

Typically, two or three reviews occur before a plat is ready for signature. DNR conducted 493 survey reviews last year. Under SB 118, an estimated 75 of these (25 surveys) would have been eligible for the AELS review option.

Survey Section - Calendar year 2015

	Survey Instructions Issued	Survey Reviews	Surveys Approved	Vacation Petitions Rec'd	Vacation Decisions Issued	Backlog Survey Instructions	Backlog Plat Review
Municipal Entitlement	10	22	3			11	5
Public & charitable	5	7	3			1	4
Lease	5	4	4			2	4
Tidelands		6	3			3	5
Preference Right		5	3			1	
ILMA		4	1			1	
Unorganized Borough		160	50				15
As-built	37	175	29			8	14
BLM Plats		46					6
Easement Vacation		16	16	20	18		0
Accretion - quiet title		15	4				0
Emerged Island Determination Reviews		7					1
Oil & Gas lease descriptions		26					
Totals	57	493	116	20	18	27	54

Department of Natural Resources - Survey Sample Figures

Currently working:

With Attorney General on two appeals to Interior Board of Land Appeals on Arctic National Wildlife Refuge NW boundary

BLM's proposal to cut monuments from State entitlement surveys

Fix Cook Inlet Submerged Lands Act boundary

Coastal Boundary Mapping CIP

In house platting of 194 townships for platting the Arctic Offshore boundary as fixed under No. 84 Original.

Surveying in support of DNR Land Sales

Limited field survey work in support of DNR issues

23 layouts with index sheet in support of Copper River Delta avulsion issue

The DNR survey process begins with issuance of survey instructions to the surveyor, whom conducts the survey and submits it to DNR for review. Typically two to three reviews are necessary before the final plat is approved.

DNR's goal is 60 day turn around for survey instructions and plat reviews. For survey instructions we were at 90 days, until a staff member retired in September 2015. Survey instructions backlog is now 7 months. As of January 2015 it was 13, and currently it is 27, 10 of which are for the North Slope Borough municipal entitlements.

Plat review backlog has been a continuing issue, with some taking 15 months to get out. By using teams to catch up, we have reduced the plat review backlog from 71 on January 2015 (15 month turn around max) to currently 54 (10 month turn around max).

We have made several changes to improve the quality of submittals and improve our turn around time.