Department of Fish and Game





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FISH HABITAT PERMIT

FH03-III-0339-AMENDMENT 5

ISSUED: July 20, 2022 EXPIRES: October 31, 2022

Michael Eckert, General Manager Northern Star (Pogo) LLC PO Box 145 Delta Junction, AK 99737

RE: Inlet Pond Sediment Removal Goodpaster River (Stream Number 334-40-11000-2490-3407) Sections 14, 23, T 5S, R 14E, FM Location: 64.4735 N, 144.9145 W

Dear Michael Eckert:

Pursuant to AS 16.05.871 (b), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Habitat Section has reviewed your proposal to channel the flow at Northern Star (Pogo) LLC's Off-River Treatment Works (ORTW) inlet pond from the Goodpaster River.

Project Description

You propose to remove approximately 300 cubic yards of sediment from the inlet channel of your ORTW inlet pond with an excavator with a bucket. This action is necessary to restore adequate flow to the pond for mine operations. No equipment will be operated below the ordinary high water line, and all sediment will be moved to a suitable upland location where it will not wash into the river during rain and high-water events. We received your request on July 19, 2022.

The permit amendment is hereby approved. All terms and conditions of the original permit and subsequent amendments remain in effect.

You may appeal this permit decision relating to AS 16.05.871 in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330-630.

Please direct questions about this permit to Habitat Biologist Lauren Yancy at 907-459-7254 or lauren.yancy@alaska.gov.

Sincerely, Doug Vincent-Lang, Commissioner

Maria Wessel for A. Brase

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