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The proposed project public notice issued by the State of Alaska makes no mention of the work that has already been completed. The work completed implicates the applicant who clearly had intended to construct the project without acquiring the proper local, state, and federal permits. This is a direct violation of the public interest and is an egregious act of water quality destruction. I demand to know what violations have been imposed by the State of Alaska for completing a portion of this project without a permit, as this is a direct violation of the Clean Water Act. For this, I request that this permit be denied, and the destroyed wetlands be restored.

Before a permit is issued, I request that the State of Alaska complete a multi-season hydrologic study to confirm that the homes south and east of the project will not be affected by this development. The study should include flood analysis based on a 200-year flood event. Due to the low-lying residential community located south of the development, I believe the loss of these wetlands will likely cause flooding and permanent and irreparable damage to these homes. I believe the current wetland function retains and prevents seasonal flooding. The unnamed tributary south of the project is not equipped to handle the volume of water that the wetlands currently absorb, retain, and manage. Should a 401 Certification be issued, I request that the State of Alaska impose permit stipulations that hold the applicant liable for any future hydrologic impacts cause to the residences as a result of the project.