

DISTRICT TRIP REPORT

Project: Denali Commission Mooring Points Phase 2 – Lower Yukon River

Description: Kotlik Trip Report

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Community Meeting

The community meeting was held at the Tribal Council office on Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Representatives from the city and village corporation attended.

Meeting Attendees

Lori Mike – city administrator
William Murphy Sr. – city council member
Michael Hunt Sr. – city council member
Maryann Mike – Mayor
Stella Unok – city secretary/treasurer
Mike Prince – corporation member
Paul Mike – corporation member
Lorima Prince – corporation secretary/treasurer
Lucy Akaran – corporation vice chairman
Flora Tonuchuk – corporation chairman

Topics Discussed

The purpose of our visit and a general description of the mooring points project were given. The preliminary planning map showing the proposed mooring point locations was presented for used during the meeting.

Discussed the Denali commission requirement for resolutions supporting the project from the city and the corporation was discussed. Two copies of sample resolutions were left with the city administrator. The city and corporation were told that we would need the resolutions before we could move forward with a contract. Both said that they would draft a resolution for approval within the next month.

There is only one combined fuel and freight landing in Kotlik. The land to the east of the road is owned by the city. The land on the west side of and including the road is owned by the corporation.

There are no known archeological sites in the area of the barge landing. Human remains were reportedly found in the river bank on land adjacent to the barge landing and downstream when the airport was constructed.

Erosion is a real concern in Kotlik, so much so that they have made erosion a priority in their community plan. Residents state that they have had as much as 150 feet of erosion in the last 20 years in some areas. Erosion at the current barge landing appears to be relatively mild.

Also discussed barge landing permitting for the city's landing. The community did not know if a State tidelands permit had been obtained for the existing barge landing. The city administrator says that she would check to see if they had previously obtained a barge landing permit.

Site Visit

The barge landing is located near the new airport and corporation tank farm. The landing is composed of imported gravel. The fuel header is located approximately 50 feet back from the top of bank between the landing and the tank farm. During the site visit the entire area was still covered by snow and ice. The area upstream of the access road is use for fuel sales and container storage. The area adjacent to the access road of the downstream side is currently used for metal recyclables. The area downstream of the access road is covered with alders near the top of bank and transitions to a lower apparently marshy (maybe even standing water at times of the year) area further from the top of bank.

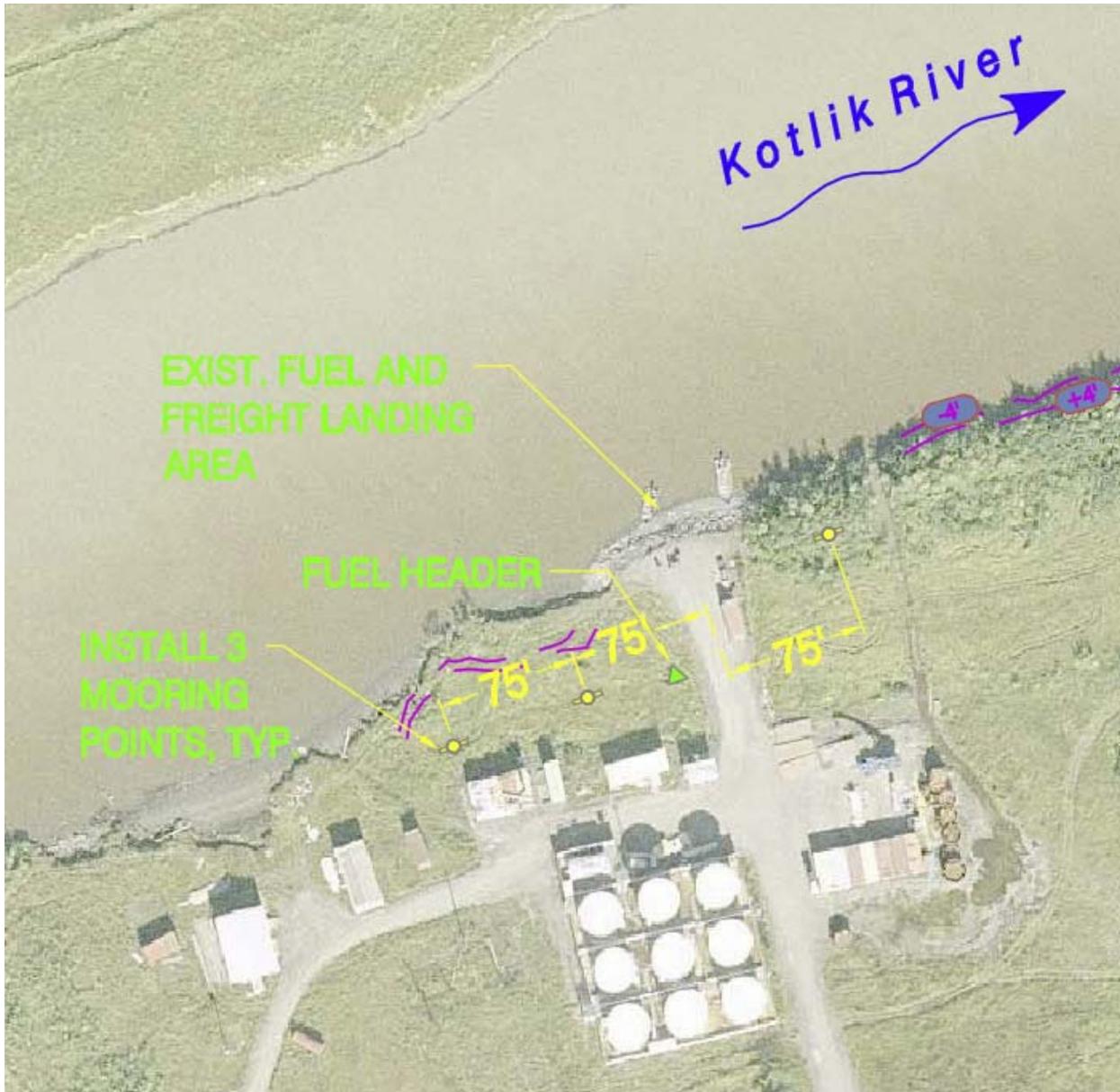


Figure 1. Vicinity map

There are three mooring points planned for this location. The upstream mooring will be located 150 feet upstream from the landing access road centerline. The middle mooring will be located 75 feet upstream from the landing access road centerline. These two moorings are located in a vehicle traffic area so vegetation is sparse grasses. The downstream mooring is located at the edge of a marshy area. The visible vegetation is mainly alder less than 3 inches in diameter. The west side of the gravel road at the barge landing is used for metal recycling storage. At the time of the site visit there were numerous discarded major appliances, snowmobile bodies, and miscellaneous metals stored along the road. The recycling materials may have to be cleared before installation of the downstream mooring pile can take place.



Figure 2. Barge landing and tank farm area



Figure 3. Upstream mooring point location



Figure 4. Middle mooring point location



Figure 5. Downstream mooring point location