## Question and Answer Regarding Proposed Water Regulations Division of Mining, Land and Water Department of Natural Resources October 19, 2023

**Question:** Can you explain why the department is opting to postpone proposed changes relating to applications and certificates for instream flow reservations.

**Answer:** The Department of Natural Resources obtained a large number of comments in 2021 on proposed regulation revisions to reservations of water in the following sections:

- 11 AAC 93.142 Content of application
- 11 AAC 93.146 Issuance of a certificate of reservation of water
- 11 AAC 93.147 Review of a reservation of water

Due to the large public engagement on this topic, the department has opted to defer this issue for another scoping notice and proposed regulation change in the near future.