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Subject: Release of the Lower Kuskokwim Site Specific Plan Public Review Draft
Public Comment Period Open April 19, 2024 through May 20, 2024

Dear Interested Party:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has released the Lower Kuskokwim Site Specific Plan Public Review Draft (PRD) for public review and comment. Following a 30-day public review period, which may result in changes to the PRD, the planning team will review the comments and prepare an Issue Response Summary (IRS). The IRS provides a summary of issues raised during the comment period, a response to those issues, and a list of recommended revisions to the plan. The PRD and the IRS will be made available for public review. Once adopted, this plan will serve as the basis for the management of state-owned tide and submerged lands within the planning area.

The LKSSP proposes to classify approximately 426,700 acres of state-owned tide, submerged, and shorelands in the Lower Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta as Wildlife Habitat and Public Recreation Land, and Waterfront Development Land. The plan boundary extends from Akiak in the northeast, west to Nunapitchuk and south to the 3-mile limit of Kuskokwim Bay where it abuts the northwest corner of the Bristol Bay Area plan above Quinhagak. The planning area is within the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, and includes the communities of Akiak, Kwethluk, Bethel, Nunapitchuk, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Oscarville, Eek, and Tuntutuliak.

Comments on the Public Review Draft of the Lower Kuskokwim Site Specific Plan must be received on or before May 20, 2024 by email to dnr.rads.ssp@alaska.gov, fax at 907-269-8915, or through the online Public Comment Portal at <https://tinyurl.com/yrbk7xa5>.

Mailed comments must be received by May 20, 2024 and should be mailed to the following:

DNR, DMLW
ATTN: RADS
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Use the QR code to be taken to the LKSSP webpage to review the plan documents or comment online.

Sincerely,

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