

Reservations of Water

Goal

Reservation of Water. Maintain water quantity and quality sufficient to protect the overall ecosystem integrity, as well as the human, fish, and wildlife resources and uses of the region.

Management Guidelines

A. Considerations for Reservations of Water (General). Streams, lakes, and other waterbodies may be considered for reservations of water under AS 46.15.145. Such reservations are intended to reserve sufficient water to maintain a specified in-stream flow or level of water on a stream or body of water for one or a combination of purposes: 1) protection of fish and wildlife habitat, migration, and propagation; 2) recreation and park purposes; 3) sanitary and water quality purposes; and 4) navigation and transportation purposes.

B. Priorities. Reservations of Water have been established according to AS 46.15.145 on the Tanana, Nenana, Chena, Salcha, Chatanika, and Delta Clearwater Rivers (see DMLW Water Rights and Temporary Use Authorizations webpage for current information). Proposals for new developments requiring the use of a significant amount of water as defined by 11 AAC 93.035 shall submit to the Department an application for water rights or temporary water use authorizations. See Appendix E for applications pending on water bodies in the planning area.

C. Process for Determining Reservations. Applications for instream flow reservations are submitted to the Department for adjudication following the procedures identified in 11 AAC 93.141-147.