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## Commissioner Mark Myers announces retirement

(Anchorage, AK) – Natural Resources Commissioner Mark Myers announced Tuesday that he will retire from state service, effective March 1. Upon this date Deputy Commissioner Marty Rutherford will step in as acting commissioner.

In his retirement announcement to DNR employees, Myer commended them for their professionalism, dedication and public service ethic in managing the state's land, water, and mineral resources. "I will sleep well at night knowing that these lands and resources, which are key to Alaska's economic future and quality of life, are managed as a public trust by all of you."

Myers further stated: "I am retiring for personal reasons. I look forward to more time with my family, including aging parents, kids in college and my wife of 33 years. Due to the nature of the jobs I have held over the last decade, I have deferred or delayed much on a personal level, including my own retirement."

Alaska Governor Bill Walker stated, "I hate to lose Mark from the team. He had told me back in October that he wanted to retire, but I wanted to give him time to reconsider. I'm grateful the administration and the state were able to benefit from his experience, knowledge and expertise for as long as we've been able."

Myers has spent 18 years of his professional career at DNR in various positions including student intern, petroleum geologist, director of the divisions of Oil and Gas and Geological Surveys, and coordinator of the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA) office. He is a geologist and former director of the U.S. Geological Survey. Prior to his current position, he was vice chancellor of research at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

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