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## Department of Fish and Game

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### FISH HABITAT PERMIT FH18-II-0134

**ISSUED:** June 27, 2018  
**EXPIRES:** December 31, 2018

Pebble Limited Partnership  
Attention: Tim Havey  
3201 C Street, Suite 604  
Anchorage, AK 99503

Dear Mr. Havey:

Re: Water Withdrawal -South Fork Koktuli River  
Stream No. 325-30-10100-2202-3080  
Sections 27 and 28, T. 3 S., R. 35 W., S.M.

Pursuant to AS 16.05.871(b), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Division of Habitat, has reviewed your application to withdraw water from the South Fork Koktuli River (see Location Map – SFK Anadromous Fish).

#### **Project Description**

Water will be withdrawn at a maximum rate of 25 gallons per minute. The water pumped from the South Fork Koktuli River and associated tributaries will be used for geotechnical investigations. Pebble Limited Partnership (PLP) has provided the ADF&G, Division of Habitat, with the specifications of the fish screens being used to conduct water withdrawals for this project. The screens consist of a 24-inch long, 4-inch diameter outer screen with a 1-millimeter by 12-millimeter slot size and either an 18-inch or 24-inch long, 2.5-inch diameter inner distribution sleeve. At a withdrawal rate of 25 gallons per minute, these screens exceed the Division of Habitats' most restrictive screening criteria of a screen mesh size not to exceed 1.0 millimeter and maximum water velocity at the screen surface of 0.1 feet per second. These fish screens have been certified by ADF&G as being protective of all life states of fish present in these waterbodies.

When conducting activities under this permit, PLP will adhere to the State-approved Pebble Project Water Withdrawal Plan (enclosed). No activities associated with the water withdrawals

will occur in any stream or lake, except for the placement of the screened pump intake enclosure. No surface disturbing activities will occur within 100 feet of any stream or lake.

### **Anadromous Fish Act**

The South Fork Koktuli River have been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). These waters are known to support Chinook, chum, coho, sockeye, and pink salmon, as well as Arctic char and anadromous species of whitefish.

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), project approval is hereby given subject to the project description above and the following stipulations:

1. PLP shall inspect the intake screen for damage (torn screen, crushed screen, screen separated from intake ends, etc.) before and after each use. Any damage observed must be repaired prior to use of the intake structure. The structure must always conform to the original design specifications while in use.
2. Adequate flow must remain in the streams to support indigenous aquatic life and provide for the efficient passage and movement of all fish species.

You are responsible for the actions of contractors, agents, or other persons who perform work to accomplish the approved project. For any activity that significantly deviates from the approved plan, you shall notify the Division of Habitat and obtain written approval in the form of a permit amendment before beginning the activity. Any action that increases the project's overall scope or that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of any stipulation contained in this permit will be deemed a significant deviation from the approved plan. The final determination as to the significance of any deviation and the need for a permit amendment is the responsibility of the Division of Habitat. Therefore, it is recommended you consult the Division of Habitat immediately when any deviation from the approved plan is being considered.

For the purpose of inspecting or monitoring compliance with any condition of this permit, you shall give an authorized representative of the state free and unobstructed access, at safe and reasonable times, to the permit site. You shall furnish whatever assistance and information as the authorized representative reasonably requires for monitoring and inspection purposes.

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of AS 16.05.871 and must be retained on site during project activities. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Division of Habitat; other agencies also may have jurisdiction under their respective authorities. This determination does not relieve you of your responsibility to secure other permits; state, federal, or local. You are still required to comply with all other applicable laws.

In addition to the penalties provided by law, this permit may be terminated or revoked for failure to comply with its provisions or failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. The Division of Habitat reserves the right to require mitigation measures to correct disruption to fish

and game created by the project and which was a direct result of the failure to comply with this permit or any applicable law.

You shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the department, its agents, and its employees from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities for injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from permitted activities or your performance under this permit. However, this provision has no effect if, and only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the department's negligence.

This permit decision may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330-630.

Any questions or concerns about this permit may be directed to Habitat Biologist Kate Harper at 267-2261 or emailed to [kate.harper@alaska.gov](mailto:kate.harper@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

Sam Cotten, Commissioner

By: Ronald Benkert  
Fish and Game Coordinator  
Central Region Office

enc: Pebble Project Water Withdrawal Plan  
Location Map – SFK Anadromous Fish

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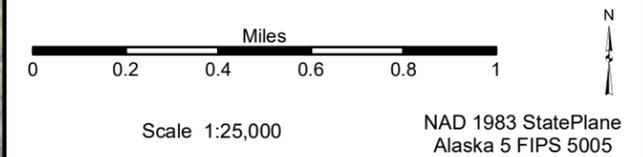
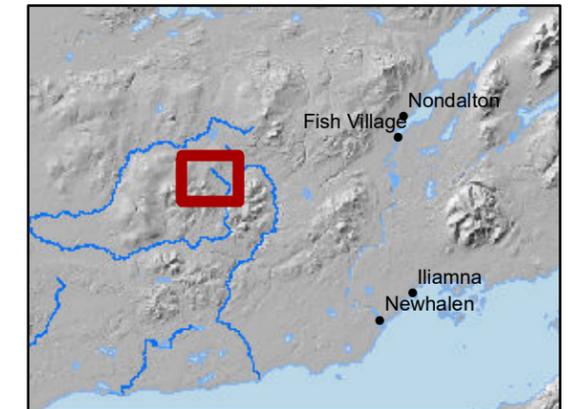
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 Anadromous Fish Stream



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**South Fork Kuktuli Watershed -  
Anadromous Fish**

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