**ALASKA SPECIAL AREAS PERMITTING**

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**Alaska Department of Fish and Game Permit**

**Summary:** **Applicability:**

* The Alaska State Legislature has designated 32 state game refuges, critical habitat areas, and wildlife sanctuaries covering 3.2 million acres across the state, referred to as ADF&G Special Areas and each area was created to protect important fish and wildlife habitats.
* A link to the locations of Special Areas can be found [here](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=conservationareas.locator)

**Permit Name**

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Special Areas Permit

**APPLICABILITY**

**Activities occurring within Alaska Special Use Areas**

Examples of activities requiring a Special Area Permit include, but are not limited to: construction or placement of structures; clearing or disturbing vegetation; streambank or shoreline altering activities; natural resource development or energy exploration; off-road use of wheeled or tracked equipment; boat storage; commercial guide camps; grazing or animal husbandry; and any other activity that is likely to have a significant effect on vegetation, drainage, water quality, soil stability, fish, wildlife, or their habitat, or which disturbs fish or wildlife.

**PROCESSING TIMES**

**Agency Coordination:**

Alaska Department of Natural Resources

 Key people Contact Local Habitat Department of the region applicable

**Anchorage** - Municipality of Anchorage, Prince William Sound, Kodiak, Aleutians, Southwest

Alaska Department of Fish and Game -Habitat Section (907) 267-2342 dfg.hab.infoanc@alaska.gov

**Fairbanks** -Interior, Northwest, Arctic Slope (907) 459-7289 dfg.hab.infofai@alaska.gov

**Craig** Prince of Wales Island, Ketchikan (907) 826-2560 dfg.hab.infocga@alaska.gov

**Douglas** Southeast, Yakutat (907) 465-4105 dfg.hab.infodou@alaska.gov

**Palmer** Mat-Su Borough (907) 861-3200 dfg.hab.infopaq@alaska.gov

**Soldotna** Kenai Peninsula Borough (907) 714-2475 dfg.hab.infosxq@alaska.gov

Please be advised that certain activities may also require additional authorizations from other state, federal, or local agencies, including: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation; and Alaska Department of Natural Resources: Division of Mining Land and Water

Local Governments (Municipality of Anchorage, Kenai Peninsula Borough, City and Borough of Juneau, etc.)

These agencies should be contacted directly for information on their permitting requirements.

Complementary Roles of Other Public Agencies

 Consultation Process

**Information Necessary:**

When submitting for a Special Areas Permit, you will be required to submit:

* Applicant address, location of the project site, including Township, Range, Meridian, Section and Lat Long.
* Identification of any waterbodies crossed or affected.
* A description of project or activity including purpose, timeframe for activity,
* Description of construction methods, types, and quantities.
* water use methods including rate of withdrawal and total quantity,
* list of fill or excavation quantities.
* A map and description showing how access will be gained to the project area
* A detailed map or plan view drawn to scale, and any cross-sectional views necessary to show project features and local topography including location of all facilities, and project dimensions
* A current aerial photograph of the project location (if available)

An Example Application with supporting documentation can be found [here](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/uselicense/pdfs/sapermit_exampleapp.pdf):

* Project scope with map
* Project Boundary with map
* Contact Information
* Landownership within the Project boundary
* Current and past land use within the Project boundary

**Special definitions**

**Enforcement and Penalties:**

**REGULATIONS (CFR)**

[**AS 16.20.500**](http://www.touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/Statutes/Title16/Chapter20/Section500.htm)**, - Alaska Statute Purpose of Conservation and Protection of Special Habitat**

[**5 AAC 95.420**](http://www.touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/aac/title05/chapter095/section420.htm) **– Activities Requiring Special Area Permit**

**[11 AAC 96.020](http://www.touchngo.com/lglcntr/akstats/aac/title11/chapter096/section020.htm) set out a list of generally allowed uses that can occur on public domain land without a permit from the division.**

**Other Resources**

More information about ADFG Special areas Permits is available at their website :

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=uselicense.areas_permit>

Links to other agencies which may require additional authorization can be found here:

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS <http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>

AK DEC: <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wqsar/index.htm>

AK DNR MINING LAND AND WATER: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/>

Additionally, check with local Municipality governments if their localities may apply.