

AQUATIC FARMING PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER AS 38.05.945

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting comments on a preliminary best interest finding and decision (PD) for the 2007 aquatic farm applications and lease amendment requests. One (1) amendment request is being reviewed for sites in Southeast Alaska. The amendment request proposes to increase the existing farm site lease by 0.46 acres for suspended and intertidal sites located at or near Prince of Wales Is (South of Token Bay and north of Marble Passage)

Copies of the PD are available from the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), Southcentral Regional Office, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 900C, Anchorage AK 99501-3577 or you may view it online at <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/aquatic/index.htm>. If you have any questions concerning the proposed actions, please contact John S. Thiede, Program Manager at email: john.thiede@alaska.gov or phone (907) 269-8543. Written comments must be received by the DMLW at the above address or email, or at Fax (907) 269-8913 **on or before 5:00 pm, Monday, April 28, 2008** in order to ensure consideration. Only those who provide written/oral comments during the public comment period will be eligible to appeal the applicable final decision(s).

If public comment in response to this notice indicates the need for significant changes to a decision(s), additional public notice will be given on or about **Monday, May 5, 2008**. The Final Best Interest Findings and Decisions (FD) of the Department of Natural Resources will be available on or about **Monday, May 12, 2008** unless additional public notice is necessary. The FD will set out the applicable processes for appealing the decision under AS 38.05.035(i)-(m) and 11 AAC 02. Copies of the FD will be sent to those persons who commented during the comment period and are available for other interested parties upon request.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water reserves the right to waive technical defects in this public notice.

/s/ Richard Thompson, Regional Manager