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The Honorable Cathy Muñoz
Chair, House Finance Subcommittee
State Capitol Room 421
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Dear Representative Muñoz:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with a brief overview of the Department of Environmental Conservation's FY2014 budget request on February 5th. During our meeting some questions arose that required additional information, and I responded to many of those questions on by letter on February 6, 2013. Several questions that required more extensive research are answered below. If you would like additional information, or have additional questions, I am happy to assist.

Do the Ocean Ranger fees charged to cruise companies cover the costs of the program? Are there excess receipts? (Representative Pruitt)

As a result of Ballot Measure 2 in 2006, the Department receives \$4 per berth per voyage to support the Ocean Ranger program. The Ocean Ranger program is funded only by Ocean Ranger fee receipts, and the inspection rate (% of days large cruise ships are inspected by Ocean Rangers while in Alaska waters) is determined by those receipts. In calendar year 2012, all available Ocean Ranger fee receipts were expended, which afforded an inspection rate of 88%.

How many State of Alaska retirees have been rehired in the Department? (Representative Seaton)

Under AS 40.25.151, specific information related to retirees is confidential. However, the Department can disclose that 6 positions were filled by retirees on January 15, 2013.

How many reclassifications were there in the Department in the past year? What's the budget impact of those reclassifications? (Representative Seaton)

Between July 1, 2012 and January 31, 2013; a total of 16 PCNs were reclassified within the Department. Of those, 10 reclassifications resulted in positions of a higher range, while the 6 remaining reclassifications resulted in positions of a lower range. The net effect of these 16 reclassifications for FY2014 is \$22,532 in additional personal services costs, which represents 0.026% of the Department's total FY2014 budget request. These reclassifications have no budget impact because the Department will absorb these additional costs with existing funding.

Sincerely,



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