Department of Natural Resources responses to questions posed by Representative Andi Story staff resulting from May 3, 2019 House Resources Committee meeting.

Q: How many aquatic farm lease renewals are approved each year?

A: 2014-**0**

2015-**7**

2016-**10**

2017-**1**

2018- **0; 12 applications submitted**

Q: What is the range in sizes of aquatic farm leases?

A: <1-127 acres of state-owned tide and submerged lands.

Q: With the changes proposed in HB116, section 3, where does the director have the authority to deny a lease renewal?

*A: AS 38.05.083(b) states that the commissioner (authority delegated) "for good cause, **may deny** an application".*

The Director may renew as written in the draft amendment to AS 38.05.070(e), this gives the director the authority to deny a lease renewal.

Q: Are you aware of any salmon hatcheries that currently have DNR general leases for their uplands facilities? (I'll run that question) If there are, how long are their leases?

A: Yes, there are salmon hatchery leases that include uplands, ADL 217591 is the Trail Lakes Hatchery issued to Alaska Department of Fish & Game for 25 years, which is currently under an Entry Authorization for survey. ADL 226343 is a 30-year lease issued to Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association, also under an entry authorization for survey and appraisal. This is only for the Southcentral Regional Land Office and salmon hatcheries throughout Alaska are authorized under variety of authorizations, including Management Agreements with Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

Q: Could you let me know if the department is able to:

- Deny/revoke/rescind a lease during the lease term? *Yes, based on the terms of the lease.*
- Change terms of a lease at renewal, both under current process and under .070(e)? *Yes, the department can update the terms of the lease at the time renewal.*
- Take action against a lease for violations of lease terms: *Yes, based on the terms of the lease.*

Q: What kinds of proposed changes to a lease would trigger a new lease application?

A: 1) Changes to the leases footprint or size; 2) Changes to the leases use;