

# Donald E. Gilman River Center Budget Review

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Budget Presentation to the Borough Assembly

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Resume

B.S. in Fish And Wildlife Management

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Habitat Biologist, ADF&G Habitat Division 2016-2019

Shellfish Biologist, ADF&G Commercial Fisheries Division 2016

Wildlife Specialist, USDA Wildlife Services, 2014-2016

Paratrooper, 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, 2009-2014



# Changes in River Center Staffing

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## 2019

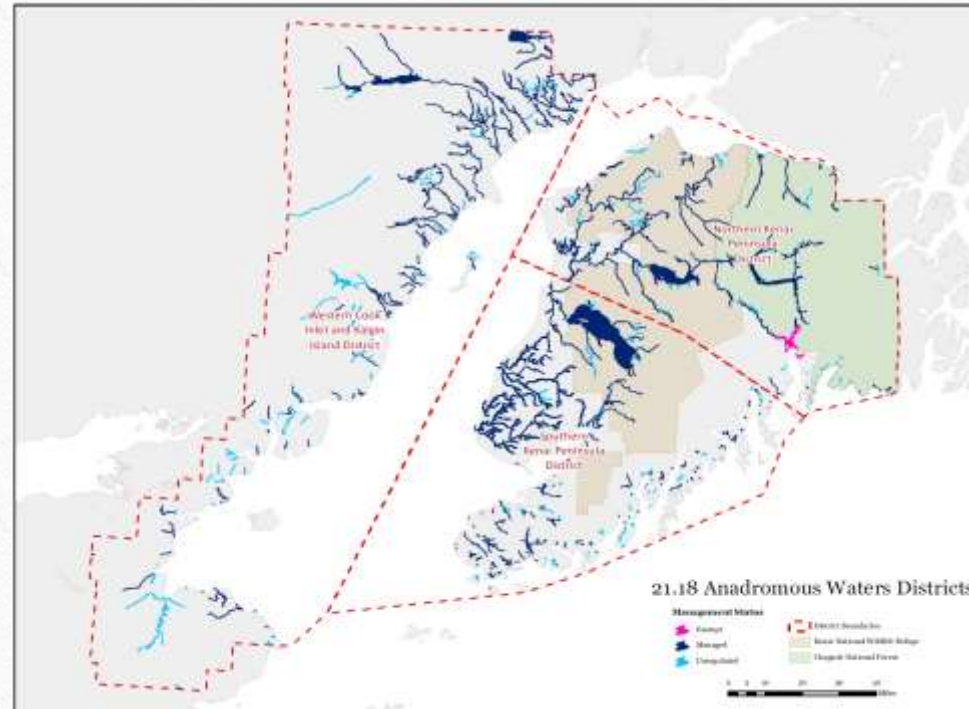
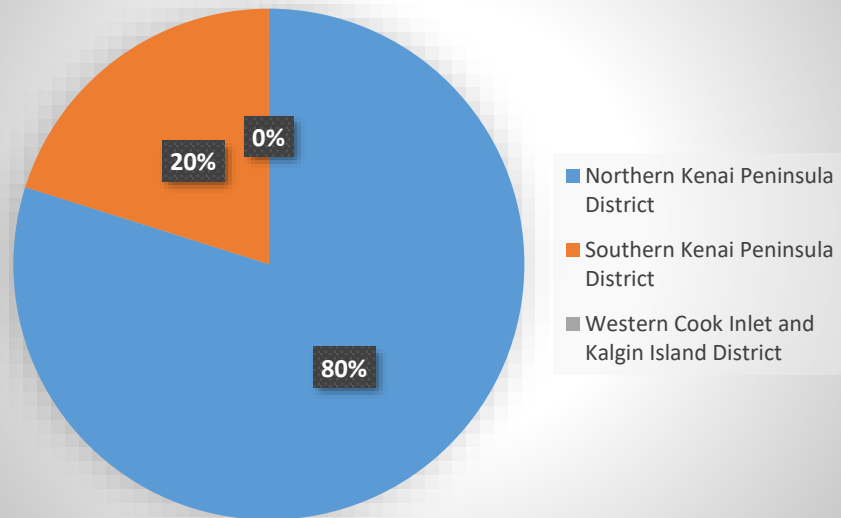
- Loss of 2 Planners in early 2019
- Retirement of Tom Dearlove in July 2019
- Hiring of new RC Manager, September 2019

## 2020

- Hired new Floodplain Administrator from local DEC office

# Permit Activity

Staff Permits Issued by Region





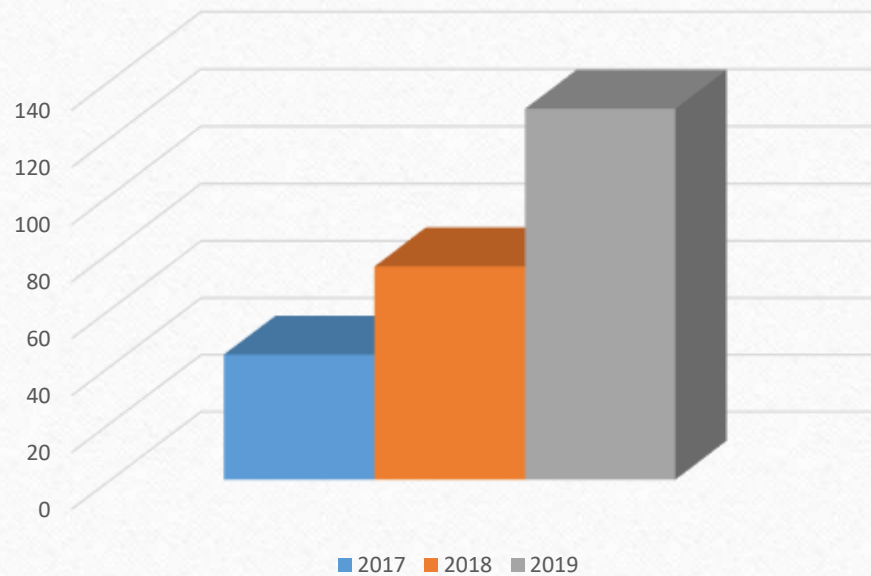
# Staff Permits by Type

- Bank Restoration- 74 Permits
- ELP Structures- 34
- Other Structures- 40
- Culverts – 12
- Clearing, Dredging, and Fill- 25
- Roads and Bridges- 13
- Boat Launches/Ramps- 3
- Utilities- 3
- Fences- 3

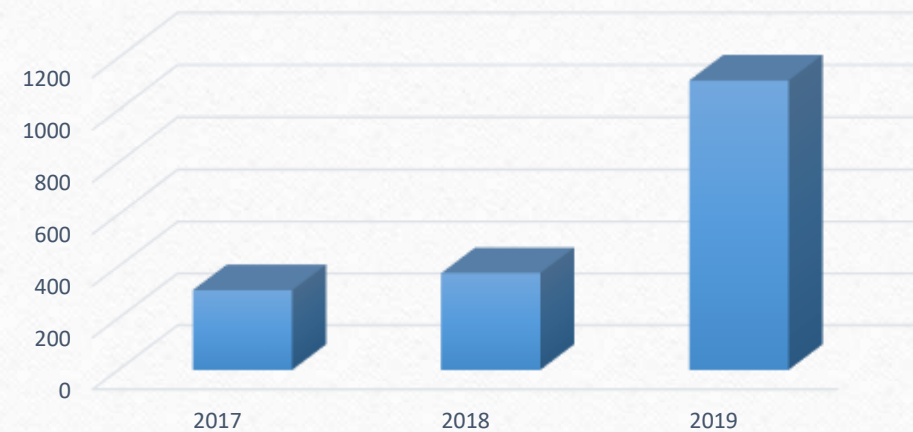


# Minor Vegetation Management

Number of Minor Vegetation Permits Issued



Number of Trees Cut





# CUP by Type

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- Oversized ELP- 2
- Transportation/Utility Infrastructure- 7
- Fence, Flagpole, etc.- 2
- Impervious Surface- 2



# Site Visit Goals for 2020

- Staff Permits
  - Pre-Construction- As Requested
  - Post Construction- 100% for select projects
- Minor Vegetation
  - Pre-Cutting- As Requested
  - Post-Cutting- 10-20%
- CUPs
  - Pre-Construction- 100%
  - Post-Construction-100%





# Changes Under My Tenure

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- Phytoremediation at Road-Stream Crossings
- Increased Public Outreach via Site Visits, Educational Talks, and Renewal of the Newsletter
- Updated and Revamped Habitat Protection Tax Credit Program
- Increased Focus on Habitat Improvement and Mitigation for Violations (Proposed Changes under AWHPWG)

# Budget Reductions

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- Overall: -15.35%
  - Personnel- **-20.69%**
    - \*Removal of unfilled position**
  - Supplies- **4.64%**
    - \*Reductions in fuels, oils, and lubricants, computer software, repair and maintenance supplies**
  - Services- **-5.91%**
    - \*Reductions in postage and freight, dues and subscriptions, advertising, and contractual services**



# Budget Increases

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- Supplies

- Uniforms- **7.69%**
  - \* **Uniforms for new staff**
- Motor Vehicle Supplies- **300%**
  - \* **New Tires**
- Small Tools and Minor Equipment- **16.67%**
  - \* **Ground maintenance purchases**

- Services

- Transportation/Subsistence- **16.67%**
  - \* **West Side Site Visits, training travel for new staff**
- Training- **8.76%**
  - \* **Increased Training opportunities for new staff**
- Equipment Maintenance- **28%**
  - \* **Konica Minolta Contract**