

## **Commercial Recreation Facility Leases**

As the tourism industry grows in Alaska, so does the need for facilities and services. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water authorizes lodges, resorts, cruise docks, and other tourism related facilities on state land through commercial recreation leasing. This leasing process promotes the outdoor recreation industry, generates revenue for all Alaskans by acquiring fees, and protects land and water from being damaged. The Department strives to balance the desires of commercial developers and the needs of local residents by evaluating lease applications through a public review process. Leasing for commercial recreation is a tool in the stewardship of Alaska's state lands.