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## Department of Fish and Game

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### **FISH HABITAT PERMIT FH25-II-0080**

**ISSUED:** May 28, 2025  
**EXPIRES:** Life of Structure

Alaska Railroad Company  
Attn: Brian Lindamood  
P.O. Box 107500  
Anchorage, AK 99510

**RE:** Culvert Replacement  
Unnamed Waterbodies (Water Body No. 247-60-10232 and 247-60-10232-0910)  
Section 24, T 9 N, R 2 E, SM  
Location: 60.860516 N, 149.009617 W

Dear Brian Lindamood:

Pursuant to AS 16.05.871 (b), the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Habitat Section (Habitat) has reviewed your proposal to replace a culvert in an unnamed creek and associated wetlands near Portage.

#### **Project Description**

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) proposes to replace a culvert at rail milepost 66.09 located just north of the Twentymile River. The culvert in place is a deteriorated corrugated metal pipe of unknown size (submerged). The culvert will be replaced with a 74-foot long, 108-inch diameter smooth steel pipe culvert installed at a 0% slope (Sheets 6 and 7 of 7). The railroad tracks traverse a creek and wetland complex at this location and the culvert serves as an equalizer pipe between wetlands located on both sides of the tracks.

About 280 cubic yards of material will be excavated below ordinary high water (OHW) to remove the existing culvert and prepare the site for the new culvert. About 145 cubic yards of fill will be backfilled during installation of the new pipe with about 135 cubic yards of that being new and clean fill for proper bedding (Sheet 7 of 7).

Construction means and methods, such as temporary construction work pads, site isolation, and diversion or pumping will be determined by the selected contractor and permitted separately.

**Anadromous Fish Act**

Water Bodies No. 247-60-10232 and 247-60-10232-0910 have been specified as being important for the spawning, rearing, or migration of anadromous fishes pursuant to AS 16.05.871(a). The water bodies provides habitat for coho salmon.

In accordance with AS 16.05.871(d), your project is approved subject to the project description, the following stipulations, and the permit terms.

1. The culvert shall be designed, installed, and maintained to accommodate the efficient passage and movement of fish, both upstream and downstream, for the life of the structure.
2. Work areas shall be isolated from the flowing waters of the creek at all times during construction. The stream reach downstream of the culvert installation shall be supplied with a constant flow of clean water sufficient to maintain fish passage downstream of the work area.
3. In-water work in the flowing water of the creek will be completed between June 15 and August 1 unless otherwise authorized by the Habitat Section.
4. A plan for diversion, construction sequencing, and stranded fish rescue shall be submitted to the Habitat Section a minimum of 2 weeks prior to construction for review and approval via amendment to this permit.
5. The ADF&G Habitat shall be notified by email (josh.brekken@alaska.gov) or telephone (907-267-2113) at least 5 working days prior to beginning the permitted activities.

**Permit Terms**

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 Habitat Section; 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.

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 Habitat Section 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 provision 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 Habitat Section. Therefore, we recommend you consult the Habitat Section immediately before considering any deviation from the approved plan.

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

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. You shall mitigate any adverse effect upon fish or wildlife, their habitats, or any restriction or interference with public use that the commissioner determines was a direct result of your 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.

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 Josh Brekken at (907) 267-2113 or [josh.brekken@alaska.gov](mailto:josh.brekken@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,  
Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner



By Ken Bouwens  
Southcentral Regional Supervisor

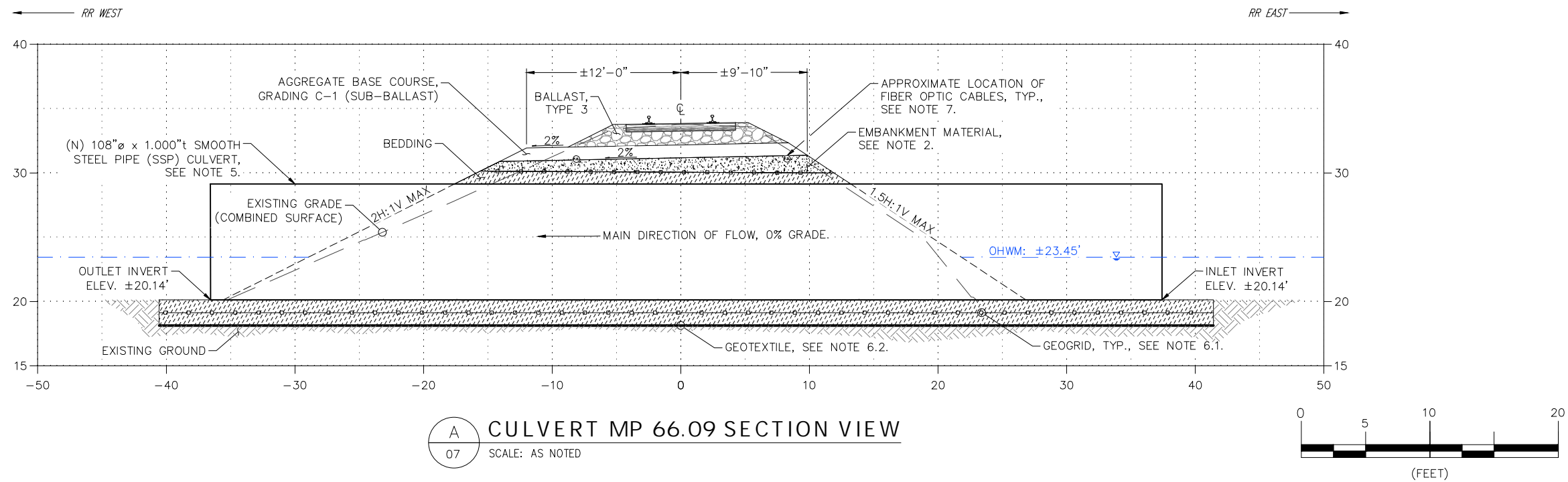
Enclosures: Sheets 6 and 7 of 7  
Site Photographs

Email cc:

A. Ott, ADF&G  
B. Blain, ADF&G  
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USACE, Regulatory  
DPS/AWT, Anchorage  
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DRAWING LOCATION: P:\ENGINEERING\CULVERTS\CU\_066\_09\CULVERT REPLACEMENT IFC\_REV1.DWG  
 DATE: 5/21/2025 2:27 PM  
 SCALE: AS NOTED  
 PUBLISHED CTB: ARRC\_CTIB\_2023.CTIB



**MATERIAL NOTES:**

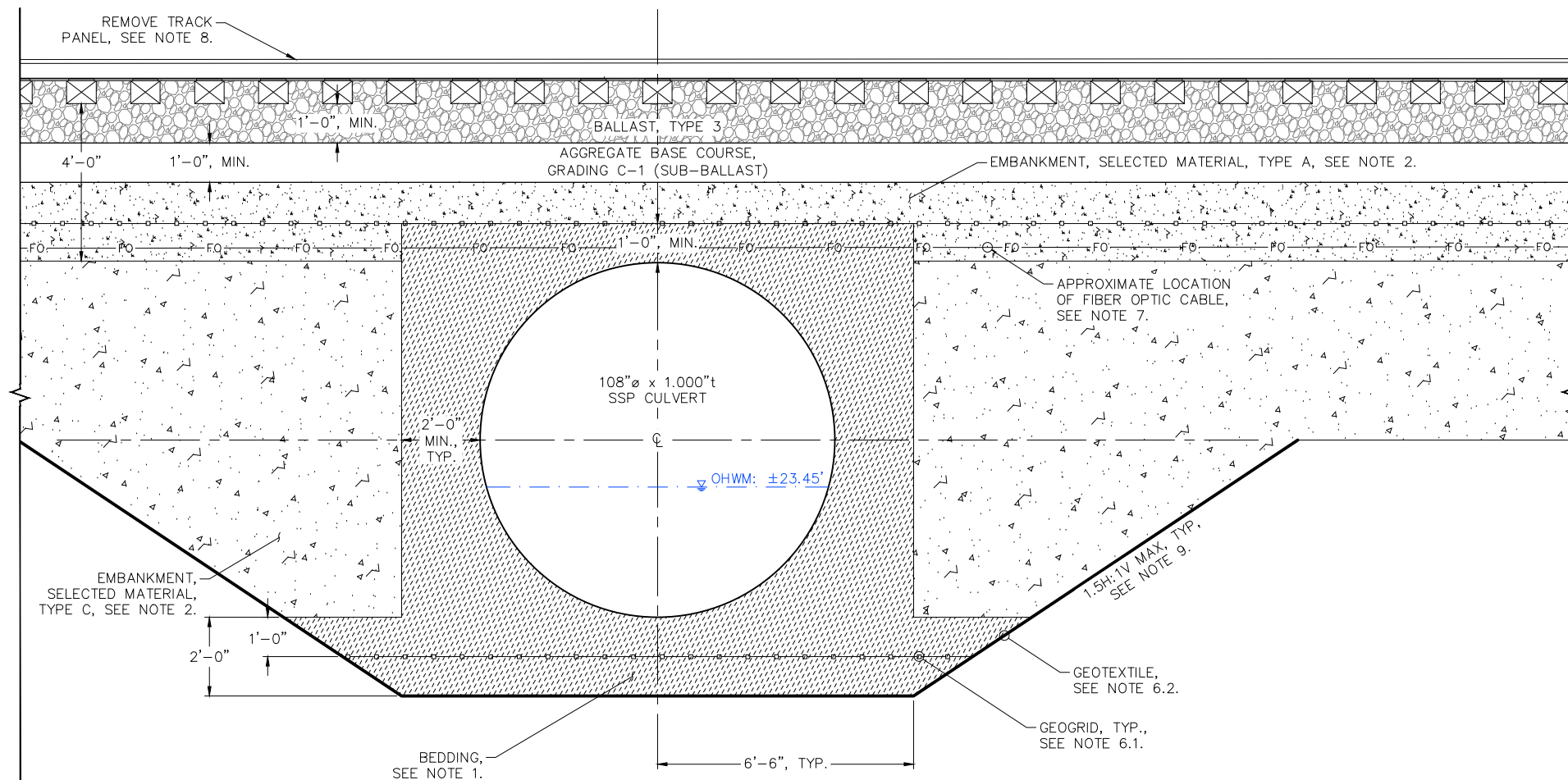
1. BEDDING: SELECTED MATERIAL, TYPE A IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 703-2.07.
2. EMBANKMENT: SELECTED MATERIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 703-2.07, FOR THE TYPE SPECIFIED BELOW (BASED ON ITS LOCATION RELATIVE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE TIE):
  - 2.1.1. -2.0' TO -4.0': TYPE A.
  - 2.1.2. -4.0' AND DEEPER: TYPE C.
- 2.1. ALL EXCAVATED MATERIALS ARE TO BE CONSIDERED UNCLASSIFIED MATERIAL UNTIL CLASSIFIED.
- 2.2. UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION (NATIVE MATERIAL) MAY BE USED IN THE EMBANKMENT WHEN ITS MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION 703-2.07 FOR THE TYPE SPECIFIED.
3. SUB-BALLAST: AGGREGATE BASE COURSE, GRADING C-1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 703-2.03.
4. BALLAST: TYPE 3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 703-2.17.
5. SSP CULVERT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 715.
6. GEOSYNTHETICS:
  - 6.1. GEOGRID: REINFORCEMENT, CLASS 1 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 729-2.04.
  - 6.2. GEOTEXTILE: SEPERATAION, CLASS 3 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 729-2.01.

**CONSTRUCTION NOTES:**

7. CONTRACTOR TO FIELD VERIFY THE LOCATION OF ALL UTILITIES PRIOR TO BEGINNING EXCAVATION.
  - 7.1. FIBER OPTIC UTILITIES ASSUMED TO BE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RAIL.
8. RAIL:
  - 8.1. REMOVAL:
    - 8.1.1. PROTECT EXISTING BALLAST OUTSIDE EXCAVATION LIMITS FROM CONTAMINATION WITH OTHER AGGREGATE OR SOIL.
    - 8.1.2. WHEN ESTABLISHED RAIL JOINTS ARE NOT WITHIN THE PROJECT LIMITS, COORDINATE WITH ARRC MOW FORCES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 107-1.08, TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF CUTS.
    - 8.1.3. CUT RAIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 802-3.05.3 AND JOINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 802-3.05.4.
  - 8.2. REPLACEMENT:
    - 8.2.1. REPLACE EVERY THIRD TIE PRIOR TO COMPLETING FINAL SURFACING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 802.
9. SLOPES STEEPER THAN 4:1, WHEN MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE RAILWAY, ARE TO BE BENCHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 203-3.03.
10. WIRE OR TIMBER STRUTTING, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF DUNNAGE: MAY BE USED TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF PIPE CULVERTS BUT WILL REQUIRE APPROVAL FROM ENGINEERING SERVICES PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION. IF APPROVED, MATERIALS WILL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER INSTALLATION OF THE PIPE CULVERT AND PRIOR TO COMMENCING BACKFILL OPERATIONS.

**UTILITIES:**

VERIFY ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES PRIOR TO DIGGING.  
 LOCATE CALL CENTER OF ALASKA (811):  
 - ANCHORAGE .....1.907.278.3121  
 - STATEWIDE .....1.800.478.3121  
 CALL CENTER WILL NOTIFY SUBSCRIBED UTILITIES ONLY,  
 OTHER UTILITIES NEED TO BE CONTACTED INDIVIDUALLY.



DESIGNED BY:	EDW
CHECKED BY:	BAO
DRAFTED BY:	EDW
ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION PO BOX 107500, ANCHORAGE, AK 99510-7500 327 W SHIP CREEK AVE ANCHORAGE, AK 99501 (907) 265-2300	
KEY MAP 	
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT P.O. BOX 107500 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510-7500	PROJECT: MP 66.09 CULVERT REPLACEMENT
SHEET TITLE: SECTION VIEW BEDDING AND BACKFILL	
AFE NO.	11360
YEAR	2025
SHEET	07 of 07

**ARRC – MP 66.09 Culvert Replacement  
Site Photographs – October 22, 2024**



**Photo 1.** MP 66.09 culvert outlet area (submerged), location shown in red. Looking northwest.



**Photo 2.** MP 66.09 culvert inlet area (submerged), location shown in red. Looking east.

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**Photo 3.** MP 66.09 culvert outlet (submerged).