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Ice fishing huts available for rent at Birch Lake and Quartz Lake

(Fairbanks, AK) –Interior Alaska’s winter solstice cold snap has an upside for those eager to escape cabin fever and get outside: the ice on area lakes is now thick enough to support ice fishing huts, and Alaska State Parks has nine ice fishing huts ready for rent to the public.

Ricky Gease, director of the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, invites Alaskans to take advantage of the opportunity to rent one of the five huts at Birch Lake near Mile 305.5 of the Richardson Highway, and the four at Quartz Lake near Mile 277.8 of the Richardson Highway.

“Those willing to brave the cold should find good opportunities for fishing, and we’re happy to offer these ice huts to help make it possible for well-prepared fishermen to scratch their angling itch in safety and even a fair amount of comfort,” Gease said.

The huts measure eight feet by 12 feet. Each is equipped with a wood-burning stove and four fishing holes, but the renter must provide all other equipment and supplies. In addition to a valid state fishing license and fishing tackle and bait, Gease advised fishermen to bring an ice auger and/or spud bar, stools or seats, a lantern or flashlight, a shovel, firewood (12-inch stove lengths), and matches.

The huts are constructed by the Department of Fish and Game and managed by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. They rent for \$20 per day (+\$8.05 transaction fee) and can be reserved on-line at www.reserveamerica.com

For more information on ice huts or public-use cabins call the DNR Public Information Center in Fairbanks at 451-2705 or visit the division website at www.alaskastateparks.org

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PHOTO CUTLINE: *Who says fishing is done for the year? Alaska State Parks is offering nine ice fishing huts for rent at Birch and Quartz lakes at \$15 per day. To reserve a cabin, go to: www.reserveamerica.com*

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