

Fish & Game Chief Lauds Timber Co. Cooperation

JUNEAU — Alaska Lumber and Pulp Co. has done a "remarkably fine job" in limiting the environmental impact of gravel removal in a project in Peril Strait, James W. Brooks, commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game, said today.

"In this instance, the gravel was removed in a long, thin strip rather than in a deep cut, and this will help to mitigate the cutting action of the waves upon the beach," Brooks said.

This result of industry-Department of Fish and Game coordination demonstrates that through common initial planning and cooperation, beach sediments may be removed in a manner that will meet industry needs and at the same time satisfy environmental protection requirements, Brooks said.

He noted that because the sediments are not being renewed by streams, the beach gravel at the Peril Strait site can be removed only once and that further extraction of gravel would negate the results of the present efforts.