STATE OF ALASKA **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER DIRECTOR'S DECISION**

Governor Knowles has declared the Bristol Bay area to be an economic disaster area after an extremely poor fishing season in 2001. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water currently has 524 shore fishery leases authorized in the Bristol Bay area.

Under the authority of AS 38.05.020 and AS 38.05.035, to assist the affected Bristol Bay shore fishery (set net) lease holders, the Division of Mining, Land and Water will extend the 2001 rental payment due dates for Bristol Bay lease holders to February 20, 2002. In addition, late fees will be waived if rental payments are made on or before February 20, 2002. This payment extension applies to 2001 payments only.

Bob Loeffler, Wirector

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