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**Key Issues**

**Alaska Department of Natural Resources**

**1. Wildfires**

- a. Increasing Wildland Fire Suppression Activity budget
  - i. FY 20 budget approved in 2019 – \$8.4 million UGF
  - ii. FY 19 supplemental approved in 2019 – \$7.9 million UGF
  - iii. FY 20 supplemental requested in 2020 – \$94.5 million UGF
- b. 2019 fire season
- c. FY 20 spring fire cost estimate
- d. How to reduce future costs associated with wildfires?

**2. Agriculture**

- a. Relocating Agriculture Development to Fire Suppression, Land, and Water Resources
  - i. Why collapse components?
- b. Cuts in staffing to the division
- c. Agriculture Revolving Loan Fund staffing cuts
- d. Industrial hemp program

**3. Mining, Land, and Water**

- a. Status of permitting backlog
- b. Aquatic farm leases

**4. Records' offices**

- a. Staffing levels & services provided

**5. Office of Project Management and Permitting**

- a. \$595,000 UGF increment for federal plans review and coordination

**6. Geological and Geophysical Surveys**

- a. Replacing non-permanent positions with permanent ones for critical projects – which ones?

**7. Hunting Guide Concession Program**