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DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
SOUTHCENTRAL REGION LAND OFFICE

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March 5, 2002

Re: Naknek/Kvichak District Closure

Dear Naknek/Kvichak Shore Fishery Lessee:

On January 4, 2002 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced plans to restrict commercial salmon fishing in the Naknek/Kvichak District to the Naknek River Special Harvest Area, beginning June 1 and until further notice.

Due to this restriction, approximately 183 setnet fishers in this area will most likely not be able to fish their leased shore fishery sites. In response to this potential closure the Shore Fisheries Leasing Program plans to implement a rental waiver for all impacted 2002 leases located within the Naknek/Kvichak District under 11 AAC 64.220 HARDSHIP CLAUSE; WAIVER OF RENTAL (see reverse).

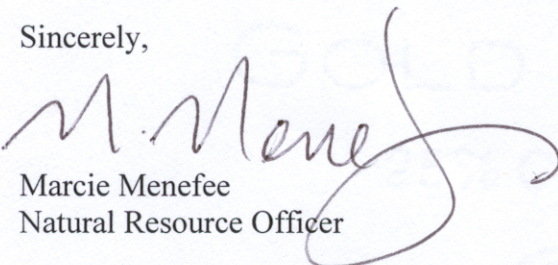
Although ADF&G has forecast a very low return, no one can be certain of what may actually occur. Consequently, should ADF&G announce an emergency opening before July 17, 2002, this waiver will not be implemented. It is therefore our recommendation that all lessees pay their annual rent on time to avoid complications if by chance the unexpected occurs and Fish and Game opens the district. If by July 17, 2002, the Naknek/Kvichak District remains closed and you have paid your 2002 lease rental, it will be credited to next year's rental.

If the Naknek/Kvichak District is opened through an emergency order by ADF&G before 9:00 a.m., July 17, 2002 all lessees will be required to pay their 2002 rentals. In this case, rent that would normally be due *before* August 15 will receive an extended due date of August 15, 2002. Late fees for 2002 rents that are extended to August 15 will be waived if paid by the extended due date. All rents due after August 15 will be due as normal on their regular due date. Normal late fees will apply to all rents due after August 15, 2002 that are not paid on time.

If we can be of further assistance please feel free to contact one of our staff:

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Sincerely,



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