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DNR seeks public input on proposed revision to fee regulations

(Anchorage, AK) – The Department of Natural Resources is proposing a comprehensive revision to the fees it charges for department services and the use of state land and waters. The proposed revision to the fee regulations are available for public comment until July 28, 2017.

The revision includes reorganizing the fee regulations to make them easier to navigate and adjusting the fees to better reflect the actual cost of DNR services.

“Right now, the department’s fees are arranged in the regulations in an ad hoc fashion, rather than organized by category, making it difficult for users to locate the specific information they are seeking,” said Division of Mining, Land and Water Director Brent Goodrum.

“Furthermore, it’s important to review and consider changes to our fees that in many cases are decades old and nominal compared to the actual cost of providing DNR services,” Goodrum said.

“Most Alaskans are aware that state funding available to pay for agency services is declining,” said Natural Resources Commissioner Andy Mack. “We are working to reduce our reliance on the state General Fund to pay for these services. It is also very important for DNR to ensure that the State of Alaska receives an appropriate return for the use of state lands and waters.”

The proposed fee regulation package includes a fee matrix to assist with comparing the existing and proposed fees. The public is invited to submit any written comments to DNR at dnr.fees.regulation@alaska.gov no later than **5 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017**.

The regulation package is available online at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/hottopics>.

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