

**Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land & Water
Water Resources Section**



Temporary Water Use Authorizations

Alaska Constitution

Article 8 Natural Resources

- Section 3. Common Use – Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use.
- Section 13 Water Rights - All **surface and subsurface waters reserved to the people** for common use, except mineral or medicinal waters, are subject to appropriation. Priority of appropriation shall give prior right. Except for public water supply, an appropriation of water shall be for stated purposes and subject to preferences among beneficial uses, concurrent or otherwise, as prescribed by law, and to the general reservation of fish and wildlife.

When Do You Need an Authorization

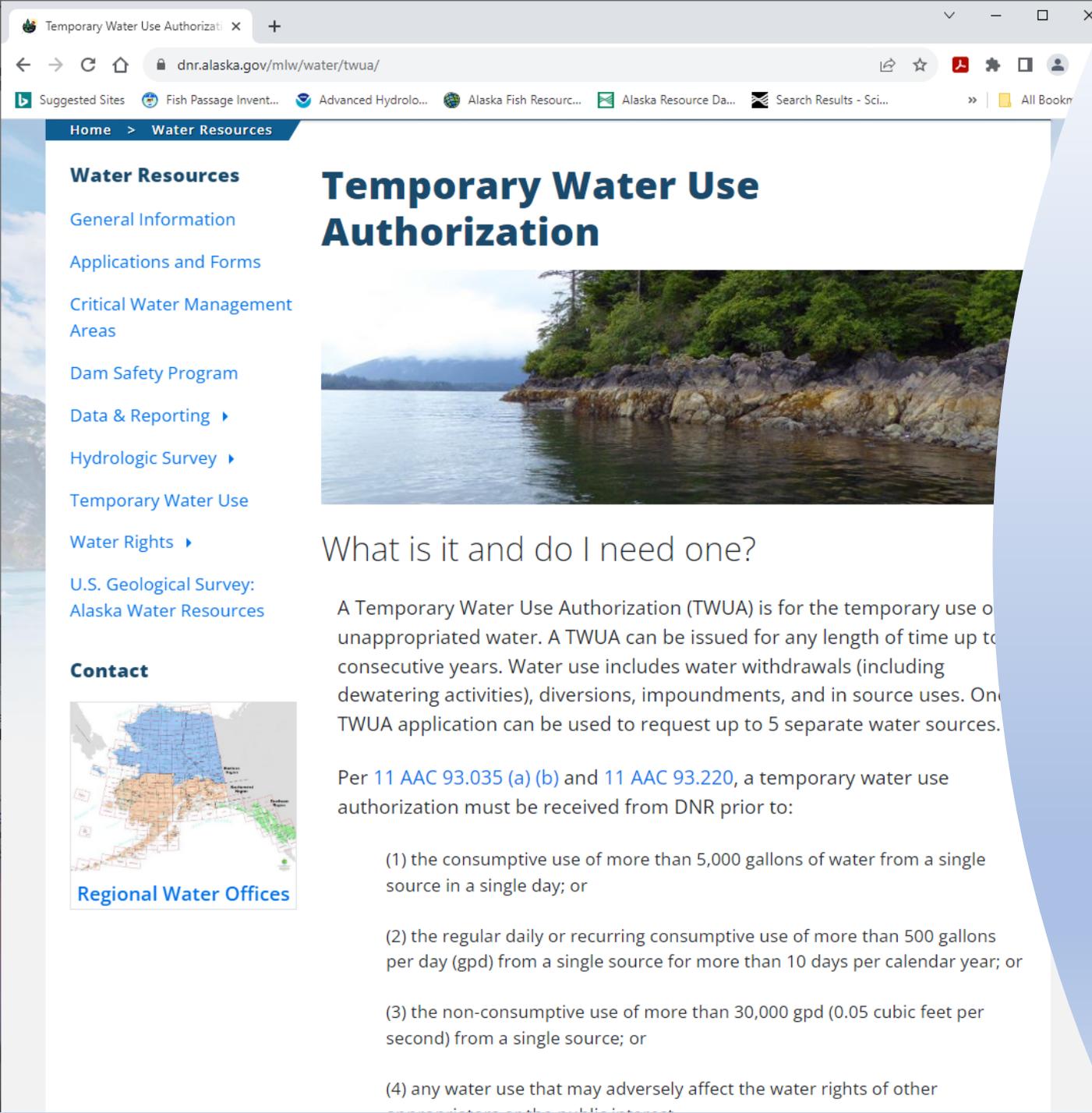
Per [11 AAC 93.035 \(a\) \(b\)](#) and [11 AAC 93.220](#), a temporary water use authorization must be received from DNR prior to:

1. the consumptive use of more than 5,000 gallons of water from a single source in a single day; or
2. the regular daily or recurring consumptive use of more than 500 gallons per day (gpd) from a single source for more than 10 days per calendar year; or
3. the non-consumptive use of more than 30,000 gpd (0.05 cubic feet per second) from a single source; or
4. any water use that may adversely affect the water rights of other appropriators or the public interest.

Non-Consumptive Use of Water

Per [11 AAC 93.970 \(33\)](#): "non-consumptive water use" is the instream use of water, or the diversion of water where the quantity of water diverted is not diminished except by evaporation or transpiration and the water is returned to its original source at the original point of diversion immediately after its use.

By definition, diversions, pump a rounds and dewatering are "consumptive" as this type of use is intended to *not* have the water return immediately to the point of diversion/withdrawal



Website

<https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/water/twua/>

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Water Rights

- Application for Water Right PDF
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Other Water Forms

- Application for Temporary Use of Water PDF
- Request for Extension of Permit or Authorization PDF
- Alaska Water Use Data System (AKWUDS) Reporting (Online Form)
- Water Well Record (Driller's Well Log) PDF
- Well Record Of Decommissioning PDF



Applications for Temporary Use of Water are available online

- From the Water webpage (<https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/water/>)
 - Click “Applications and Forms”
 - Select “Water”
 - Scroll to “Other Water Forms”



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APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY USE OF WATER

Applicants must complete all sections of this application.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted

- Up to five (5) separate sources of water may be requested on a single application. If more than five (5) separate water sources are needed, additional applications will be required.
 - Types of sources include: river, stream, creek, spring, lake, pond, well, etc.
- Normal processing time is approximately 60 days based upon the date DNR determines the application is complete, and anticipated project start date.
- If Needed: CALL FOR INSTRUCTIONS or answers to questions before submitting application:
 - For statewide mining water uses, excluding gravel, contact the Fairbanks office at (907) 451-2790
 - For statewide hydroelectric and all other Southeast projects, contact the Juneau office at (907) 465-2533
 - For statewide oil and gas water uses, contact the Anchorage office at (907) 269-5580, dnr.oilandgas@alaska.gov
 - For all other temporary uses of water, contact the Anchorage office at (907) 269-7485, dnr.twua@alaska.gov
- Unless otherwise requested, the issued authorizations are emailed to the Applicant.

SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Project Name: _____

Applicant Name (Individual or Company): _____

Name and Title of Company Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Billing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Agent/Consultant Name and Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Authorization for Temporary Use of Water

- A temporary authorization can be issued for up to 5 years
- Five Sources or less per application
- Water *must* be unappropriated (cannot issue a temporary authorization for water that is under a water right)
- Cannot unduly affect the right of an appropriator of record
- Water sharing agreements can be required for high use sources, if the combined withdrawals of authorization holders exceed the allowable limit for a source or if contractors are unable to work together during withdrawal activities

The application ***must*** include (per 11 AAC 93.220):

- A ***signed*** application form that includes:
 - The legal description of the point of water withdrawal, impoundment or diversion
 - The quantity of water to be used, with documentation and calculations justifying the request.
 - The nature of the water use and project description.
 - The daily duration and months of use (with an expiration date).
 - The type and size of equipment used to withdraw, divert or impound the water.
 - A map identifying the section, township, range, and meridian, and indicating the location, of the property, the point of use and the point of withdrawal, diversion, dewatering and/or impoundment.
- The application fee prescribed by 11 AAC 05.010 (currently \$450)

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of water with numerous ripples and reflections, creating a textured, blue-green surface. The ripples are of various sizes and are scattered across the entire frame, with some appearing more prominent than others. The lighting is bright, causing some areas to appear overexposed or white, while other areas are in shadow, highlighting the circular patterns of the water's surface.

Contacts

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Temporary Use of Water

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Water Rights

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