

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of Natural Resources proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 11, of the Alaska Administrative Code, specifically 11 AAC 96.10 dealing with the Uses Requiring a Permit, 11 AAC 96.14 dealing with the Special Use Lands, 11 AAC 96.18 dealing with the Uses Requiring Registration, and 11 AAC 96.20 dealing with the Generally Allowed Uses. The Department of Natural Resources also proposes to adopt new regulations in Title 11, of the Alaska Administrative Code, specifically 11 AAC 96.015 dealing with the Designated public use areas. The revised regulations include the following:

- Incorporation of new statutory authorities

The new regulations include the following:

- establishing the Knik River Special Use Area and restrictions on generally allowed uses within the Special Use Area, (ADL 230206),
- establishing the purpose and management standards for Designated Public Use Areas
- defining restrictions and prohibitions on generally allowed uses on state land within the Knik River Public Use Area,
- listing activities and uses that may be subject to citations and for fines as will be set by the Superior Court of the State of Alaska.

The proposed regulation changes are necessary to meet the statutory requirements of AS 43.23.180-230 to perpetuate, enhance, protect, and maintain the resources, access, habitat, fish and wildlife, and public recreational opportunities of the Knik River Public Use Area. The law allows the Commissioner to establish in regulations the means by which the department may manage and enforce public land use restriction in the public use area.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1070, Anchorage, AK 99501-3579 or by e-mail to dnrmlw@dnr.state.ak.us or by fax to 907-269-8904. The comments must be received by the department no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, on November 16, 2007.**

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Joseph Joyner at 269-8511 no later than November 2, 2007, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For more information or a copy of the proposed regulation changes, go to <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/hottopics/>, or write to the Director's Office, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Department of Natural Resources, Attention Joseph Joyner, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1070, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3579; or call 907-269-8511.

After the public comment period ends, the Department of Natural Resources will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

Statutory Authority: AS 41.23.180; AS 41.23.190; AS 41.23.200; AS 41.23.210; AS 41.23.220;

AS 41.23.230;

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 41.23.180; AS 41.23.190;
AS 41.23.200; AS 41.23.210; AS 41.23.220; AS 41.23.230;

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

Date: October 12, 2007

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