

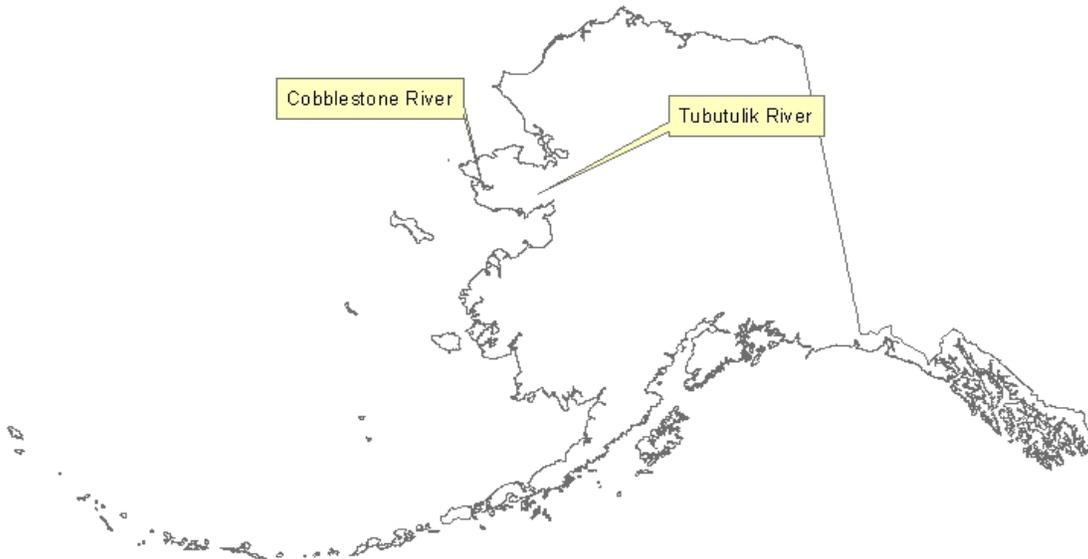


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Administrative Determination (AD)/Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Reauthorization of a Special Recreation Permit

Applicant: Ben Rowe
Case File No.: AA-08584
AK-010-08-AD/DNA-021



Location:

BLM administered lands along the Tubutulik River within Township 5 South, Range 17 West, K.R.M. and Township 6 South, Range 17 West, K.R.M. and

BLM administered lands along the Cobblestone River within Township 5 South, Range 33 West, K.R.M., Township 5 South, Range 34 West K.R.M. and Township 6 South, Range 34 West, K.R.M.

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Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
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A. BLM Office: Anchorage Field Office **Lease/Serial Case File No.:** AA-086548

Proposed Action Title/Type: Reauthorize a Special Recreation Permit under 43 CFR 2920.

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Description of the Proposed Action

The Proposed Action is to reauthorize a Special Recreation Permit for a five (5) year period to conduct commercial fish guiding within BLM administered lands.

Applicant (if any):

Ben Rowe

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

The lands described in the analysis are included in the Northwest Management Framework Plan (MFP) dated October 5, 1982. Under the Recreation (R-1) objective, it states that BLM will provide recreational opportunities appropriate to the needs of visitors. While the objective does not directly address special recreation permitting or permitting the use, it recognizes that guided fishing is a legitimate uses of public land.

C. An Environmental Assessment was completed in June of 2006 (AK-040-06-EA-045) to analyze the affects of permitting the applicant to conduct commercial fish guiding at the same location for a one year term.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

- 1. Is the current Proposed Action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current Proposed Action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?**

The proposed action is substantially the same action previously analyzed in AK-040-06-EA-045. The proposed action is located on the same site specific lands.

- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

The range of alternatives in the existing NEPA document is appropriate with respect to the current proposed action. No new information concerning population of targeted fish species is available.

- 3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?**

There is no new information or circumstances and the existing NEPA analysis is valid.

- 4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current Proposed Action?**

The methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document continue to be appropriate for the current Proposed Action. Extensive public outreach was conducted as well as consultation with the State of Alaska ADF&G.

- 5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current Proposed Action?**

The direct and indirect impacts of the current Proposed Action are substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document. The existing NEPA document analyzed the site-specific impacts related to the current Proposed Action.

6. Are the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current Proposed Action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

The cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current Proposed Action are substantially the same as those analyzed in the existing NEPA document. It is acknowledged that an increase in fish harvest is expected.

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?

Extensive public outreach was conducted as well as consultation with the State of Alaska ADF&G.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:

The Anchorage Field Office conducted an interdisciplinary analysis when NEPA document AK-040-06-EA-045 was completed. An additional interdisciplinary analysis was done concurrently with the development of this document.

F. Mitigation Measures:

See attached stipulations for the Special Recreation Permit.

G. Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

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Anchorage Field Manager

6/13/2008 _____

Date