



Public Notice - DNR Social Distancing

Out of concern for public health in the light of concerns over COVID-19 containment, and in an abundance of caution, some offices of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are shifting some public services away from face-to-face delivery to online, telephone or other methods.

Most DNR offices are practicing “social distancing,” to minimize the chance of transmitting illness, keeping doors closed and limiting personal interaction to reduce the risk of transmission. The public is strongly encouraged to go online to obtain information and conduct business wherever possible, and only appear in person at departmental offices when alternatives are impractical.

Fortunately, the department offers a wealth of online resources that can continue to provide convenient, user-friendly and secure public information and services, such as applying for permits, paying fees, making land purchase payments, buying state parking or camping decals, and more. Here are a few places to start:

- DNR’s home page has comprehensive information about department programs, and should be the starting point leading to the answers and information you need: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/>
- The State of Alaska White Pages lets you use even partial information about a state employee’s name, job title, or department to find full contact information: <http://alaska.gov/whitepages/>
- The State of Alaska’s Online Public Notice System is a central news hub for official information, events, and proceedings: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>
- The Department also posts news and information regularly on Facebook; search for “Alaska Department of Natural Resources” or go to: <https://www.facebook.com/AKDNR/>
- Some gatherings and meetings may be made accessible by audio or video teleconference, and information on how to do so will be included in press releases, online notices, emails and other information sources related to such meetings.
- For information about the public health aspects of COVID-19, I encourage you to look to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>, and to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

We at the Department of Natural Resources are committed to doing our part to keep providing the Alaska public, communities, and businesses with the service they deserve, while protecting the health of our customers and staff. Working together as Alaskans, we can all keep working with confidence to meet our challenges and continue building a better state.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner