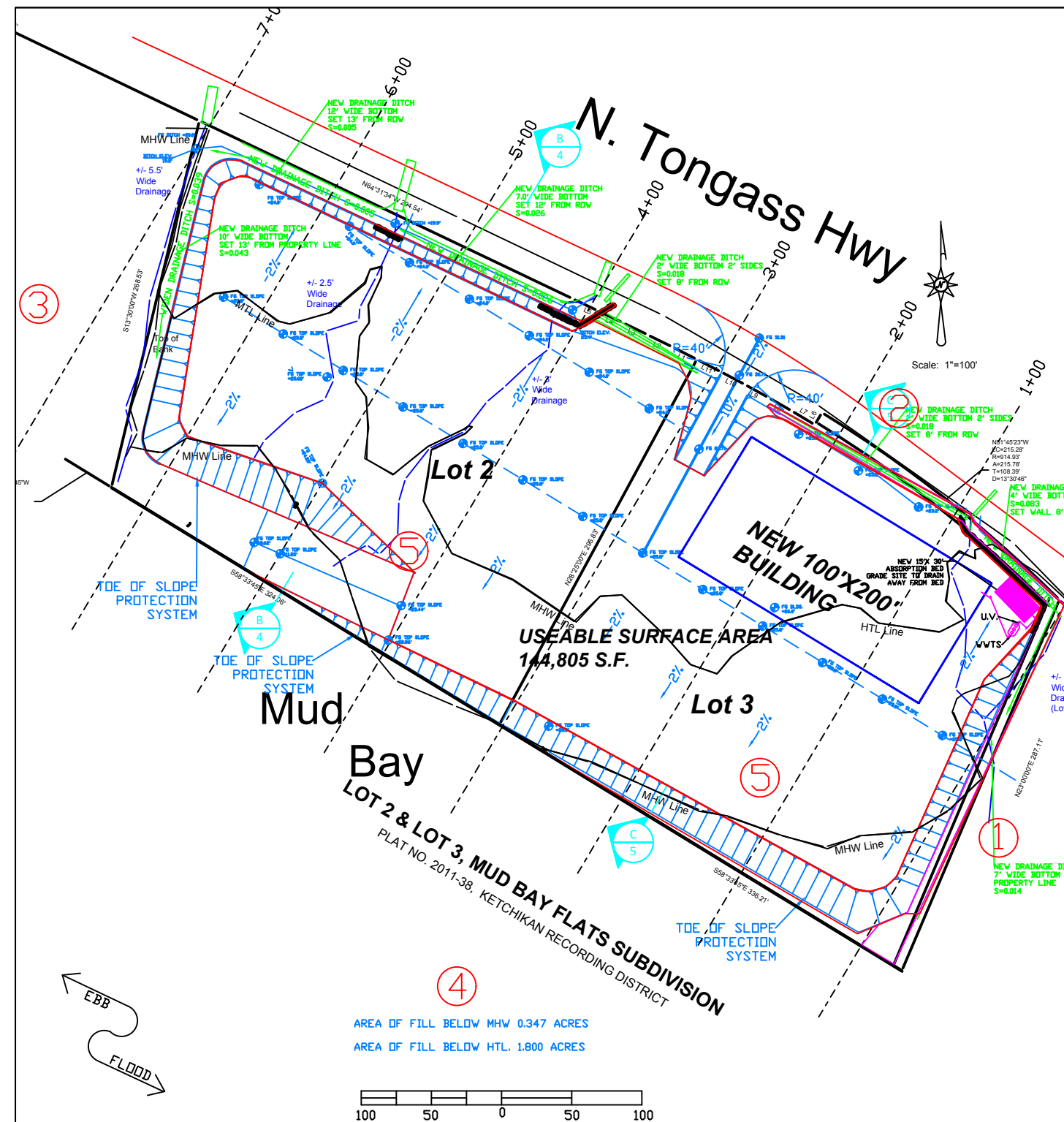
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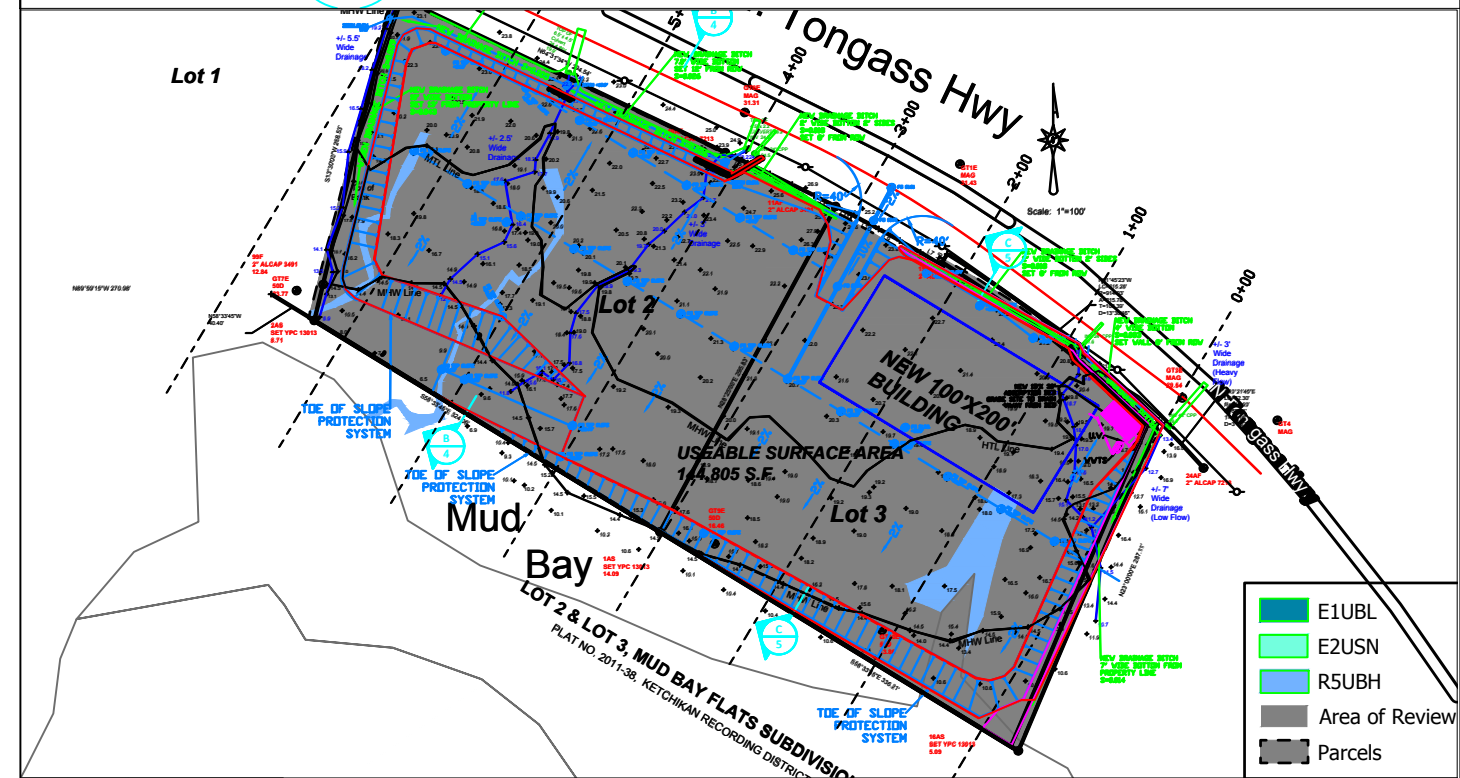
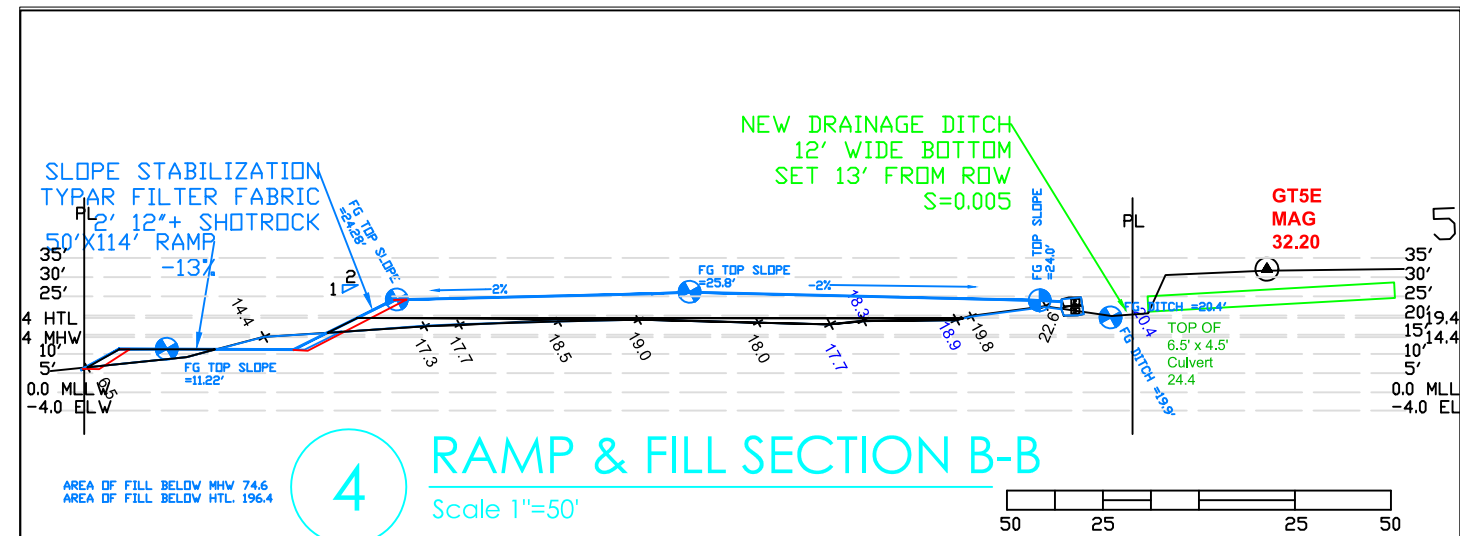
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1. JOHN C. SLOAN
2. STATE OF ALASKA
3. SELEY PROPERTIES LTD
4. KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH
5. GATEWAY AVIATION II LLC

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POA-2024-00028: Area of Review

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January 2024

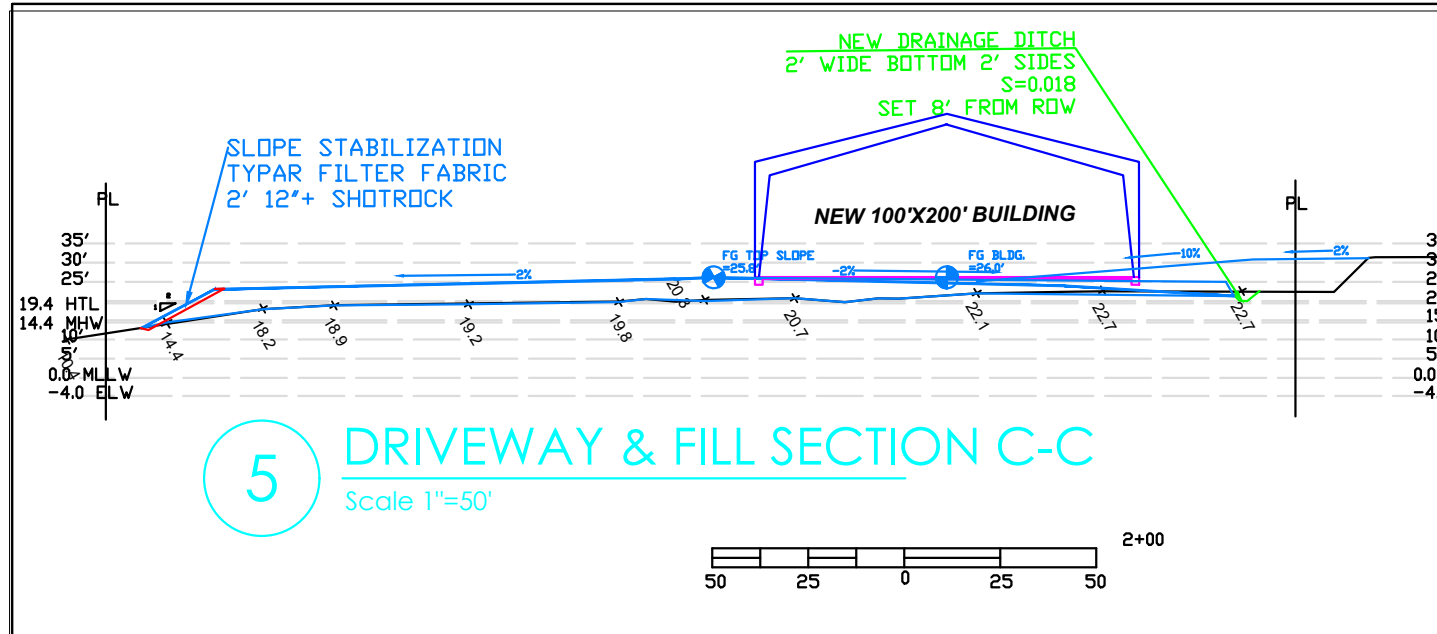
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Scale: 1:2,500

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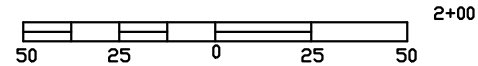
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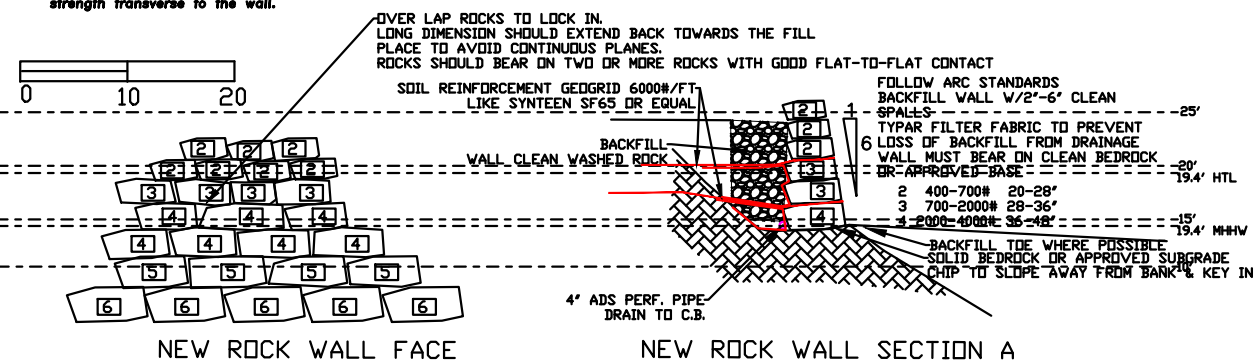
DRIVEWAY & FILL SECTION C-C

Scale 1"=50'



NOTES:

1. Rock wall construction is a craft and depends largely on the skill and experience of the builder therefore use only experienced skilled operators
2. A rock wall is a protective system which helps retard the weathering and erosion process it is not a designed or engineered system in the sense a reinforced concrete retaining wall is designed.
3. The degree of retention achieved is dependent on the size of the rock used; that is the mass or weigh and the height of the wall being constructed. The larger the rock the more competent the rock wall should be.
4. Rock wall should be considered maintenance item that will require periodic inspection and repair. They should be located so that they can be reached by a contractor if repairs become necessary.
5. The maximum inclination of the slopes above and behind the wall should be no more than 2:1 (Horizontal:Vertical)
6. Minimum thickness of rock filter layer 12", Minimum embedment 12" undisturbed native soil or compacted fill. Maximum rock wall height H=16 feet
7. Rock walls over 8 feet should be installed under periodic or full time observation of the engineer
8. Rock should be placed to gradually decrease in size with the rock sizes shown on the attached drawing
9. The minimum width of the keyway excavation should be equal to the thickness of the base rock as determined by the design.
10. The long dimension of the rocks should extend back towards the cut or fill face to provide the maximum stability. Rocks should not be stacked like shoe boxes. they should be placed to avoid continuous joint planes in vertical or lateral directions. Whenever possible each rock should bear on two or more rocks below it, with good flat-to-flat contact.
11. Soil stabilization fabric like System SF65 or equal shall be installed to tie the rock wall back into the bank a minimum of 12'. Orientate fabric for maximum strength transverse to the wall.



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