

STATE OF ALASKA

Office of the Commissioner

TO: Sen. Joe Paskvan, Co-Chair DATE: March 21, 2012

Sen. Tom Wagoner, Co-Chair

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FROM: Esther Tempel, Legislative Liaison

SUBJECT: Bill Hearing Request—SB 219: Disposals of State Resources

I respectfully request a Senate Resources Committee hearing on SB 219: Disposals of State Resources at your earliest convenience.

SB 219 makes statutory changes that would help reduce applicant costs, create efficiencies by streamlining processes, reduce redundancies, and reduce opportunities for legal challenges. The Division of Mining, Land, and Water in the Department of Natural Resources has worked to address the highest priority changes that relate to the certain leasing and disposal programs and to water rights that are administered by the Department of Natural Resources.

Accompanying this memo, you will find:

- 1) A copy of SB 219
- 2) Transmittal Letter
- 3) Briefing Paper
- 4) Sectional Analysis
- 5) Fiscal Notes

A finalized list of witnesses will be forthcoming.

If you need any additional information, please contact Esther Tempel, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Natural Resources at 907-465-4730 or Wyn Menefee, Deputy Director of the Division of Mining, Land, and Water at 907-269-8501.