



# Department of Environmental Conservation

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# DEC's Mission

Conserving, improving, and protecting Alaska's natural resources and environment to enhance the health, safety, and economic and social well-being of Alaskans.





# Our Values

We make Objective decisions, based on science and facts.

We are Accountable for our actions and stand proudly behind our work, as individuals and as an organization.

We perform to the highest ethical standards, and produce transparent and consistent regulatory actions to show our Integrity.

We support and encourage Collaboration across programs and partners to meet challenges and further our collective mission.

We strive to provide excellent Customer Service both inside and outside of the organization by being professional, responsive, reliable, and respectful.



# What We Do

Protect Human Health and the Environment

## Air Quality

- Permit industrial air emissions
- Monitor & assess air quality
- Address small & mobile air pollution sources
- Conduct inspections & ensure compliance

## Water

- Permit water discharges
- Oversee water quality standards, assessment & restoration
- Technical assistance for financing
- Conduct inspections & ensure compliance

## Environmental Health

- Ensure safe food & drinking water
- Oversee landfills & pesticide applicators
- Provide animal care & importation standards
- Conduct analytical testing
- Conduct inspections & ensure compliance

## Spill Prevention & Response

- Respond to spills
- Require spill prevention & response plans
- Evaluate response drills
- Manage cleanup of contamination
- Conduct inspections & ensure compliance



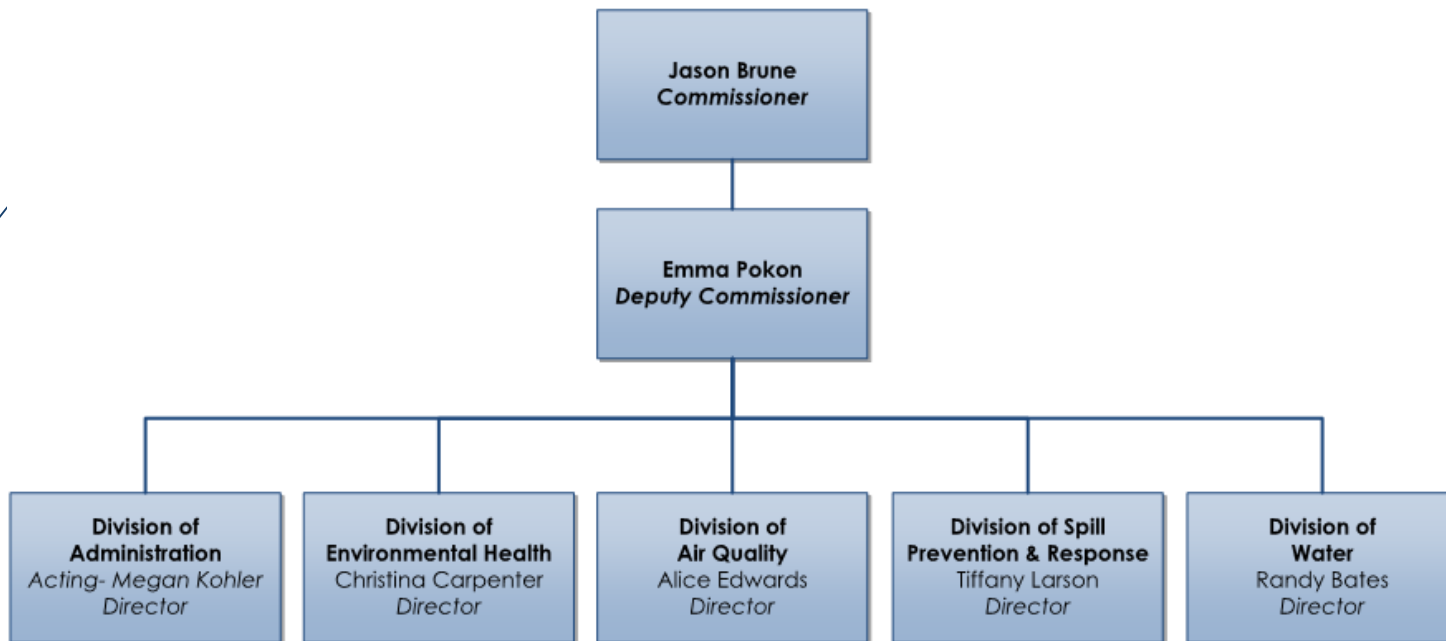
# Working Hard for Alaskans

## Measures of Regular Duties Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

Permits, approvals, certifications, and plan reviews issued	11,337
Inspections and site visits conducted	2,038
Inspections conducted virtually or using other technology	580
File cabinets reduced by scanning and recycling documents	196
Presentations and trainings provided	347
Hours of training completed by employees	22,813

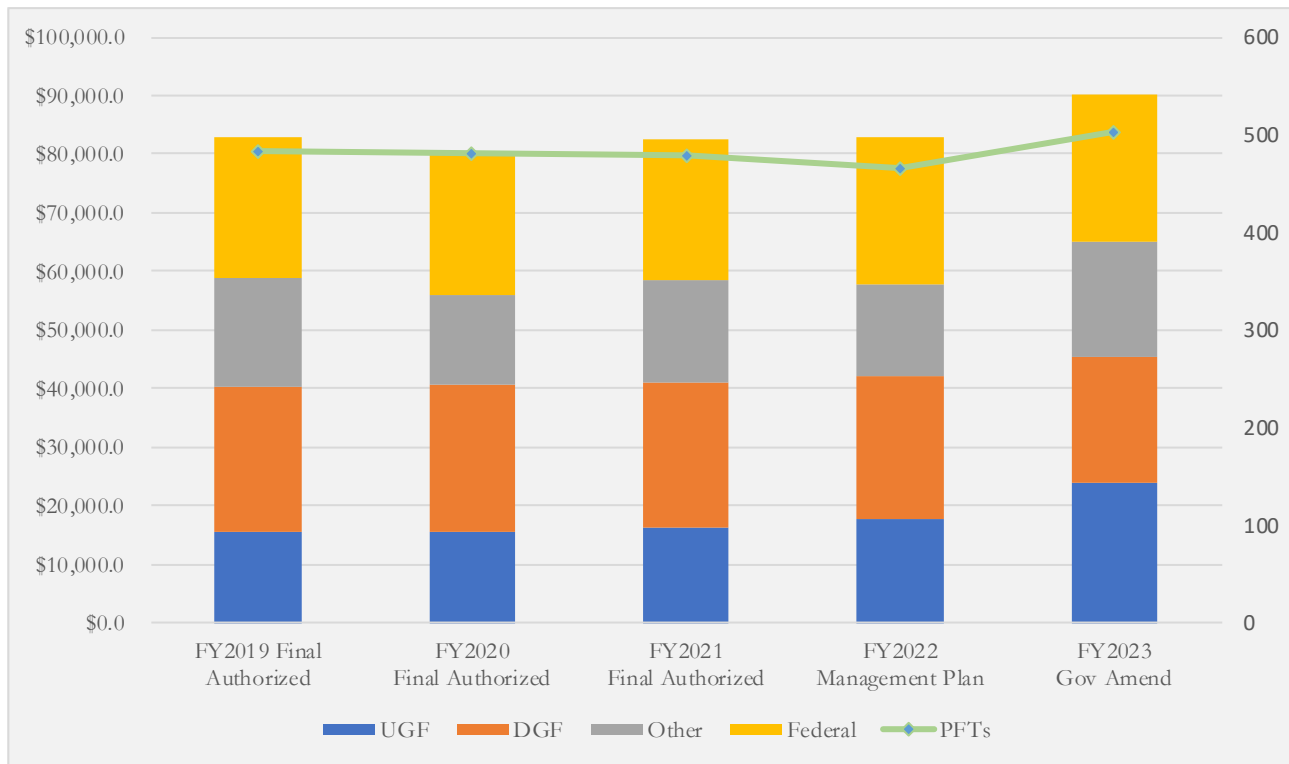


# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget: Leadership





# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget: Department Overview (in thousands)



	FY2019 Final Authorized	FY2020 Final Authorized	FY2021 Final Authorized	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Gov Amend	Difference FY22 and FY23	% Difference FY22 and FY23
UGF	\$15,391.7	\$15,397.2	\$16,348.4	\$17,654.6	\$23,949.4	\$6,294.8	35.7%
DGF	\$24,919.8	\$25,144.6	\$24,646.4	\$24,389.4	\$21,463.4	(\$2,926.0)	-12.0%
Other	\$18,372.6	\$15,493.0	\$17,377.6	\$15,601.9	\$19,523.7	\$3,921.8	25.1%
Federal	\$24,210.1	\$24,100.6	\$24,123.5	\$25,420.2	\$25,387.5	(\$32.7)	-0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$82,894.2</b>	<b>\$80,135.4</b>	<b>\$82,495.9</b>	<b>\$83,066.1</b>	<b>\$90,324.0</b>	<b>\$7,257.9</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
PFTs	484	482	478	466	503	37	7.9%



# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget:

## Division of Administration (in thousands)

### Transfer EVOSTC from Fish and Game

- Administrative budget for the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Trustee Council (EVOSTC)
- The Trustees agree the best location for this is within DEC
- This is a technical change that will have no impact on EVOSTC operations
- Transfer \$2,400.7 and 3 positions
  - \$456.9 Fed
  - \$1,943.8 Other



# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget:

## Division of Administration (in thousands)

### EVOSTC Administration

- ▶ Administrative cost for DEC staff to support the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Trustee Council (EVOSTC)
- ▶ A reduction of a similar amount is reflected in DFG's Admin Services component
- ▶ Increment Request
  - ▶ \$200.0 Other



# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget: Building Maintenance & Operations

(in thousands)

## Increased Costs of Operations

- BM&O budget has not received an increase since FY2012
- FY2016 Governor's Office eliminated the annual fuel & utility supplemental allocation
- Utilities rates and other support costs have increased
- Energy efficiency project was based on utility rates at a point in time and average temperatures
- Increment Request
  - \$125.0 Fed



# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget:

## Division of Environmental Health (in thousands)

### Assume Primacy of RCRA, Subtitle C

- ▶ Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) is a federal law that covers the management of solid waste
- ▶ Subtitle C covers the management of hazardous waste
- ▶ All states except Alaska and Iowa currently have primacy of Subtitle C
- ▶ Two-year application process; full primacy expected in FY2025
- ▶ Federal funds are available after primacy assumed which would replace \$400.0 of GF
- ▶ Increment Request
  - ▶ \$830.0 UGF
  - ▶ 6 FT Positions



# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget:

## Division of Environmental Health (in thousands)

### Replace Ocean Ranger Fees for Fish Tissue Testing

- ▶ The use of ocean ranger fees for fish tissue testing violates the Tonnage Clause of the U.S Constitution
- ▶ Fund source change
  - ▶ (\$324.6) OR Fees
  - ▶ \$324.6 UGF



# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget:

## Division of Air Quality (in thousands)

### Align Fee Authority with Updated Federal Guidance

- Updated guidance from EPA dictates more activity will be classified as Title V versus Title I
- This is a technical change that does not impact operations or permit requirements
- Fund Source Change
  - (\$350.0) Fed
  - (\$1,800.0) GFPR
  - \$2,150.0 Clean Air Protection Fund



# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget: Spill Prevention & Response (in thousands)

## Replace Unavailable Authority Due to Sweep

- ▶ The Prevention Account will not have sufficient revenue in FY2023 to cover expenditures
- ▶ This is a technical change that has no impact to operations
- ▶ Fund Source Change
  - ▶ \$1,318.2 UGF
  - ▶ (\$1,318.2) Oil/Haz Fund



# DEC FY2023 Operating Budget:

## Division of Water (in thousands)

### Assumption of 404 Primacy

- Section 404 of the Clean Water Act regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters and wetlands
- Primacy over 404 will provide streamlined permitting & greater certainty to the regulated community
- Most construction and development projects require a 404 permit
- Two-year application process; full primacy expected in FY2025
- Increment Request
  - \$4,904.0 UGF
  - 28 FT Positions



# Questions?

