

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, dealing with fees in state parks and recreation areas, and the regulation of land and water uses in state parks, state recreation areas, and the Kenai River Special Management Area. The changes address boating, camping, the control of pets, and the use of snowmobiles, ATVs, horses, and bicycles within park units. Specifically, the proposed regulations changes include the following:

- (1) 11 AAC 05.010(a)(12)(F) is proposed to be amended to change fees for boat launch and annual boat launch decals, to cover operating costs;
- (2) 11 AAC 12.130 is proposed to be amended to require that pets be under their owners' control in areas where leashes are not required;
- (3) 11 AAC 12.340(9), which defined "snow vehicle," is proposed to be repealed, because the term is no longer used in 11 AAC 12;
- (4) 11 AAC 12.340(27), which defines "explosive," is proposed to be amended to update a cross-reference to a statute;
- (5) 11 AAC 20.015 is proposed to be amended to change limitations on the use of off-road vehicles on Eklutna Lakeside Trail within Chugach State Park;
- (6) 11 AAC 20.030 is proposed to be amended to address seasonal and other closures of trails or areas within Chugach State Park to the use of horses;
- (7) 11 AAC 20.040 is proposed to be amended to change areas open to the use of snowmobiles within the Eklutna Lake Basin in Chugach State Park;
- (8) 11 AAC 20.050 is proposed to be amended to open additional designated trails to the use of bicycles within Chugach State Park;
- (9) 11 AAC 20 is proposed to be amended by adding a new section, 11 AAC 20.055, to restrict camping along Eklutna Lakeside Trail to reduce conflict with other users;
- (10) 11 AAC 20 is proposed to be amended by adding a new section, 11 AAC 20.060, to require pets on leash on popular public use trails near the Eagle River Nature Center;
- (11) 11 AAC 20 is proposed to be amended by adding a new section, 11 AAC 20.367, to establish zoning regulations within Wood-Tikchik State Park to protect park values;
- (12) 11 AAC 20.862(g)(1) is proposed to be amended to update a cross-reference to another regulation;
- (13) 11 AAC 20.870 is proposed to be amended to add a no-wake zone and speed limit in a short part of the Kenai River Special Management Area to reduce bank damage;
- (14) 11 AAC 20 is proposed to be amended throughout to substitute the term "snowmobile" for "snow vehicle";
- (15) 11 AAC 20.990(12), which defined "snow vehicle," is proposed to be repealed, reflecting substitution of the term "snowmobile" throughout the regulations;
- (16) 11 AAC 20.990(21) is proposed to be amended to define "off-road vehicle" to be 60 inches wide or less;

- (17) 11 AAC 20.990(26), which defines "snowmobile", is proposed to be amended to expand the defined width of snowmobiles to accommodate industry standards;
- (18) 11 AAC 20.990 is proposed to be amended to add a definition of "division."

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 Parks and Outdoor Recreation, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1380, Anchorage, AK 99501-3561; or e-mail to [dnr.parkregs@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.parkregs@alaska.gov) or by fax to 907-269-8907. The comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 9, 2009.

If you submitted comments in response to the department's November 30, 2007 NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES regarding fee increases for department services, state park land and water restrictions as they apply to persons with pets, the use of trapping, bicycles, off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, camping, horses, and pets in Chugach State Park, zoning on private lands and commercial use changes in Wood-Tikchik State Park, and boating speed limits in Kenai River Special Management Area, you will not need to resubmit comments under this notice, as those comments will be considered by the department before its adoption of regulation changes. However, the department welcomes additional written comments that you might have about changes proposed in this notice.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Chris Degernes at (907) 269-8702 no later than June 15, 2009 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the proposed regulation changes, contact the DNR Public Information Center (550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1260, Anchorage, AK), or call Chris Degernes at 907-269-8702, or visit [www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks](http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks).

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 41.21.020; AS 41.21.022; AS 41.21.025; AS 41.21.040; AS 41.21.165; AS 41.21.494; AS 41.21.506

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 41.21.020; AS 41.21.022; AS 41.21.025; AS 41.21.121; AS 41.21.151; AS 41.21.160; AS 41.21.167; AS 41.21.415; AS 41.21.455; AS 41.21.475; AS 41.21.494; AS 41.21.506; AS 41.23.120; AS 41.23.130

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

5/28/09  
Date

/s/ James King  
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