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Michelle Webb
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Dear Ms. Webb:

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) reviewed the Haines Borough Draft Ordinance 13-10-354I, which proposes to amend Borough Code Title 18 Section 18.70.030 to amend the definition of Recreational Zone and add Title 12 Section 12.50 to prohibit motorized use in the proposed Chilkat River Beaches Recreational Zone. The Chilkat River Beaches Recreational Zone is a narrow strip of land adjacent to the Chilkat Inlet that will be managed to serve the outdoor recreational needs of the community and provide protection for sensitive habitat.

The primary uses of the Chilkat River Beaches are walking, picnicking, bird watching, photography, kite surfing, and berry picking. Some sport fishing occurs in One Mile Creek between July 1 – March 31 and access is typically by foot.

ADF&G concurs with the proposed changes to Title 12 and 18 of the Haines Borough Code. There does not appear to be significant motorized use in the area so access and use of the Chilkat River Beaches will not be impacted by the non-motorized designation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Draft Ordinance 13-10-354. Please contact me at marla.carter@alaska.gov or 267-2103 if you would like to discuss this review further. We also wish to be included on the distribution list for all future public notices and hearings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marla Carter".

Marla Carter
Habitat Biologist
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