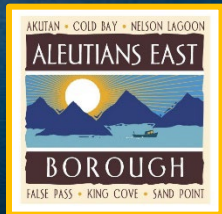


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Unlocking Opportunities, Protecting Nature: Aleutians East Borough Land Use Permitting System

In 2015, the Aleutians East Borough launched a groundbreaking Resource Development Land Use Permitting System with a simple goal: to create local jobs, generate income, and preserve the region's natural beauty. With funding from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program, the Borough implemented [Title 40](#) of the Aleutians East Borough Municipal Code to regulate key land-use activities. If you're running a commercial recreational business, conducting professional research, engaging in sand, gravel, rock mining, or seafood processing, you'll need a permit to make sure your operations align with the region's values. It's all about responsible resource use that supports local growth while keeping things green and sustainable. Permit applications and information can be found on the Borough's [website](#). The Borough encourages everyone to apply!

Let the Adventures Begin: **Commercial Recreation and Research Permits**. For those looking to guide people through the wild, this one is for you! Whether you're leading a fishing trip, guiding eco-tours, or running a cozy lodge, AEB's *commercial recreation permits* help make sure your business thrives while respecting the environment. From hunting to bird watching, if you're offering services for outdoor adventure, you need a permit! The AEB requires permits for *professional research* which applies to anyone conducting research if your project might impact the land. So, if you're a researcher planning to explore the region, don't forget to submit a permit application. But don't worry! School projects or cultural surveys by native corporations and tribes are exempt.

Digging into opportunity with care through **Mining**. For adventurers who want to dig a little deeper, the Aleutians East Borough has you covered with mining permits! If you're interested in *mineral or coal exploration, or small mining operations*, make sure to submit a permit application. Small mining operations (less than five acres) or larger-scale digs (five acres or more) are subject to different regulations, ensuring responsible extraction. If you're planning on doing a little more recreational panning or light prospecting, you're in luck, no permit is needed unless you're doing business out of it. But if your operations grow, don't forget to apply for the right permit to keep things on track.

Catch and Process Responsibly: **Seafood Processing Permits**. Ahoy, seafood enthusiasts! Whether you're an offshore processor working at sea or a local fisherman marketing your own catch, the Aleutians East Borough has special permits for all things seafood. The goal is to keep things sustainable and ensure the Borough's fisheries thrive while offering local

economic benefits. *Onshore Seafood Processing* ensures that all operations, whether you're handling salmon, cod, or any other local catch, meet environmental standards. It plays a critical role in the region's economy by adding value to local fishery resources and supporting the livelihoods of fishermen. The permit is required for businesses that buy, process, and export fishery resources.

Digging into **Sand, Gravel, or Rock?** Then the *Sand, Gravel and Rock Mining Permit* is your golden ticket to ensure your project is done right! This permit keeps your operation on track with local rules and environmental standards, making sure you're mining responsibly and minimizing the impact on the beautiful landscape in the region. Whether you're building roads or extracting resources, this permit ensures you do it the right way!

Want to tap into Alaska's energy resources? The **Oil and Gas Operations Permit** is your key to drilling and extracting within the Borough. This permit ensures that your operations are environmentally conscious and in line with local regulations. So, whether you're looking to fuel up the future or explore new reserves, make sure you're operating with responsibility and sustainability in mind.

Join the Growth and Be Part of the Sustainable Future! With the Resource Development Land Use Permitting System in place, the Aleutians East Borough is shaping a bright and sustainable future. It's all about creating opportunities for local businesses and individuals while respecting the natural beauty of the region. Whether you're into outdoor adventures, research, mining, or seafood, the Borough invites you to be part of this exciting journey. Ready to get started? Visit the Borough's website, apply for your permit, and help grow the region – responsibly!

For your convenience, all the comprehensive details on permits and applications are readily available on the Aleutians East Borough [website](#).

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