The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued the Draft North Slope Area Plan (NSAP) for public review and comment. Your participation in the planning process is important to DNR. However, because of statewide travel restrictions, and the increased importance of social distancing due to COVID-19, there will be no in-person meetings conducted for this planning effort. Instead, to facilitate discussion and hear from interested parties across the North Slope Borough and other communities, DNR has scheduled three virtual meetings that will be held using the Microsoft Teams collaboration platform. The meetings will consist of a short presentation, followed by an opportunity for participants to ask questions about the plan and the planning process. Microsoft Teams also allows those that do not have access to the application to participate using a teleconferencing option. Using the Teams link will allow participants to submit questions via chat messages. This method is encouraged and will help moderators keep track of incoming questions to ensure that all questions are able to be addressed. Each meeting will be recorded for DNR records.

**Microsoft Teams Meeting Instructions:**

1. If you would like the Meeting Link to join on your phone or computer, please email your request to nsmp.comments@alaska.gov at least one day prior to the meeting of your choice.
2. If possible, download the Microsoft Teams app before the meeting, to be able to submit questions via chat. The app can be downloaded using this link: [https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app)
3. Choose a meeting from the dates and times above. Participation is limited to 200 people per meeting. As a result, please plan to attend only one of the meetings to allow all those that have an interest to participate.
4. Using the link that was emailed to you, or using the links above, 5-10 minutes before the start time, click on the link for the specific meeting you are about to attend. A browser will pop up and you can choose to “Open Microsoft Teams” or “Join on the web instead.” Choose the option most appropriate for your method of participation.
5. Enter your name and click the purple “Join now” button. A moderator will let you into the meeting. Please be sure to have your mic and video muted. This will help with background noise.

If you are unable to join via Teams, there is a telephonic option that is accessed by dialing 907-202-7104, then the 9-digit Conference ID, followed by the pound (#) sign. Please join 5-10 minutes prior to the start time.

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