

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF RESCHEDULING OF THE HEARING AND EXTENSION
OF TIME ON COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE
PETITION REQUESTING DESIGNATION OF LANDS UNSUITABLE FOR
SURFACE COAL MINING IN THE CHUIT RIVER WATERSHED**

Due to weather conditions affecting south central Alaska, the hearing scheduled for February 2nd in Tyonek has been rescheduled for Saturday February 19, 2010. The hearing on the petition will be held in the Native Village of Tyonek at the Community Center from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please contact the village offices 907-583-2111 for information about accessing village property for the hearing. The Department of Natural Resources has extended the public comment period for the petition to designate portions the Chuit River Watershed as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations under AS 27.21.260 and 11 AAC 90.705(a). **The deadline to submit written comment closes at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2011.** If you have already submitted written or oral comments you do not need to resubmit your comments.

On January 22, 2010, the Trustees for Alaska, on behalf of local citizens and a conservation group, filed a petition to designate portions the Chuit River Watershed as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations under AS 27.21.260 and 11 AAC 90.705(a). The petition requests that anadromous water bodies and their associated riparian areas within the Chuit River Watershed be designated unsuitable for surface coal mining. Copies of the petition are available for review at the Anchorage office of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, online at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/coal/chuit/index.htm>

Any person may submit oral or written comments as to the merits of the petitions to designate portions the Chuit River Watershed as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations under AS 27.21.260 and 11 AAC 90.705(a). **Written comments on the merits of the petition must be received by the Department of Natural Resources no later than 5:00 p.m. February 19, 2011.** Send comments to Russell Kirkham, 550 W 7th Ave Suite 920, Anchorage, AK, 99501, or email them to russell.kirkham@alaska.gov.

The State of Alaska complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with a disability who may need auxiliary aides, services or special modifications to participate in the review may contact the above person at the indicated number, email or the TDD 907-269-8411.