



KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RIVER CENTER DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Mike Navarre, Mayor *MN*
Craig Chapman, Finance Director *C Chapman*
Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager *BA*

FROM: Tom Dearlove, River Center Manager *TD*

DATE: March 23, 2017

SUBJECT: Ordinance 2016-19-31, Accepting and Appropriating \$37,500 from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Partners in Fish and Wildlife Program to Supplement the Donald E. Gilman River Center Public Fishing Area Restoration Project (Mayor)

Each summer hundreds of people take advantage of public fishing from the bank of the Kenai River behind the Donald E. Gilman River Center ("River Center"). This heavily-used area needs bank restoration projects to restore and protect the near-shore habitat from further erosion.

As the landowner, the borough is eligible for cost-share assistance available from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. This federal pass-thru program includes funding for the 2017 Kenai Peninsula Streambank Rehabilitation & Habitat Protection Cost Share Program. The program requires a 50 percent match and will supplement the restoration cost of approximately 500 feet along the Kenai River. This project is estimated to cost \$75,000. The matching funds of \$37,500 are available in the approved River Center fiscal year 2017, contract services account. The project will be managed by Tom Dearlove and is scheduled to be completed before June 30, 2017.

In closing, this completed restoration project may be used to illustrate four to five different techniques in riverbank restoration, furthering public awareness and understanding of the causes and detriments of near-shore erosion, as well as the benefits of habitat protection.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
FUNDS/ACCOUNT VERIFIED

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Amount: \$37,500.00 - MATCH

By: *pp* Date: 3/22/17