



April 25, 2025

The Honorable Jesse Bjorkman
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
Alaska State Capitol, Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: DNR Response to House Bill 31 Questions

Dear Chair Bjorkman:

Thank you for inviting the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to answer questions about House Bill 31 at the Senate Transportation Committee meeting on April 24, 2025. This letter provides a response to the questions asked at that meeting.

1. Sen. Stedman asked how many derelict vessel situations DNR has resolved in the last two or three years.

DNR's activity related to derelict vessel removal over the past three years includes the following. Cases opened but not removed remain in trespass status and DNR continues to work with the owners toward removal.

Fiscal Year 2023:	Opened 30 cases trespassing derelict vessels; 11 derelict vessels were removed
Fiscal Year 2024:	Opened 34 cases trespassing derelict vessels; 14 derelict vessels were removed
Fiscal Year 2025:	Opened 11 cases trespassing derelict vessels; two derelict vessels were removed

2. Sen. Stedman asked about the owner and status of the derelict barge on the Katlian Bay beach.

The owner of the barge on the Katlian Bay beach is Peak Engineering. DNR has been engaged on this matter for several years. Most recently, in March 2025 DNR approved a new storage authorization for the barge with more stringent stipulations to ensure future removal. Execution of the authorization is pending submission of required deliverables by the barge owner.

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Please reach out if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rena Miller", with a stylized, flowing script.

Rena Miller
Acting Legislative Liaison

cc: Jordan Shilling, Director, Governor's Legislative Office