

Consistency Review Process

House Resources Committee Hearing





### **ACMP** Authority

- ACMP recognizes Alaska's unique management needs and issues with the coastal zone
- Managing coastal uses and resources requires supplemental authority to the already existing State and federal authorities.
- Statutes AS 46.39 and 46.40
- Regulations
  - II AAC II0 (Project Review);
  - IIAAC II2 (Statewide Standards)
  - II AAC II4 (District Plan Regulations)

# Project Consistency Reviews Implement the ACMP

 Review process is to determine if proposed project is consistent with the ACMP authorities.

 Review process is designed to evaluate and modify projects to better protect and manage coastal uses and resources while addressing applicants' development project.

## What Triggers A Consistency Review?

#### A. Project Location:

- Within the coastal zone Coastal waters and adjacent shorelands within the boundaries established under AS 46.40.210(4)
- Outside the coastal zone and is:
  - Federal activity with reasonably foreseeable coastal effects; or
  - Requires certain federal authorizations

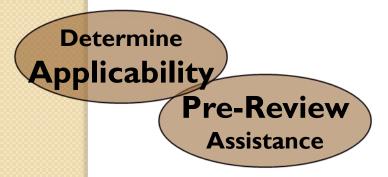
#### B. Authorizations:

The project requires a listed state or federal permit

#### The Review Process Involves:

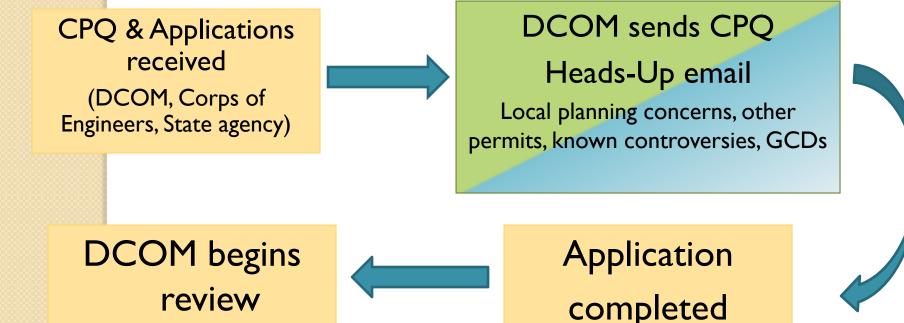
- Applicant
- Affected Coastal Districts
  - District Input Process
- State Resource Agencies
  - Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
  - Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)
  - Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Federal Agencies
  - Coordinate with, if federal permits required
- Public
  - Public Input Process

## ACMP Consistency Review Process Timelines

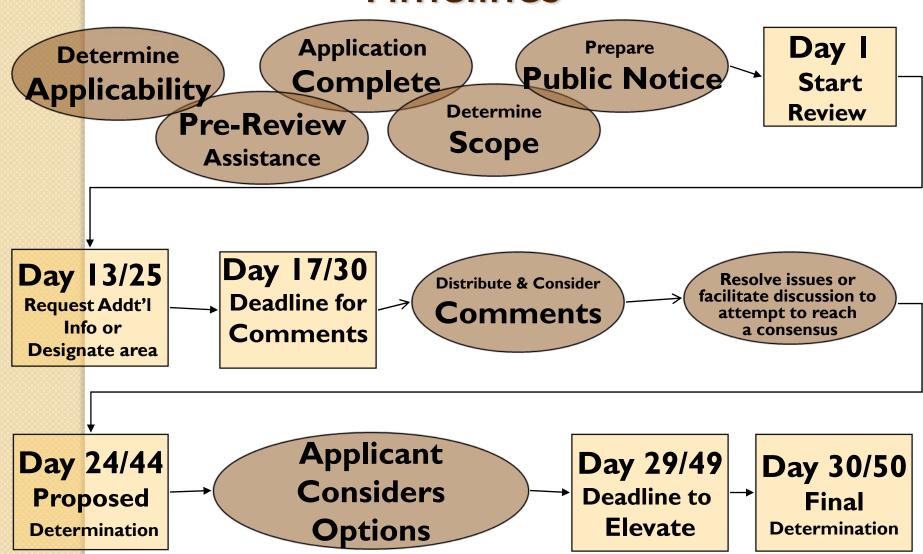


## Coastal Project Questionnaire (CPQ) What its purpose?

 Determines State and federal permitting requirements as well as which State agency will coordinate the consistency review.



## ACMP Consistency Review Process Timelines



### ABC List and The Role It Plays

- A List Permits for low impact projects
- B I Activities that are "generally consistent" when alternative measures in force
- B II List of Federal General and Nationwide Permits
- C List State Permits subject to consistency review & length of review required for that permit

#### How to use the ABC List

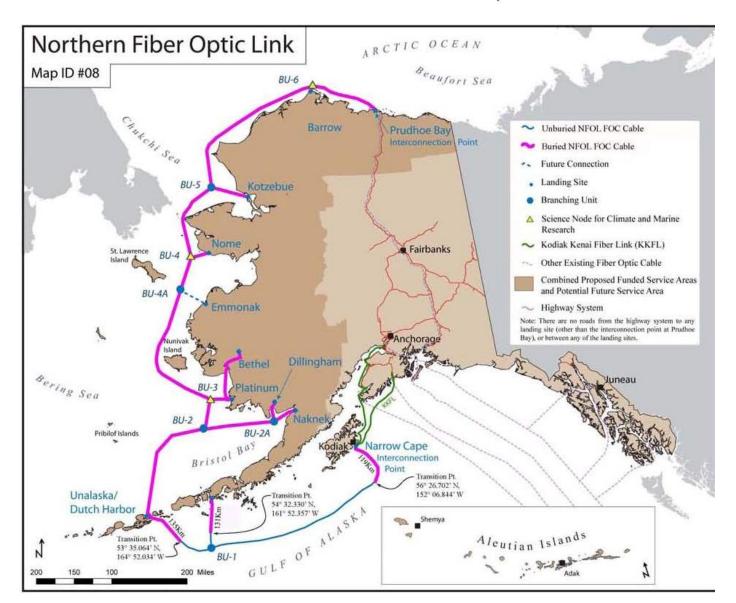
- No review is necessary if all activities are listed on the A or B List.
- Parts of a project may be excluded if resource agencies and affected district agree that the A or B List activity has a de minimis impact.
- Aspects of a project <u>shall</u> be excluded if authorized by a general permit or nationwide permit.



- Brings all affected participants together and each has a seat at the table
- Federal consistency gives Alaska strong influence on:
  - Federal agency activities, and
  - Federally permitted activities including activities on the OCS.

### Northern Fiber Optic Link

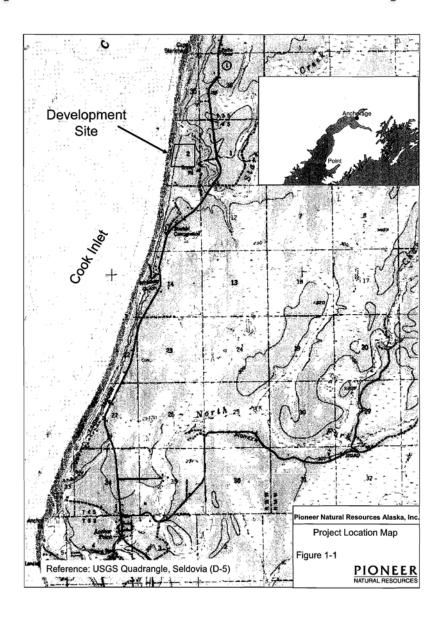
Cable Burial Overview Map



## Sitka Runway Safety Area Project



### Cosmopolitan Oil Development Project

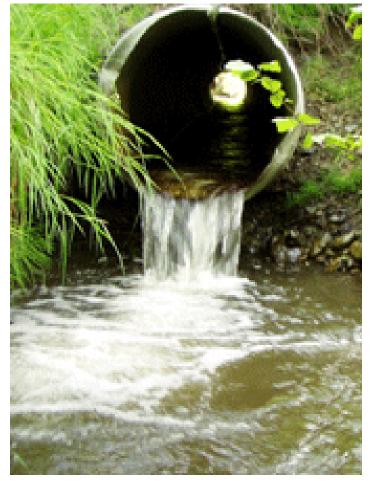


## Kenai Watershed Project

Good Culvert



Bad Culvert



### **THANK YOU**

**QUESTIONS?** 

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