

**SB**

**203**



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
SENATOR GRETCHEN GUESS

## Sponsor Statement

### Senate Bill 203:

*"An Act relating to adoption and use of a unified permit application form by the natural resource agencies; and providing for online permit applications."*

The intent of this legislation is to create a functional statewide one-stop, online permitting system to ensure efficient user-friendly permitting.

A unified online application will simplify and streamline the permitting process for both state agencies and applicants, saving everyone involved valuable time and energy. This revision of Alaska's permitting processes is a significant task and should be completed in two phases.

#### **Phase 1: Development of a single, complete, and reviewable unified application**

The three primary state permitting agencies, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and Department of Fish and Game (DF&G) will cooperate to develop a "unified permit application" suitable for use in applying for all of their permits. The application will be available online from all three Departments, and will also be made available in paper form. All three Departments will accept copies of this application for any permit(s) they administer. Phase one will be complete by July 1, 2007.

#### **Phase 2: Development of an online system for submission and review of applications**

DNR, DEC, and DF&G will cooperate to develop a website for submission of the unified application and all application information. The website will be accessible from any of the three Department's websites and will provide the following services.

- The unified application.
- A system to provide a username and password so applicants can check the status of their application and update project or applicant information.
- A system to provide the following: (1) immediate notification to each Department when a new application is filed online and when an applicant updates project or applicant information; (2) easy department access to update the application fields or format; and, (3) the ability for departments to download application information directly into their database systems.

To motivate use of the more efficient online process, departments will grant a 20 percent discount on all permit fees for applicants who use only the online application system. The departments will also continue to make the paper unified permit application available for those who choose to use it. Phase two will be completed by July 1, 2008.

Projects with *De Minimus* impact or those requiring only a standard condition of approval are exempt from this legislation. For example, the processes for getting a fishing license or renting a cabin will not change.

Thank you for your consideration.

**SB 203 Packet – Sponsor Materials**

- Cover Sheet \_\_\_\_\_ 1 page
- Sponsor Statement \_\_\_\_\_ 1 page
- SB 203 \_\_\_\_\_ 9 pages
  
- Total Pages \_\_\_\_\_ 11 pages

NOTE: the fiscal notes will be presented at the meeting.

ADOPTED 2-13-06 NO OBJECTION

24-LS0137\F.1  
Bullock  
2/10/06

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR GUESS

TO: SB 203

- 1 Page 1, line 4, through page 2, line 22:
- 2 Delete all material.
- 3
- 4 Page 2, line 23:
- 5 Delete "Sec. 5"
- 6 Insert "Section 1"
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- 8 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.
- 9
- 10 Page 9, following line 6:
- 11 Insert a new paragraph to read:
- 12 "(3) a limited entry permit under AS 16.43;"
- 13
- 14 Renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

# Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys



## Mineral Resources Program

Robert Swenson  
Acting Director & State Geologist  
Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys

*<http://www.dggs.dnr.state.ak.us>*  
*<http://akgeology.info>*

February 7, 2006



**Alaska Department of Natural Resources**



**Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys**

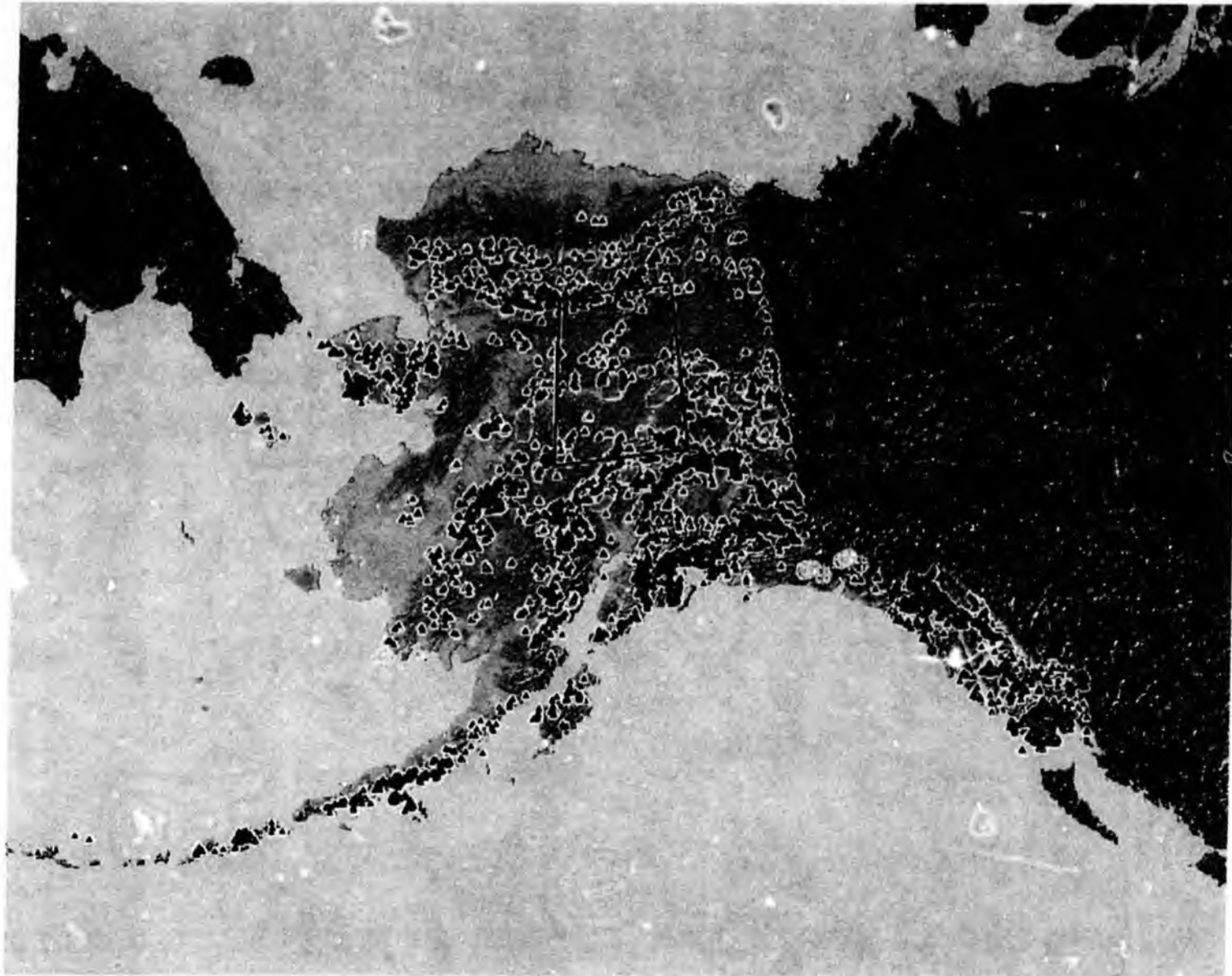
## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Alaska Statutes 41.08.020

Conduct geological and geophysical surveys to determine the potential of Alaskan land for production of metals, minerals, fuels, and geothermal resources; the locations and supplies of groundwater and construction materials; and the potential geologic hazards to buildings, roads, bridges, and other installations and structures.



# DGGS Mineral Resource Program Challenge



# Mineral Resource Program

## Statistics

- **\$1.7 mm Federal Matching Funds for Geologic Mapping since 1993**
- **6.1 mm acres (9,531 sq. mi) of high resolution geophysics state funded, 3.7 mm acres ( 5,781 sq. mi) BLM funded**
- **40 million acres (62,500 sq. mi) currently identified as high potential**
- **Geophysics cost about \$575/sq. mile (\$0.90/acre) currently**
- **Over 3 Million Acres (4,700 sq. mi) of 1:63,360 Detailed Geologic Mapping completed and published using High Resolution Geophysics**

# **Mineral Resource Program**

## **Benefit**

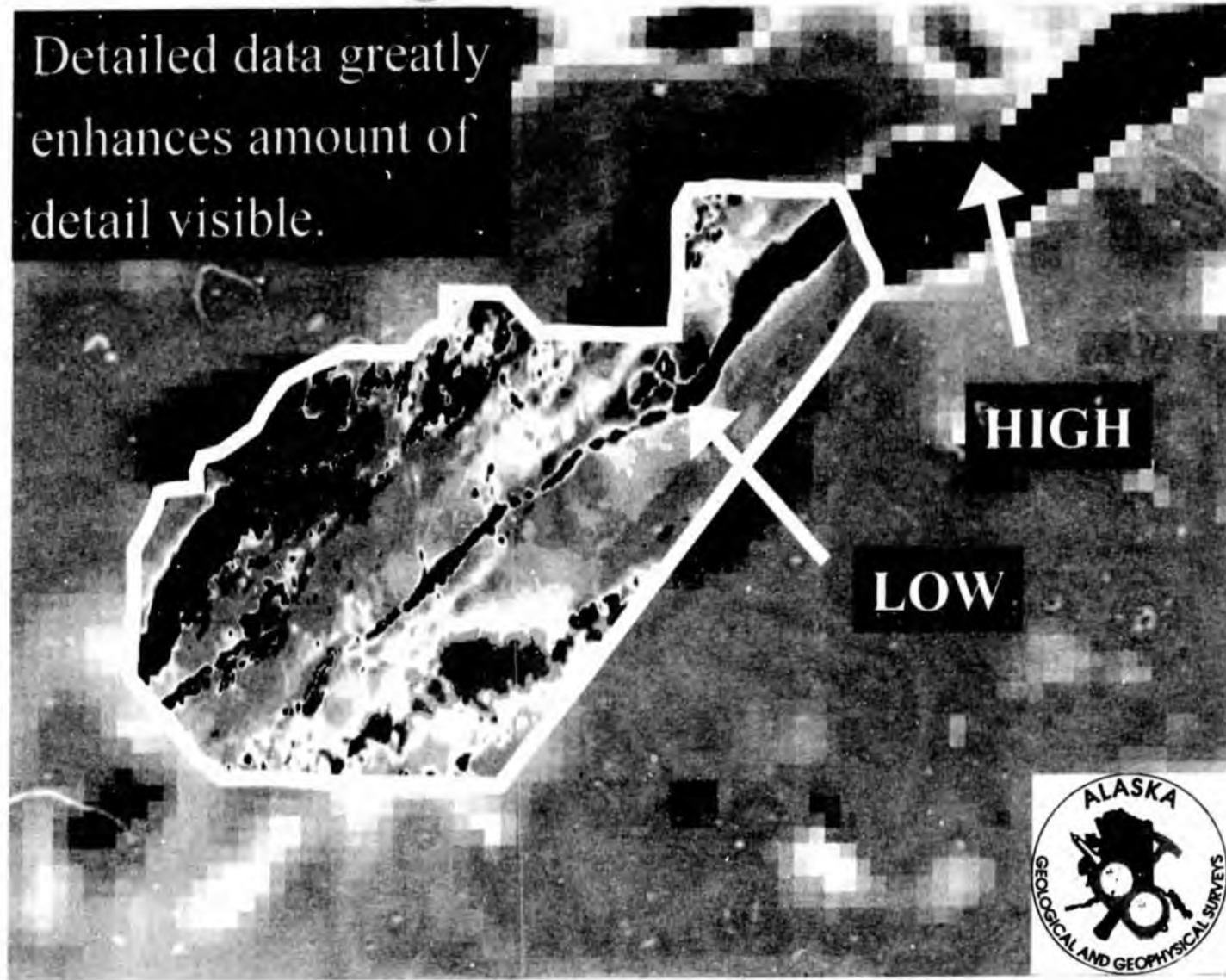
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- **Better assessment of State's resource base**
- **Keeps high-resolution data in public realm**
- **Viable prioritization of land selections and transfers**
- **Stepping-off point for explorers**
- **Critical data for infrastructure and community planners and**

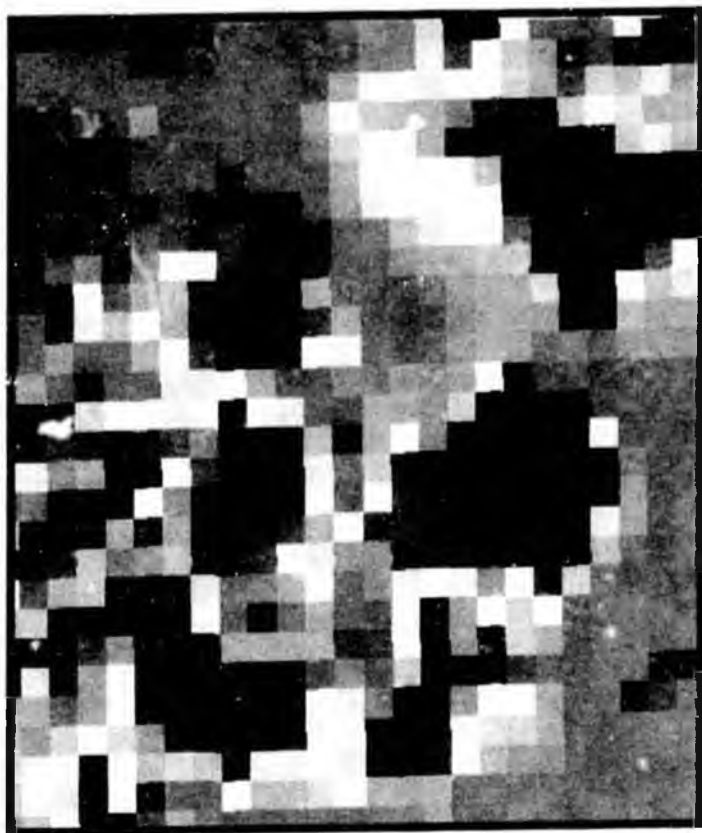


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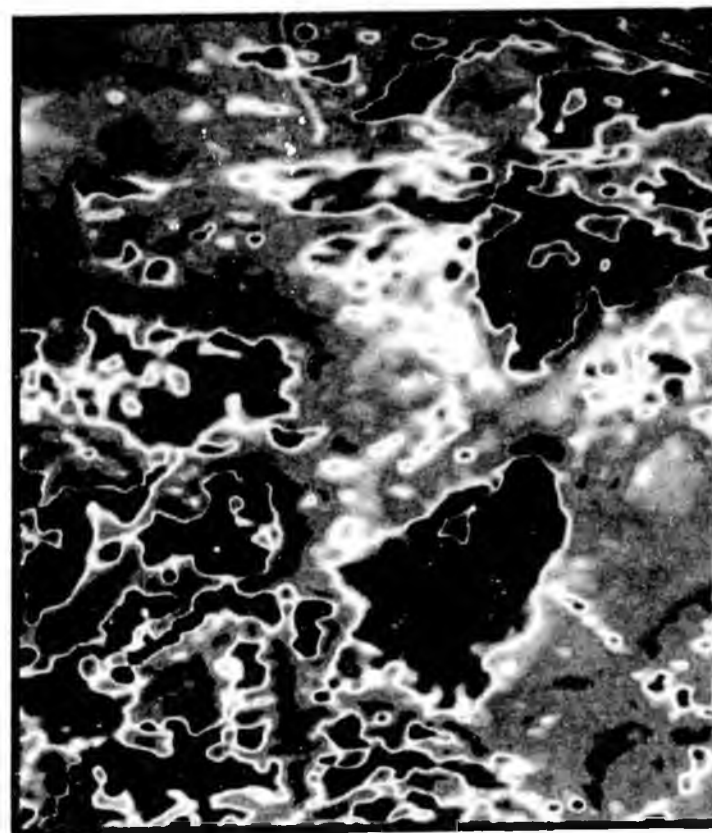


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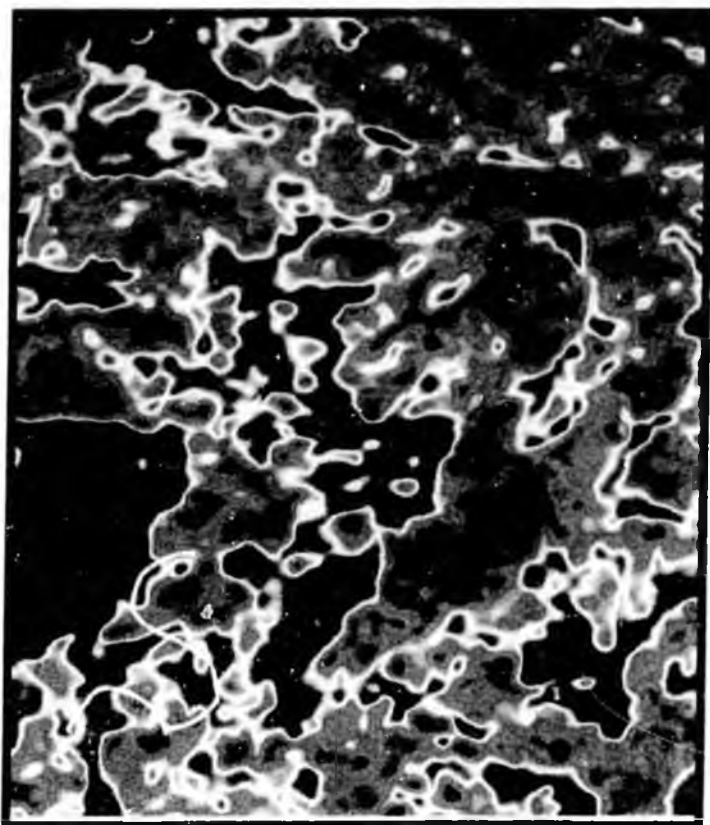
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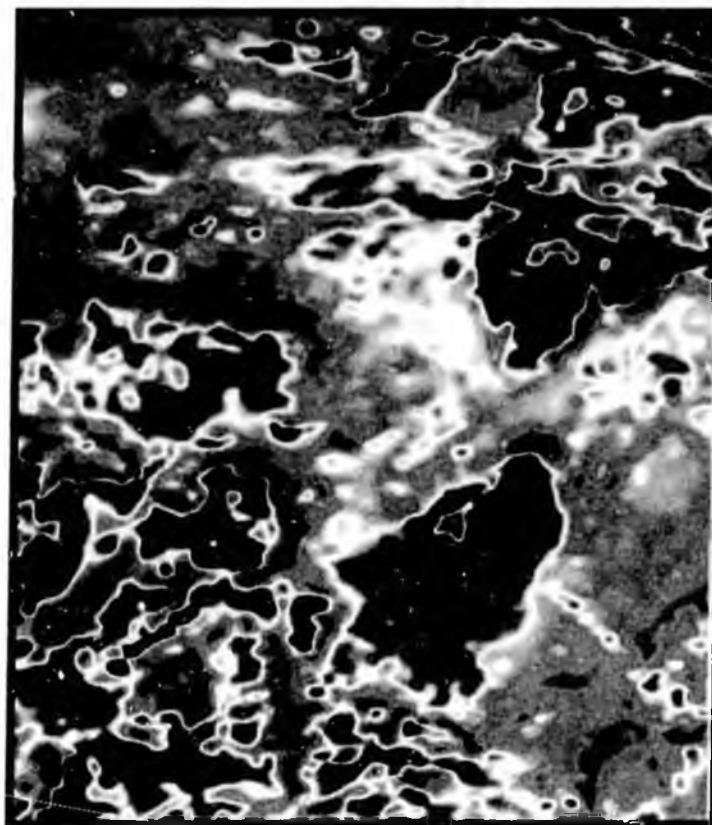
  
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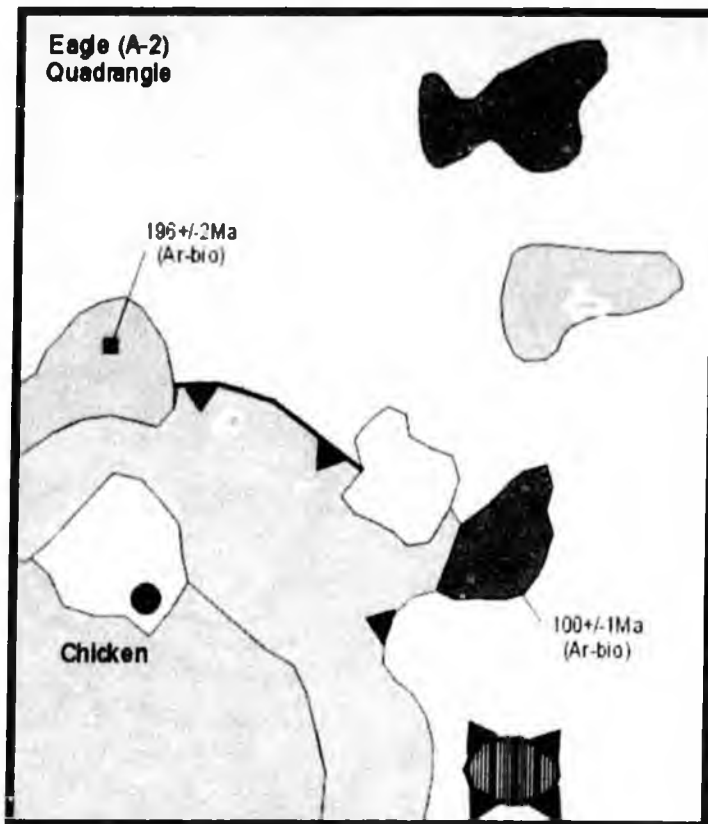
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# DETAILED AEROMAGNETICS



  
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# GEOLOGY WITHOUT GEOPHYSICS



# GEOLOGY WITH GEOPHYSICS

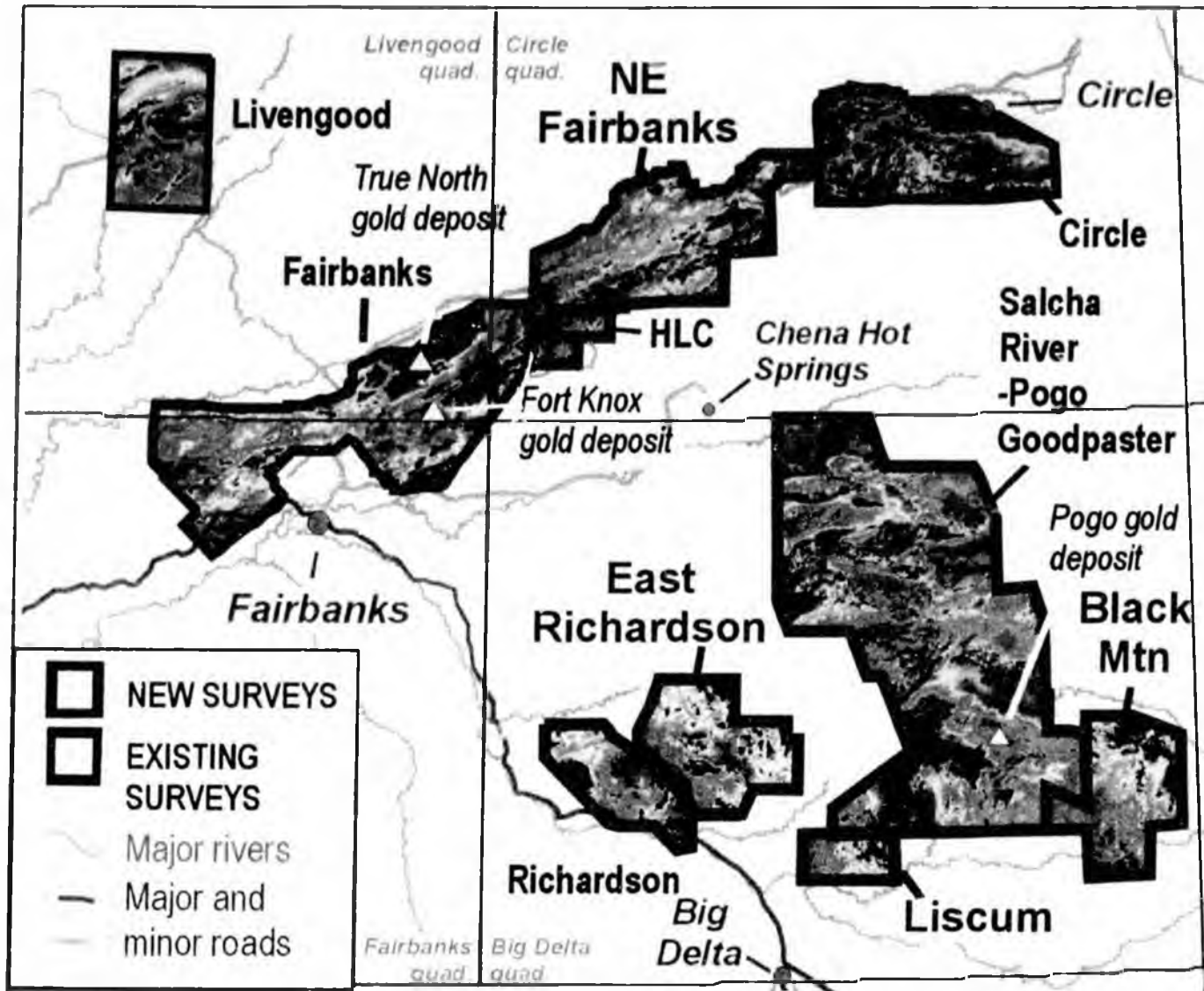


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Fort Knox Footprint ■ Pogo Footprint

# Alaska Geophysical/Geological Mineral Inventory Program



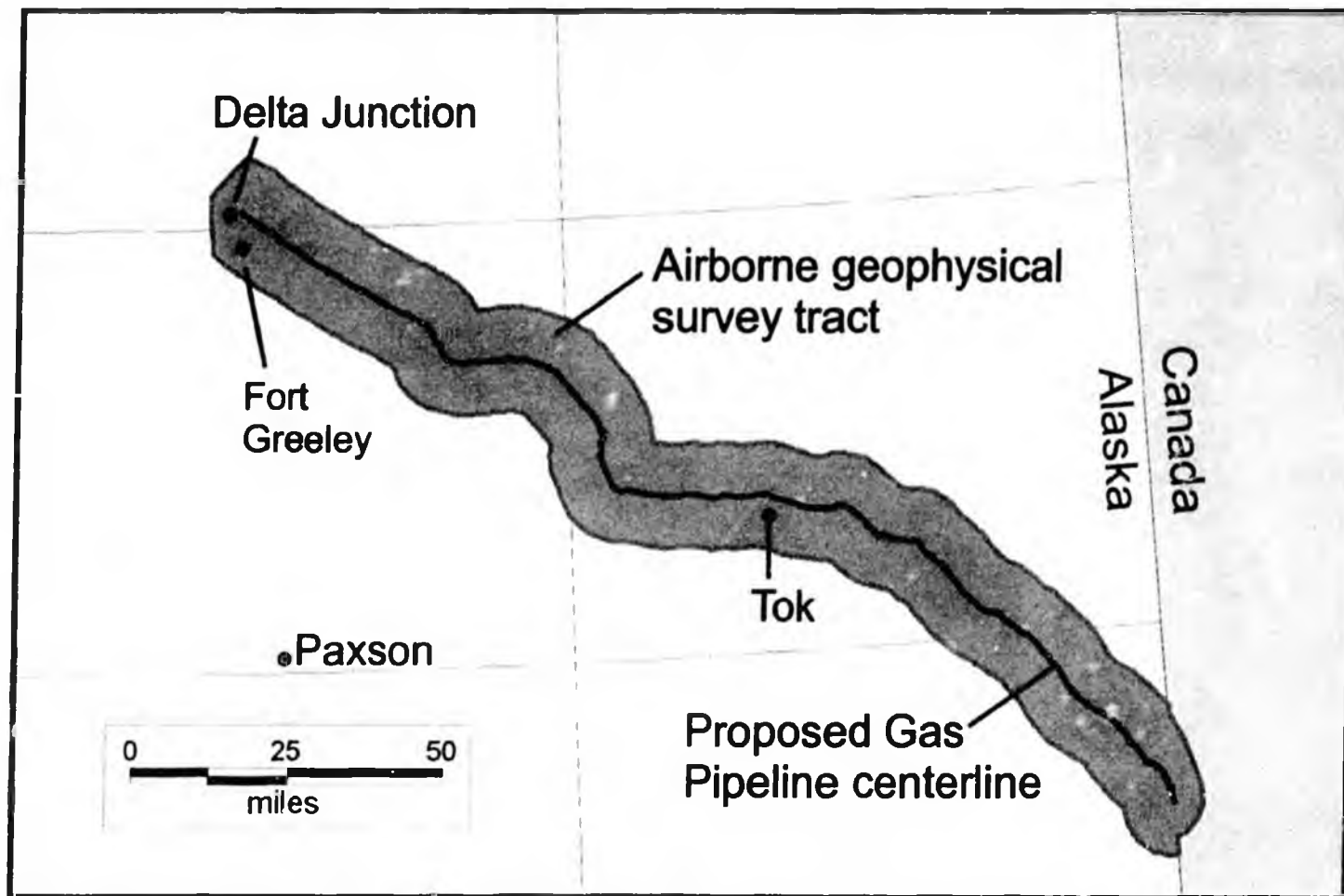
**NE Fairbanks**

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**Liscum**

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Mountain**

# Airborne Geophysical Survey of the Proposed Gas Pipeline Corridor, Interior Alaska: First Phase of Geologic Hazards and Resource Evaluation

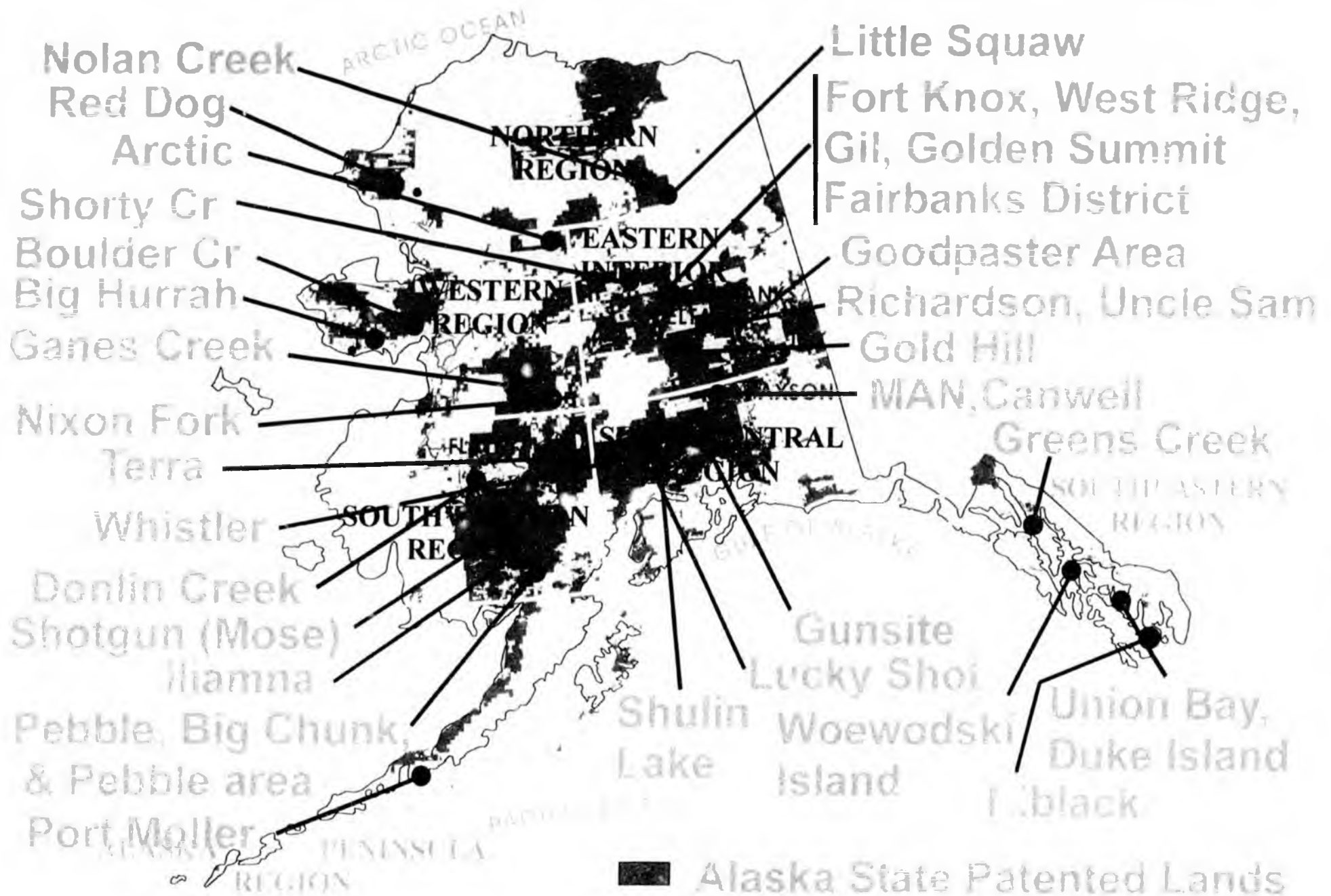


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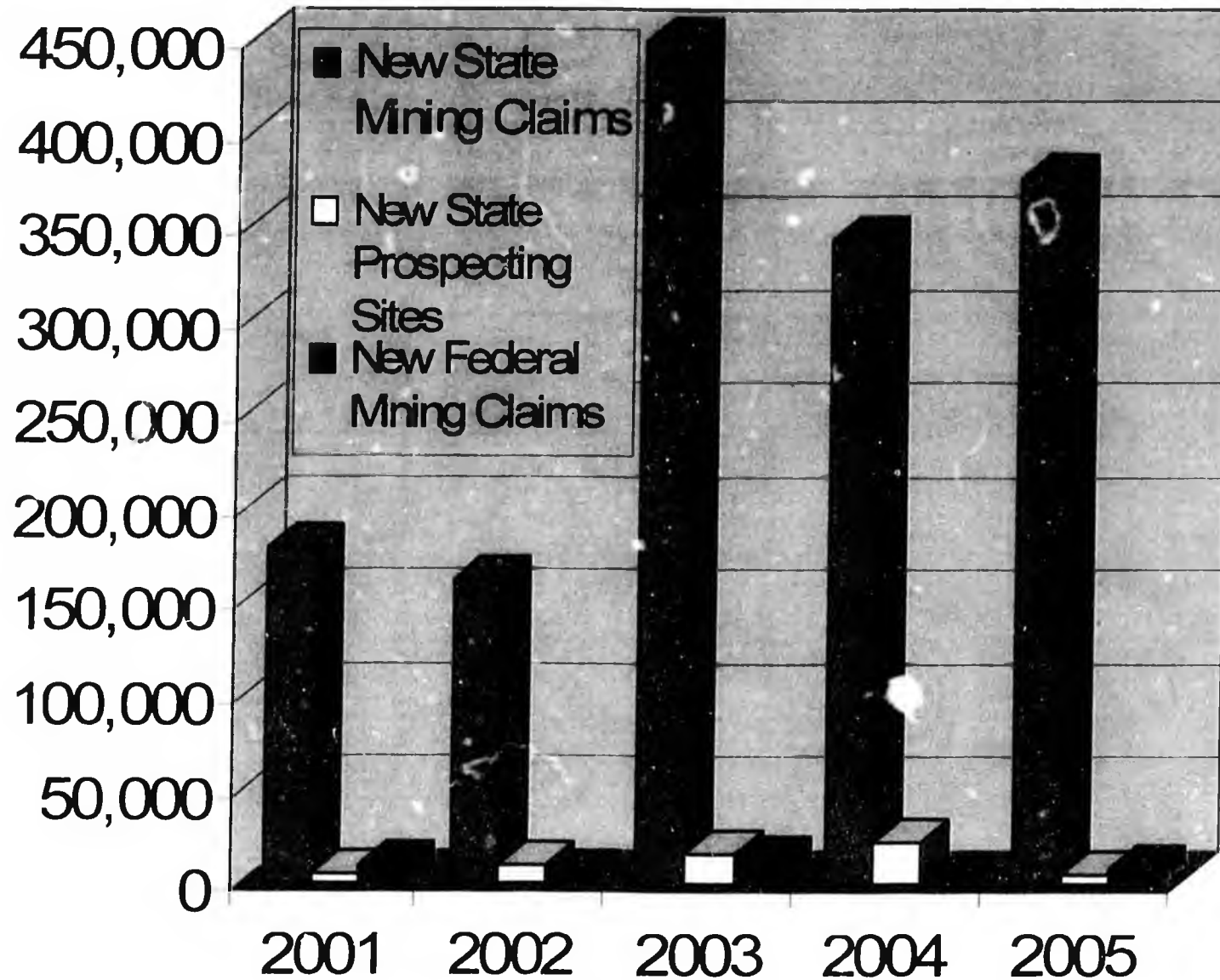
January 2006 -- Vancouver, Fairbanks, Anchorage

- **Barrick Gold Corp.** (the world's largest gold mining company) – purchase
- **Kennecott Exploration Co.** (a subsidiary of Rio Tinto Co., the world's 2nd largest mining company) – purchase
- **Phelps Dodge Corp.** (one of the world's (top 5) largest copper producers, world's largest molybdenum producer) – questions, etc.
- **AngloGold Ashanti Ltd.** (one of world's largest gold producers, employs 60,000 worldwide) – purchase/paid for part of survey costs
- **Rimfire Minerals Corp.** (Canadian junior mining company with major claim holdings in the Pogo area) – purchase
- **Geoinformatics Exploration Inc.** (Canadian junior mining company in worldwide strategic alliance with Kennecott Mining Co.; working on Uncle Sam area near Delta Junction and Nixon Fork Mine near McGrath) – purchase
- **Select Resources Corp.** (U.S. junior mining company with Alaskan holdings in Livengood and Richardson mining districts, recently purchased Calder marble mine in Southeastern Alaska from SeaAlaska Corp.) – purchase
- **Tanya Strate** (Australian geophysicist moving to North America) – purchase
- **Nicholas Van Wyck** (Alaskan certified professional geologist) – purchase
- **Avalon Development** (Alaskan mineral exploration company) – purchase
- **Interior Landscaping** (Alaskan company) – purchase

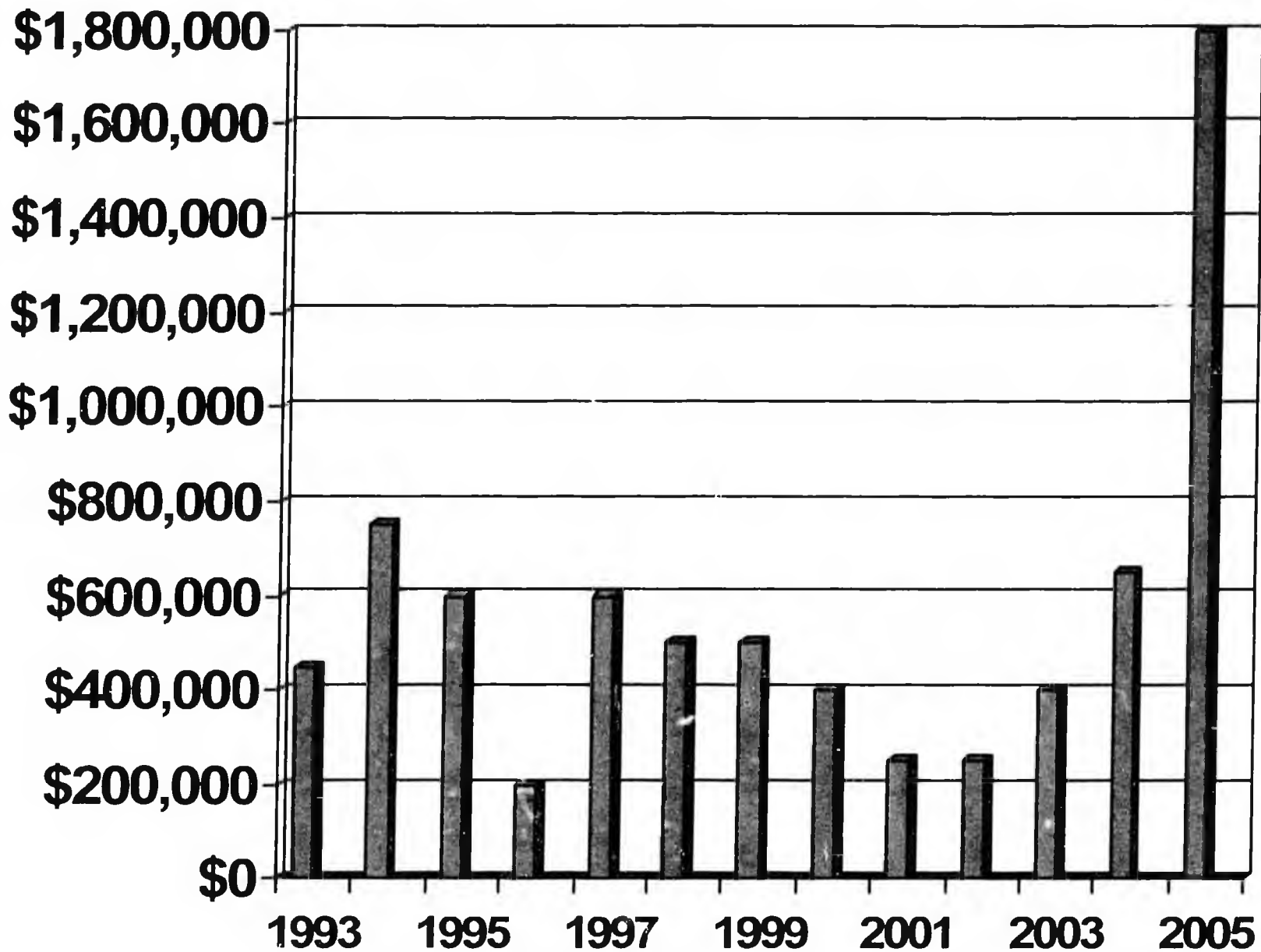
# 2004 & 2005 Alaska Exploration



# Acresage of New Mining Claims Staked Per Year



# Historic Funding of Program



# Benefits of Stable Funding

- **Ability to negotiate long-term contract**
- **Cost savings on mobilization /demob**
- **Increased coverage of geophysics and high-resolution geologic mapping on state land**
- **Understanding the state's resource base**



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SENATOR GRETCHEN GUESS

**Memorandum**

Date: 2/13/06

To: Senate Resource Committee members

Senator Wagoner  
Senator Seekins  
Senator Stevens, B  
Senator Dyson  
Senator Stedman  
Senator Elton  
Senator Kookesh

From: Senator Gretchen Guess

Re: SB 203 bill packet materials

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Senator Wagoner,

Today I referenced two documents in my presentation to the committee on SB 203 which were not in your packet of information. I apologize for this oversight and wanted to get the documents to you as soon as possible. They are a letter from the Alaska Miners Association and a Legislative Research Report on permitting statistics. Please let me know if I can provide any other information.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gretchen Guess".



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January 11, 2006

Honorable Gretchen Guess  
Alaska State Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Guess,

Enclosed for your consideration is the Alaska Miners Association position paper titled **Issues of Concern to the Mining Industry for 2006**. This paper outlines our concerns and views on some of the topics that will likely come before the second session of the 24<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature.

Many past actions by the Legislature and Administration have provided a positive business climate that has encouraged mineral exploration and development. As a result, we are seeing increased investments in mineral exploration and new mineral deposits are being found. There is worldwide competition for mineral development dollars and Alaska must continue its efforts to attract the attention and investments of these companies.

Regarding the budget, we would note that mineral exploration projects and mining require various permits and that the agencies that process these permits, inspect the operations, etc. need to be funded at a level that will provide for a core of qualified personnel. Without such a core group of personnel in each Department, it will not be possible to obtain permits in a timely manner, if at all.

Thank you for helping create a climate where the minerals industry can create new jobs and economic opportunities for Alaska.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Borell, P.E.  
Executive Director

enclosure

# LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH REPORT

MARCH 29, 2004



REPORT NUMBER 04.086

## PERMIT STATISTICS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, AND FISH AND GAME

PREPARED FOR SENATOR GRETCHEN GUESS

BY CHERIE NIENHUIS, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

You asked about permits issued by the State of Alaska. Specifically, you asked us to provide statistics regarding the number and types of permits issued, the length of time to issue permits, and the number of applicants who seek permits each year. You asked that we gather such statistics from the departments of Natural Resources (DNR), Environmental Conservation (DEC), and Fish and Game (ADF&G).

Each of these three departments processes tens of thousands—and in some cases, hundreds of thousands—of permits each year. Within each department, divisions separately review and issue permits relevant to the resource the division oversees. For example, within the Department of Natural Resources, the Division of Mining, Land and Water issues permits—or, as officials at DNR call them, "resource authorizations"—for mining claims and shore fishery leases, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation issues authorizations for cabin rentals and camping fees in State Parks, and the Division of Forestry issues authorizations for timber sales and burn permits. We estimate that these three departments alone process and issue in excess of 350 different types of permits.<sup>1</sup>

In order to gather the permit statistics you requested, we asked officials at DNR, DEC, and ADF&G to provide us with the name, address, type of permit, and date of application for all persons who applied for a permit during the calendar year 2002. Our intention was to combine the data we received from the three departments into one database file from which we could query and analyze the information. Unfortunately, we found that each department—and at ADF&G, each division—has its own method of tracking permit issuance. Although DNR and DEC each provided us with a single database of permits, the two departments treat the applicant name information field differently, and cross-matching data based on the name field was, therefore, not

<sup>1</sup> This estimate is merely an educated, but conservative guess based on the data we received from the three departments. The number may, in actuality, be substantially higher.

possible.<sup>2</sup> Officials at ADF&G had an especially difficult time complying with our request, perhaps because they do not appear to have a standardized permit system. The information ADF&G provided to us was split up among 51 spreadsheets representing the different types of permits issued.<sup>3</sup> There was very little uniformity among the ADF&G data, and even less among the three reporting departments. Additionally, due to the recent transfer of the Habitat Division from ADF&G to DNR, officials were unable to provide information about the permits that division processes annually.

As a consequence, the amount of useful information we gathered through this process is limited. Table 1 provides the types and number of permits sought by applicants from DNR during 2002. Table 2 provides the same information for DEC. In Table 3, we attempt to compile the information from ADF&G into a similar format, but we do so with reservations because of the fragmented form in which the data arrived.

Since you also asked about the length of time to process and issue permits, we are attaching summaries provided by officials at DNR and DEC on the subject.<sup>4</sup> As you may expect, department personnel report that there is no "average" time to process permits, and that delays are often the result of an applicant's failure to provide information when needed.

We are also attaching a Legislative Research Report prepared in 1994 on coordination of state permitting activities. The report highlights the Washington Environmental Coordination Procedure Act as a model of coordinated environmental permitting. It also briefly discusses Alaska's Division of Governmental Coordination, a division originally established within the Office of the Governor, whose role was to coordinate the consistency review for coastal projects requiring permits from more than one agency.<sup>5</sup>

We also include, as Attachment D, suggested state legislation provided by the Council of State Governments in 2001. The model legislation, based on a Florida law, encourages states to establish one-stop expedited Internet permitting systems.

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I hope you find this information useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

<sup>2</sup> DNR used separate fields for the applicant's first and last name, DEC put the applicant's first and last name in the same field together.

<sup>3</sup> Although data from ADF&G were clearly more unorganized and disaggregated, perhaps reflecting the lack of a standardized system of accounting for permits, we recognize the efforts made by Kevin Brooks, Administrative Services Director, and Kristin Wright, Licensing Supervisor at ADF&G, to comply with our request.

<sup>4</sup> The summary from DNR is included as Attachment A, DEC's is Attachment B. We did not request this information of ADF&G since their system of permit activity was so fragmented.

<sup>5</sup> Certain functions of the Division of Governmental Coordination have been combined with other permitting functions and now reside with the Office of Project Management and Permitting in the Department of Natural Resources.

**Table 1: Department of Natural Resources, Types of Permits and Number of Applications Received in 2002**

Type of Permit	Number of Applications
TIMBER SALE	5
TIDELANDS LEASE COMP	3
AQUATIC FARM PERMIT/LEASE	9
NEG LEASE NON-COMP	7
P & C USE LEASE NON-COMP	5
TIDELANDS LSE NON-COMP	7
SHORE FISHERY LEASE	10
OTHER LEASE NON-COMP	2
MATERIAL SALE	46
AG REVOLV LN DISPOSAL	4
DISPOSAL OF ACCRETED LAND	4
DLWM PERMIT	199
PUBLIC EASEMENT	46
PRIVATE EASEMENT	20
MINING PROSPECTING SITE	61
MINING CLAIM	1563
MINING LEASE NON-COMP	2
ANNUAL PLACER MINING APLN	295
OIL & GAS LEASE NON-COMP	2
OIL & GAS LEASE COMP	266
WATER RIGHTS	185
TEMP WATER USE PERMITS	123
AGRICULTURAL RLF LOAN	26
— CHUGACH SECOND DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	81
— CHUGACH SECOND DISABLED AK VETERAN CAMPING DECALS	1
— CHUGACH SECOND CAMPING DECALS - ANNUAL	19
— CHUGACH PARK PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	1
— CHUGACH DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	175
— CHUGACH DAILY PARKING	179
CHUGACH SALE OF MERCHANDISE	1
— CHUGACH BOAT LAUNCH DECALS	1
CHUGACH COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT	28
CHUGACH SPECIAL USE PERMIT	36
— CHUGACH CABIN RENTALS	195
— CHUGACH CAMPING FEES	67
STUMPAGE SALES - PALMER	26
STUMPAGE SALES - COPPER RIVER	21
STUMPAGE SALES - DELTA	11
STUMPAGE SALES - FAIRBANKS	12
STUMPAGE SALES - HAINES	1
STUMPAGE SALES - TOK	3
— KENAI SECOND DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	11
— KENAI DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	116
— KENAI DAILY PARKING	440
KENAI BOAT LAUNCH DECALS	22
KENAI COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT	472
KENAI SPECIAL USE PERMIT	85

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Type of Permit	Number of Applications
KENAI CABIN RENTAL	612
KENAI CAMPING FEES	477
KENAI BOAT RAMPS	148
KENAI SEWAGE DISPOSAL	18
KODIAK MONASHKA BAY PARK MAINTENANCE	11
SALE OF LAND PLANS PUBLICATIONS - RESTRICTED RECEIPTS	58
LIMITED MATERIAL PERMITS	23
MAT-SU/COPPER SECOND DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	9
MAT-SU/COPPER SECOND CAMPING DECALS - ANNUAL	8
SALE OF PUBLICATIONS MINING - RESTRICTED RECEIPTS	39
MAT-SU/COPPER DONATIONS	1
MAT-SU/COPPER DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	54
MAT-SU/COPPER DAILY PARKING	63
MAT-SU/COPPER SALE OF FIREWOOD	10
MAT-SU/COPPER BOAT LAUNCH DECALS	19
MAT-SU/COPPER COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT	61
MAT-SU/COPPER SPECIAL USE PERMIT	19
MAT-SU/COPPER CABIN RENTAL	1082
MAT-SU/COPPER CAMPING FEES	102
MAT-SU/COPPER GUIDED TOURS	5
MAT-SU/COPPER BOAT RAMPS	23
NORTHERN SECOND DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	1
NORTHERN SECOND BOAT LAUNCH DECALS - ANNUAL	3
NORTHERN SECOND DISABLED AK VETERAN CAMPING DECALS	5
NORTHERN SECOND CAMPING DECALS - ANNUAL	8
NORTHERN DONATIONS	3
NORTHERN DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	4
NORTHERN DAILY PARKING	1
NORTHERN SALE OF MERCHANDISE	23
NORTHERN SALE OF FIREWOOD	74
NORTHERN BOAT LAUNCH DECALS	90
NORTHERN COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT	29
NORTHERN SPECIAL USE PERMIT	46
NORTHERN CABIN RENTAL	866
NORTHERN CAMPING FEE	154
NORTHERN CONCESSION FEES	7
NORTHERN BOAT RAMPS	56
NORTHERN SEWAGE DISPOSAL	18
SALE OF PUBLICATIONS PARKS - RESTRICTED RECEIPTS	47
LITTLE-SU DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	3
LITTLE-SU DAILY PARKING	16
LITTLE-SU SALE OF FIREWOOD	5
LITTLE-SU BOAT LAUNCH DECALS	25
LITTLE-SU COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT	19
LITTLE-SU CAMPGROUND FEES	16
LITTLE-SU BOAT RAMPS	16
LITTLE-SU SEWAGE DISPOSAL	4

**Table 1: Department of Natural Resources, Types of Permits and Number of Applications Received in 2002**

Type of Permit	Number of Applications
- SOUTHEAST DAILY PARKING DECALS - ANNUAL	1
- SOUTHEAST DAILY PARKING	1
SOUTHEAST SALE OF FIREWOOD	3
SOUTHEAST BOAT LAUNCH DECALS	12
SOUTHEAST COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT	28
SOUTHEAST SPECIAL USE PERMIT	23
- SOUTHEAST CABIN RENTAL	304
- SOUTHEAST CAMPING FEE	35
SOUTHEAST GUIDED TOURS	38
SOUTHEAST BOAT RAMPS	27
WOOD-TIKCHIK ALEKNAGIK RENTAL RECEIPTS	11
WOOD-TIKCHIK BOAT LAUNCH DECALS	6
WOOD-TIKCHIK COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT	25
WOOD-TIKCHIK CONCESSION FEES	2
WOOD-TIKCHIK BOAT RAMPS	1
MATERIAL SALE FILING FEE, RESTRICTED RECEIPTS	4
MATERIAL SALES (PROGRAM RECEIPTS)	10
MATERIAL SALE - MINERAL MANAGEMENT (BLM)	2
TIMBER BOND	6
TIMBER DEPOSIT	5
LOG BRAND REGISTRATION	30
TIMBER & STUMPAGE SALE	2
GUIDE & OUTFITTER APPLICATION FEES	10
PERMIT - GUIDE & OUTFITTER LAND USE	34
SALE OF SEEDLINGS	9
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9904</b>

**Notes:** Permits names are exactly as coded by the Department of Natural Resources. If you would like additional information on one or more types of permits, please let us know.

**Source:** John Cacy, Analyst Programmer, Department of Natural Resources, (907) 269-8827.

*Permits / No Review ≈ 5,112*

**Table 2: Department of Environmental Conservation, Types of Permits and Number of Applications Received in 2002**

Type of Permit	Number of Applications
Construction Permit	51
GP Authorization, NPDES	24
GP Authorization, State	27
GP3 -Asphalt Plant General Permit (NSPS)	3
GP4 -Soil Remediation Unit General Permit	1
GP9 -Subpart OOO General Permit	2
IP, State	24
NPDES Individual Permit	2
NPDES Linewide Permit	18
Operating Permit	44
Owner Requested Limit	4
Permit by Rule Drill Rigs	6
Pre-Approved Limit	3
CANNERY - BIG >5,000/DAY	16
CANNERY - SMALL <5,000/DAY	7
Domestic Wastewater	3
FE-1 School Food Service	10
FE-3 School Fundraiser	3
FF-1 Food Service	63
FF-2 Church/Institution Food Service	1
FF-4 Labor Camp Food Service	12
FF-5 Seafood Processor Galley/Mess Hall	1
FF-6 Deli/Takeout/Drive-in Food Service	8
FF-7 Food Service and Caterer	3
FISHING BOAT <65 FT	300
FIXED LAND - BIG >5,000/DAY	44
FIXED LAND - SMALL <5,000/DAY	26
FM-1 Convenience Store	17
FM-2 Grocery Store	2
FM-6 Retail Meat Market	3
FM-7 Retail Seafood Market	3
FM-8 Retail Mobile Vendor	6
FM-9 Warehouse	2
FN-1 Limited Food Service	54
FN-2 Mobile Food Serv-not self contained	8
FN-3 Mobile Food Service-self contained	15
FN-4 Tavern/Bar	9
FN-4A Bar/Tavern w/Limited Food Service at the Bar	1
FN-5 Caterer	2
FN-6 Kiosk	11
FN-7 Other Food Establishments	1
FP-1 Bakery	5
FP-4 Bottled Beverages	2
FP-5 Jam/Jelly/Syrup/Confectionary	2
FP-6 Other Food Processing	12
FW-1 Food Service	8

**Table 2: Department of Environmental Conservation, Types of Permits and Number of Applications Received in 2002**

Type of Permit	Number of Applications
FW-2 Institution/Child/Residential Care	2
FW-4 Public Accommodation Food Service	5
FX-3 Seafood Permit Exemption	1
General Permits - Coal ash monofill	3
General Permits - One-Time C&D Disposal	4
General WW Discharge	2
Municipal Class 2	3
Municipal Class 3 (camp)	1
Municipal Class 3 (village)	4
Non-domestic Wastewater	7
Non-Municipal Monofill	10
Non-Municipal Treatment	2
SHELLFISH HARVESTER	62
SHELLFISH PACKER	9
SHELLFISH SHIPPER	22
VESSEL >65 FT	65
Surface Oiling	10
Surface Road Oil	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1146</b>

**Notes:** Permit names are exactly as coded by the Department of Environmental Conservation. If you would like additional information on one or more types of permits, please let us know.  
**Source:** Melanie Lesh, Legislative Liaison, Department of Environmental Conservation, (907) 465-5290

**Table 3: Department of Fish and Game, Types of Permits and Number of Applications Received in 2002**

Type of Permit	Number of Applications
Resident Sport Fishing License	112828
Resident Blind Sport Fishing License	78
Resident Hunting License	18992
Resident Hunting/Trapping License	720
Resident Trapping License	704
Resident Hunt/Sport Fishing License	46702
Resident Hunt/Trap/Fish License	5775
Resident Low Income License	14366
Nonresident 14-Day Fish License	24214
Nonresident 7-Day Fish License	82615
Nonresident 3-Day Fish License	51261
Nonresident 1-Day Fish License	103562
Nonresident Sport Fishing License	11655
Nonresident Hunting License	10173
Nonresident Small Game License	1345
Nonresident Hunt/Trap License	26
Nonresident Alien Hunt License	217
Nonresident Military Fish License	4007
Nonresident Military Small Game License	255
Nonresident Military Small Game/Fish License	265
Duplicate License/Tag/Stamp	450
Duplicate Low Income License	423
Resident Brown/Grizzly Bear Tag	7317
Resident Muskox - Bull Tag	45
Resident Muskox - Cow Tag	80
Nonresident Brown/Grizzly Tag	2128
Nonresident Military Brown/Grizzly Tag	3
Nonresident Alien Brown/Grizzly Tag	123
Nonresident Black Bear Tag	2737
Nonresident Military Black Bear Tag	34
Nonresident Alien Black Bear Tag	50
Nonresident Bison Tag	1
Nonresident Military Bison Tag	0
Nonresident Alien Bison Tag	0
Nonresident Caribou Tag	4832
Nonresident Military Caribou Tag	27
Nonresident Alien Caribou Tag	50
Nonresident Deer Tag	991
Nonresident Military Deer Tag	11
Nonresident Alien Deer Tag	1
Nonresident Elk Tag	45
Nonresident Military Elk Tag	0
Nonresident Alien Elk Tag	0
Nonresident Goat Tag	211
Nonresident Military Goat Tag	0
Nonresident Alien Goat Tag	8
Nonresident Moose Tag	3424

**Table 3: Department of Fish and Game, Types of Permits and Number of Applications Received in 2002**

Type of Permit	Number of Applications
Nonresident Military Moose Tag	16
Nonresident Alien Moose Tag	53
Nonresident Muskox Tag	1
Nonresident Military Muskox Tag	0
Nonresident Alien Muskox Tag	0
Nonresident Sheep Tag	631
Nonresident Military Sheep Tag	0
Nonresident Alien Sheep Tag	22
Nonresident Wolf Tag	2604
Nonresident Military Wolf Tag	5
Nonresident Alien Wolf Tag	58
Nonresident Wolverine Tag	78
Nonresident Military Wolverine Tag	0
Nonresident Alien Wolverine Tag	3
Resident King Salmon Stamp	80997
Nonresident 1-Day Salmon Stamp	46687
Nonresident 3-Day Salmon Stamp	28991
Nonresident 7-Day Salmon Stamp	28221
Nonresident 14-Day Salmon Stamp	5154
Nonresident Annual Salmon Stamp	2392
Nonresident Military Salmon Stamp	1511
Duplicate Salmon Stamp	1157
Waterfowl Conservation Stamp	10487
Resident Crewmember License	10207
Nonresident Crewmember License	9111
Resident Crewmember License - Child	61
Nonresident Crewmember License - Child	5
Chitina Dipnet Permit	8397
Resident Senior Citizen License	4905
Resident Disabled Veteran's License	612
Catcher/Seller Permit	668
Commercial Fish Transporter	10
Fish Resource Permit	102
Fish Transport Permit	64
Private Nonprofit Salmon Hatchery Permit	0
Aquatic Farm Permit	14
Aquatic Stock Acquisition and Transport Permit	39
Miscellaneous Shellfish Harvesting Permit	0
Subsistence and Personal Use Salmon Fishery Permit	3591
King Crab Personal Use Fishery Permit	3273
Herring Roe on Kelp Permit	0
Eulachon in the Unik River Permit	0
Personal Use Shrimp Trawl Permit	0
Miscellaneous Groundfish Permit	0
Miscellaneous Shellfish Permit	0
Aquatic Plants Permit	0
Deepwater Tanner Crab Permit	0

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Type of Permit	Number of Applications
Herring Bait Pound Permit	0
Herring Winter Food and Bait Permit	0
NSEI Sablefish Fishing Outside of Season Permit	0
Red Sea Urchin On-Board Processing Permit	0
Shrimp Floating Processor Permit	0
Hardshell Clams Permit	0
Scallop Permit	0
Skate Permit	0
Salmon Personal Use Permit	1769
Trawl Shrimp Permit	0
Sablefish Permit	0
Pollock Permit	0
Subsistence Shellfish Permit	0
Yukon Bridge Area Subsistence Permit	86
Yukon Circle/Eagle Area Subsistence Permit	94
Yukon Lower Tanana River Subsistence Permit	77
Yukon Kantishna River Subsistence Permit	5
Yukon Tolovana River Drainage Subsistence Permit	119
Yukon Upper Tanana River Drainage Subsistence Permit	38
Yukon Upper Tanana River Drainage Whitefish/Sucker Permit	2
Yukon Rampart Village Area Subsistence Permit	0
Yukon Sou* & Middle Forks Koyukuk River/Dalton Hwy Subsistence Permit	0
Yukon Personal Use Tanana Salmon Permits	60
Yukon PU S & M Forks Koyukuk River/Dalton Whitefish/Sucker Permit	0
Colville River Commercial Whitefish Gill Net Permit	0
Yukon Miscellaneous Commissioner's Permit - Lamprey	0
Yukon Miscellaneous Commissioner's Permit - Whitefish/Sucker	0
Norton Sound Subsistence Nome Tier I Salmon Subsistence Permit	232
Norton Sound Subsistence Nome Tier II Subsistence Permit	38
Norton Sound Subsistence Crab Permit	107
*Miscellaneous Nome Subdistrict Non-Salmon Net Permit	0
Norton Sound Miscellaneous Commissioner's Permit - Char	0
Norton Sound Miscellaneous Commissioner's Permit - Pike	0
Norton Sound Miscellaneous Commissioner's Permit - Burbot	0
Norton Sound Miscellaneous Commissioner's Permit - Whitefish	0
Norton Sound Miscellaneous Commissioner's Permit - Tom Cod	0
Pilgrim River Subsistence Salmon Permit Gillnet/Hook and Line Permit	0
Kotzebue/Port Clarence Misc. Comissr's Permit - Gill Net - Herring Sac Roe	0
Kotze/Port Clarence Misc. Comissr's Permit - Gill Net - Herring Food & Bait	0
Kotzebue/Port Clarence Misc. Comissr's Permit - Gill Net - Pike	0
Kotzebue/Port Clarence Misc. Comissr's Permit - Gill Net - Sheefish	2
Kotzebue/Port Clarence Misc. Comissr's Permit - Gill Net - Whitefish	0
King and Tanner Crab Lithodes Couesi Permit	0
Fishing Seasons for Reg. Area K	0
Fishing Seasons for Reg. Area M	0
Fishing Seasons for Reg. Area O	0
Fishing Seasons for Reg. Area T	0

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Type of Permit	Number of Applications
Fishing Seasons for Reg Area Q	0
Permit for Tanner and Angulatus Tanner Crab in Area J	0
Bering Sea/Aleutian Island King and Tanner Crab Permit	213
AFA Bergin Sea and Bristol Bay Crab Permit	0
Gear for Clam Permit	0
Permit for Octopi, Squid, Hair Crab, Sea Urchins, Cucumbers & Other	7
Alaska Scallop Fishery Permit	0
Fishing Seasons for Sea Cucumbers in Reg Area J	25
Fishing Seasons for Sea Urchins in Reg Area J	0
Fishing Seasons for Hair Crab in Reg Area J	0
Annual Chignik Mgt Area Coop Purse Seine Salmon Fishery Permit	1
Chignik Salmon Leads Permit	1
Chignik Salmon Fish Pen Permit	3
Chignik Salmon Running Fish Ticket Permit	0
Dutch Harbor Herring Permit to Use Larger Gill Net Mesh	13
Kodiak Subsistence Salmon/Herring/Shellfish	2266
Chignik Subsistence Salmon	21
Alaska Peninsula Salmon	165
Unalaska/Dutch Harbor Salmon and Shellfish	227
Adak Salmon	6
McNeil River Commercial Operator Permit	14
Southeast King Crab Permit	3273
Fur Farming Permit	62
McNeil River Viewing Permit	154
Walrus Island Camping Permit	20
Walrus Island Daily Use Permit	39
Stan Price Daily Use Permit	1241
Rabbit Creek Rifle Range Daily Use Permit	20106
Rabbit Creek Rifle Range Annual Use Permit	1100
Rabbit Creek Hunter Education Students	383
Fairbanks Indoor Rifle Range Hourly Use	2933
Fairbanks Indoor Rifle Range 7-Hour Use Punch Card	119
Hunter Education Partner Non-Youth Live-Fire Range Hourly Use	1960
Hunter Education Partner Youth Live-Fire Range Hourly Use	3540
Fairbanks Indoor Rifle Range Hunter Education Students	383
Juneau Indoor Rifle Range Basic Hunter Education Class	2523
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>813311</b>
<p><b>Notes:</b> Because ADF&amp;G does not maintain a central repository for license and permit applications, the information in the above table is a compilation of various division reports, and is likely incomplete</p> <p><b>Source:</b> Kristin Wright, Licensing Supervisor Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, (907) 465-6091</p>	

**Attachment A**

Department of Natural Resources,  
Summary Memo on Average Permit  
Processing Timelines

## 1/23/04 Response to Legislative Research Services Request

Cherie,

In response to the legislative request you requested from DNR, John Cacy sent a data extraction for the authorizations you requested. In addition you requested some information concerning cycle times for various authorizations. The difficulty is that with most authorizations, there is a substantial range of processing cycle times depending on complexity and other factors.

Some factors that may cause longer or diverse processing cycle times:

- Public notice requirements imposed by statute or regulation. Typically public notice may take 30 days, and some authorizations require more than one public notice through the various stages of the process.
- Alaska Coastal Management Program consistency reviews are required on many projects within the coastal zones. Those reviews will take a minimum of 50 days.
- In certain authorizations external agency reviews or concurrences are required and may be delayed. For instance development of wetlands requires authorization from the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Appeal waiting period is typically 20 days after a decision is issued. If an appeal is received, the authorization processing time can increase.
- Often the process is slowed due to delays caused by the applicant. For instance, the applicant may change the scope of the project, fail to provide needed information in a timely fashion, fail to obtain required bonding or insurance in a timely fashion, or fail to complete a required survey or appraisal due to cost concerns. All of these may have profound effect on the authorization cycle times.
- Workload variance can substantially slow cycle times. Backlogs of unfinished authorizations, surges in application numbers, new programs introduced by the legislature, and shifted department or division priorities may all vary cycle times.

A general rule is that the smaller the bundle of rights we convey with the authorization, the shorter and more consistent the processing cycle time remains.

- Permits typically only authorize limited rights of use of state land or resources and are most often temporary in nature. Most permits, which are typically authorizations for 5 years or less, take anywhere from a day to several months to process.
- Leases are generally authorizing more of an exclusive use of an area and a greater bundle of rights. Many long term leases can be eventually converted into a land sale. Most leases, which provide either short term (less than 10 years) or long term (10 to 55 years) development of state land and typically require some sort of appraisal or survey, take from 1 to three years to process, depending on complexity.
- In some authorization types such as easements and leases, the use of the land by the applicant occurs before the final authorization is issued. DNR often issues an Early Entry Authorization (EEA) to allow activity before final authorization. For

instance, DNR may issue an EEA to a business constructing a pipeline on state land where the business has applied for an easement. The easement is not issued until after the construction and final survey is completed.

- DNR does not have an efficient reporting mechanism to determine actual cycle times for all types of authorization. When we can track the processing cycle time, the reporting does not capture why there was a short or long cycle time, nor does it account for EEAs. The Division of Mining, Land and Water, who issues the majority of the authorizations, is in the process of creating a system that will allow more efficient reporting of business process times.

I have provided a sampling of some of the authorizations. If this is insufficient information, please let me know.

Authorization Type	Median Cycle Time	Certainty of Cycle Time
Upland and Tideland Permits	2 months – 1 year	
Trapping Cabin Permits	3 – 4 months	High
Commercial Recreation Permits	1 day	High
Upland and Tideland Leases	6 months – 1yr to EEA 1yr – 3 yrs to Lease	Low
Recreation Facilities Development Lease	3 years (forecast)	Low
Aquatic Farm Lease	7 months – 1 year	
Set Net Lease	12-18 months	Low
Public and Charitable Use Lease & Sale	1 – 2 years	Low
Water Rights	2 months	
Temporary Water Use Permits	3 weeks	High
Mining Claims	2 weeks	High
Material Sales	New site 5 months–2 yrs Existing sites 1-12 months	
Burn Permit	30 minutes	High
Limited Material Permit	1-2 days	High
Firewood Cutting Permit	30 min – 2 weeks	High
Parks Public Use Cabin Permit	30 minutes	High
Commercial Recreation Day Use Registration	30 minutes	High
Park Special Use Permit	2 weeks 10 min – 1 yr+ spread	

**Attachment B**

Department of Environmental Conservation,  
Summary Memo on Average Permit  
Processing Timelines

**Subject: RE: DEC Research request #2**

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Cherie Nienhuis

Legislative Research Services

Alaska State Legislature

Cherie,

You requested information on the average time frame from permit application to issuance for the following permits for the calendar year 2002:

1. Component: Water Quality  
Purpose of Fee: Individual Permits, domestic wastewater  
Regulation: 18 AAC 72.957(a)  
Statute: AS 44.46.025

Our records are by FY2002:

State wastewater Individual Permits ("IP"): 234 days (34 permits)

State wastewater General Permit Authorizations: 17 days (51 authorizations)

State Certifications of Federal wastewater Individual Permits: 257 days (15 permits)

State Authorizations under Federal wastewater General Permits: 23-110 days (65 authorizations)

Overall Averages for time to issue FY02 wastewater permit actions:

- Wastewater Individual permits: 240 days (49 permits)

- Wastewater General permits: 38 days (116 permits)

2. Component: Food Safety and Sanitation  
Purpose of Fee: Permit Fees, inspections, waivers

Regulation: 18 AAC 31.050

Statute: AS 44.46.025

#### Permit Fees.

Food safety permit processing activity is grouped by the type of applicant:

- Existing food establishments permits
- New/remodeled food establishments permits
- Temporary Food permits

Existing food establishments are required to have an annual permit to operate (see breakdown below). Each fall the program invoices existing food establishments. Upon receipt of payment, a permit is issued usually within one week. Application is implied by virtue of continued operation and the average processing time would be a week. The food safety program does not collect time based data for the permit process. The following is a breakdown of the numbers and type of existing permits that are issued for your information.

New or remodeled food establishments must submit an application along with a plan. The process has three basic parts: a completed application, a plan review and a pre-operational inspection. Potential applicants are requested to submit an application 30 days in advance of opening or the beginning of operations. The normal processing time is 30 days or less from receipt of an application. The variables that impact processing time are the completeness of the application submitted, the completeness and review time for the plan review and the pre-operational inspection time.

Temporary food permits have the same basic elements for the new food establishments but the turn around time is more compressed due to an abbreviated plan review and the fact that the temporary food permit operators have a propensity to submit applications close to the event. On average the processing time will be lower than for the new or remodeled food establishment group. Again, the food safety program does not collect time based data for the permit process.

I hope this responds to your request, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. I'll also reiterate that many of our departmental performance measures have been incorporated into our budget documents, pursuant to the efforts of the Administration and the Legislature to develop "Missions and Measures," and they may be useful to you in efforts to acquire information such as this

Melanie G. Lesh

Legislative Liaison

Department of Environmental Conservation

465-5290

**Attachment D**

Council of State Governments,  
Suggested State Legislation,  
"One-Stop Internet Permitting System and Expedited  
Permitting Program"

## One-Stop Internet Permitting System and Expedited Permitting Program

This Act is based on Florida law. It directs the state department of management services to create a system on the Internet that provides people and businesses with a central source of permit information from state and local agencies. Counties that are certified as using certain permitting best management practices can be designated as Quick Permitting Counties by the state, and thus become eligible for grants of up to \$50,000 to connect to the statewide Internet system.

Submitted as:

Florida

Chapter 99-244

Status: enacted into law in 1999.

### Suggested Legislation

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1 Section 1. [*Short Title*.] This Act may be cited as the "One-Stop Internet Permitting System and Expedited  
2 Permitting Program Act."

3  
4 Section 2. [*Legislative Intent*.] It is the intent of the [Legislature] to create a functional statewide one-  
5 stop permitting system in order to make permitting in this state more user-friendly without diminishing  
6 environmental, public health, or safety standards. In addition, the [Legislature] intends to encourage local  
7 governments to expedite and streamline permitting, to adopt best management practices, and to integrate the  
8 local permitting process with the statewide one-stop permitting process.

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10 Section 3. [*One-Stop Permitting System*.]

11 (1) By [January 1, 2000], the [department of management services] must establish and implement an  
12 Internet site for the [One-Stop Permitting System]. The [One-Stop Permitting System] Internet site shall  
13 provide people and businesses with information concerning development permits; guidance on what develop-  
14 ment permits are needed for particular projects; permit requirements; and who may be contacted for more  
15 information concerning a particular development permit for a specific location. The [department] shall design  
16 and construct the Internet site and may competitively procure and contract for services to develop the site. In  
17 designing and constructing the Internet site, the [department] must solicit input from potential users of the site.

18 (2) The [department] shall develop the [One-Stop Permitting System] Internet site to allow an appli-  
19 cant to complete and submit application forms for development permits to agencies and counties. The Internet  
20 site must be capable of allowing an applicant to submit payment for permit fees and must provide payment  
21 options. After initially establishing the Internet site, the [department] shall implement, in the most timely  
22 manner possible, the capabilities described in this subsection. The [department] also shall develop a protocol  
23 for adding to the [One-Stop Permitting System] additional state agencies and counties that agree to partici-  
24 pate. The [department] may competitively procure and contract for services to develop such capabilities.

25 (3) As used in this section, the term "development permit" includes any state, regional, or local permits  
26 or approvals necessary for the physical location or expansion of a business, including, but not limited to:

- 27 (a) Wetland or environmental resource permits,  
28 (b) Surface water management permits,  
29 (c) Stormwater permits,  
30 (d) Site-plan approvals.

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- 31 (e) Zoning approvals and comprehensive plan amendments.
- 32 (f) Building permits.
- 33 (g) Transportation concurrency approvals.
- 34 (h) Consumptive water-use permits.
- 35 (i) Wastewater permits.

36 (4) The [One-Stop Permitting System] must initially provide access to the following state agencies,  
37 water management districts and counties, with other agencies and counties that agree to participate.

- 38 (a) The [department of environmental protection].
- 39 (b) The [department of community affairs].
- 40 (c) The [department of management services].
- 41 (d) The [department of transportation], including district offices.
- 42 (e) The [water management district(s)].
- 43 (f) Selected counties that agree to participate.

44 (5) By [January 1, 2001], the following state agencies, and the programs within such agencies which  
45 require the issuance of licenses, permits, and approvals to businesses, must also be integrated into the [One-  
46 Stop Permitting System].

- 47 (a) The [department of agriculture and consumer services].
- 48 (b) The [department of business and professional regulation].
- 49 (c) The [department of health].
- 50 (d) The [department of insurance].
- 51 (e) The [department of labor].
- 52 (f) The [department of revenue].
- 53 (g) The [department of state].
- 54 (h) The [game and freshwater fish commission].
- 55 (i) Other state agencies.

56 (6) The [department] may add counties and municipalities to the [One-Stop Permitting System] as  
57 such local governments agree to participate and develop the technical capability of joining the system.

58 (7) To the extent feasible, state agencies are directed to develop and implement online permitting  
59 systems.

60 (8) Excepting the provisions listed under [insert citation], the time period for approving or denying a  
61 completed application for any development permit or license issued under the [One-Stop Permitting System]  
62 shall be [sixty (60)] days.

63 (9) Each agency shall maintain a record of the time required for that agency to process each application  
64 that is filed using the [One-Stop Permitting System] and submit a report to the [president of the senate] and  
65 the [speaker of the house of representatives] by [January 1] of each year which compiles such information.

66 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or administrative rule to the contrary, the fee imposed  
67 by a state agency or water management district for issuing a development permit shall be waived for a [six (6)]  
68 month period beginning on the date the state agency or water management district begins accepting develop-  
69 ment permit applications over the Internet and the applicant submits the development permit to the agency or  
70 district using the [One-Stop Permitting System]. The [six (6)] month fee waiver shall not apply to development  
71 permit fees assessed by the [Electrical Power Plant Siting Act], the [Transmission Line Siting Act], the state-  
72 wide [Multi-purpose Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Act], the [Natural Gas Pipeline Siting Act], and the [High  
73 Speed Rail Transportation Siting Act] as cited in [insert citations] of state law.

74 (11) A state agency or water management district is authorized to reduce a development permit fee by  
75 [twenty-five (25)] percent for applicants who submit a complete application over the Internet when the appli-  
76 cant is not required to submit additional information to the agency or water management district.

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78 Section 4. [One-Stop Permitting System Grant Program]. There is created within the [department of  
79 management services] the [One-Stop Permitting System Grant Program]. The purpose of the grant program is  
80 to encourage counties to coordinate and integrate the development of the county's permitting process with the

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81 [One-Stop Permitting System]. The [department] shall review grant applications and, subject to available funds,  
82 if a county is certified as a [Quick Permitting County] under this Act, shall award a grant of up to [fifty thousand  
83 (50,000)] dollars to provide for such integration. The [department] must review a grant application for consistency  
84 with the purpose of the [One-Stop Permitting System] to provide access to development permit information  
85 and application forms. Grants shall be issued on a first-come, first-served basis to qualified Quick Permitting  
86 Counties. The grant may be used to purchase software, hardware, or consulting services necessary for the  
87 county to create an interface with the [One-Stop Permitting System]. Grants may not be used to pay adminis-  
88 trative costs. The grant application must specify what items or services the county intends to purchase using  
89 the grant, the amount of each of the items or services to be purchased, and how the items or services are  
90 necessary for the county to create an interface with the [One-Stop Permitting System].

91

92 Section 5 [Quick Permitting County Designation Program]

93 (1) There is established within the [department of management services] the [Quick Permitting County  
94 Designation Program]. To be designated as a [Quick Permitting County], the chair of the board of county  
95 commissioners of the applying county must certify to the [department of management services] that the  
96 county meets the criteria specified in subsection (3).

97 (2) As used in this section, the term "development permitting" includes permits and approvals neces-  
98 sary for the physical location of a business, including, but not limited to:

- 99 (a) Wetland or environmental resource permits.
- 100 (b) Surface-water management permits.
- 101 (c) Stormwater permits.
- 102 (d) Site-plan approvals.
- 103 (e) Zoning and comprehensive plan amendments.
- 104 (f) Building permits.
- 105 (g) Transportation concurrency approvals.
- 106 (h) Wastewater permits.

107 (3) In order to qualify for a [Quick Permitting County] designation, a county must certify to the [de-  
108 partment] that the county has implemented the following best-management practices:

- 109 (a) The establishment of a single point of contact for a business seeking assistance in obtaining a  
110 permit;
- 111 (b) The selection of high-priority projects for accelerated permit review;
- 112 (c) The use of documented pre-application meetings following standard procedures;
- 113 (d) The maintenance of an inventory of sites suitable for high-priority projects;
- 114 (e) The development of a list of consultants who conduct business in the county;
- 115 (f) The evaluation and elimination of duplicative approval and permitting requirements within the  
116 county;
- 117 (g) The commitment to participate, through the entry of an interlocal agreement for individual  
118 projects, in the expedited permit process set forth in section 7 of this Act;
- 119 (h) The development of a timetable for processing development permits and approvals, and
- 120 (i) The use of interagency coordination to facilitate permit processing.

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122 Section 6 [Information Concerning the One-Stop Permitting System] The [office of tourism, trade,  
123 and economic development] shall develop literature that explains the [One-Stop Permitting System] and iden-  
124 tifies those counties that have been designated as Quick Permitting Counties. The literature must be updated  
125 at least [once] each year. To the maximum extent feasible, state agencies shall distribute such literature and  
126 inform the public of the [One-Stop Permitting System] and the Quick Permitting Counties.

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128 Section 7 [Expedited Permitting: Comprehensive Plan Amendments]

129 (1) It is the intent of the [Legislature] to encourage and facilitate the location and expansion of those  
130 types of economic development projects which offer job creation and high wages, strengthen and diversify the

131 state's economy, and have been thoughtfully planned to take into consideration the protection of the state's  
132 environment. It is also the intent of the [Legislature] to provide for an expedited permitting and comprehen-  
133 sive plan amendment process for such projects.

134 (2) As used in this section, the term:

135 (a) "Duly noticed" means publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality or  
136 county with jurisdiction. The notice shall appear on at least [two (2)] separate days, [one (1)] of which shall be  
137 at least [seven (7)] days before the meeting. The notice shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting  
138 scheduled to discuss or enact a memorandum of agreement as described in this Act, and the places within the  
139 municipality or county where such proposed memorandum of agreement may be inspected by the public. The  
140 notice must be [one-eighth of a page] in size and must be published in a portion of the paper other than the  
141 legal notices section. The notice also shall advise that interested parties may appear at the meeting and be  
142 heard with respect to the memorandum of agreement.

143 (b) "Jobs" mean permanent, full-time equivalent por tions not including construction jobs.

144 (c) "Office" means the [office of tourism, trade, and economic development]

145 (d) "Permit applications" mean state permits and licenses, and at the option of a participating local  
146 government, local development permits or orders.

147 (3) (a) The [governor], through the [office], shall direct the creation of regional permit action teams  
148 for the purpose of expediting review of permit applications and local comprehensive plan amendments submitted  
149 by:

150 (i) Businesses creating at least [one hundred (100)] jobs, or

151 (ii) Businesses creating at least [fifty (50)] jobs if the project is located in an enterprise zone, or  
152 in a county having a population of less than [seventy-five thousand (75,000)] or in a county having a population  
153 of less than [one hundred thousand (100,000)] which is contiguous to a county having a population of less than  
154 [seventy-five thousand (75,000)], as determined by the most recent decennial census, residing in incorporated  
155 and unincorporated areas of the county, or

156 (b) On a case by case basis and at the request of a county or municipal government, the [office]  
157 may certify as eligible for expedited review a project not meeting the minimum job creation thresholds but  
158 creating a minimum of [ten (10)] jobs. The recommendation from the governing body of the county or munici-  
159 pality in which the project may be located is required in order for the [office] to certify that any project is  
160 eligible for expedited review. When considering projects that do not meet the minimum job creation thresh-  
161 olds but that are recommended by the governing body in which the project may be located, the [office] shall  
162 consider economic impact factors that include, but are not limited to:

163 (i) The proposed wage and skill levels relative to those existing in the area in which the project  
164 may be located;

165 (ii) The project's potential to diversify and strengthen the area's economy;

166 (iii) The amount of capital investment; and

167 (iv) The number of jobs that will be made available for people served by the [WAGES] Pro-  
168 gram.

169 (c) At the request of a county or municipal government, the [office] or a [Quick Permitting County]  
170 may certify projects located in counties where the ratio of new jobs per [WAGES] client, as determined by the  
171 [workforce development board] of this state, is less than [one (1)] or otherwise critical, as eligible for the  
172 expedited permitting process. Such projects must meet the numerical job creation criteria of subsection (3),  
173 but the jobs created by the project do not have to be high wage jobs that diversify the state's economy.

174 (4) The [office] may delegate to a [Quick Permitting County] the responsibility for convening regional  
175 permit teams and, in consultation with the [office], for certifying as eligible for expedited review projects that  
176 meet the criteria of subsection (3) and that are consistent with the economic goals of the county. In order to  
177 receive such a delegation, the [Quick Permitting County] must hold the public hearing required under subsec-  
178 tion (9) and agree to execute a memorandum of agreement for each qualified project.

179 (5) The regional teams shall be established through the execution of memoranda of agreement be-  
180 tween the [office] and the respective heads of the following departments and governmental units:

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- 181 (a) [environmental protection],
- 182 (b) [community affairs],
- 183 (c) [transportation and its district offices],
- 184 (d) [agriculture and consumer services],
- 185 (e) [game and fresh water fish commission],
- 186 (f) appropriate regional planning councils,
- 187 (g) appropriate water management districts, and
- 188 (h) voluntarily participating municipalities and counties. The memoranda of agreement should
- 189 also accommodate participation in this expedited process by other local governments and federal agencies as
- 190 circumstances warrant.

191 (6) In order to facilitate local government's option to participate in this expedited review process, the  
192 [office] shall, in cooperation with local governments and participating state agencies, create a standard form  
193 memorandum of agreement. A local government shall hold a duly noticed public workshop to review and  
194 explain to the public the expedited permitting process and the terms and conditions of the standard form  
195 memorandum of agreement.

196 (7) The local government shall hold a duly noticed public hearing to execute a memorandum of agree-  
197 ment for each qualified project. The memorandum of agreement that a local government signs shall include a  
198 provision identifying necessary local government procedures and time limits that will be modified to allow for  
199 the local government decision on the project within [ninety (90)] days. The memorandum of agreement ap-  
200 plies to projects, on a case-by-case basis, that qualify for special review and approval as specified in this section.  
201 The memorandum of agreement must make it clear that this expedited permitting and review process does not  
202 modify, qualify, or otherwise alter existing local government nonprocedural standards for permit applications,  
203 unless expressly authorized by law.

204 (8) At the option of the participating local government, appeals of its final approval for a project may be  
205 pursuant to the summary hearing provisions of [insert citation], pursuant to subsection (15) of this Section, or  
206 pursuant to other appellate processes available to the local government. The local government's decision to  
207 enter into a summary hearing must be made as provided in [insert citation] or in the memorandum of agree-  
208 ment.

209 (9) Each memorandum of agreement shall include a process for final agency action on permit applica-  
210 tions and local comprehensive plan amendment approvals within [ninety (90)] days after receipt of a completed  
211 application, unless the applicant agrees to a longer time period or the [office] determines that unforeseen or  
212 uncontrollable circumstances preclude final agency action within the [ninety (90)] day timeframe. Permit  
213 applications governed by federally delegated or approved permitting programs whose requirements would  
214 prohibit or be inconsistent with the [ninety (90)] day timeframe are exempt from this provision, but must be  
215 processed by the agency with federally delegated or approved program responsibility as expeditiously as pos-  
216 sible.

217 (10) The [office] shall inform the [Legislature] by [October 1] of each year, which agencies have not  
218 entered into or implemented an agreement, and identify any barriers to achieving success of the program.

219 (11) The memoranda of agreement may provide for the waiver or modification of procedural rules  
220 prescribing forms, fees, procedures, or time limits for the review or processing of permit applications under the  
221 jurisdiction of those agencies that are party to the memoranda of agreement. Notwithstanding any other  
222 provision of law to the contrary, a memorandum of agreement must to the extent feasible provide for proceed-  
223 ings and hearings otherwise held separately by the parties to the memorandum of agreement to be combined  
224 into [one (1)] proceeding or held jointly and at [one (1)] location. Such waivers or modifications shall not be  
225 available for permit applications governed by federally delegated or approved permitting programs, the re-  
226 quirements of which would prohibit, or be inconsistent with, such a waiver or modification.

227 (12) The memoranda of agreement shall include guidelines to be used in working with state, regional,  
228 and local permitting authorities. Guidelines may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 229 (a) A central contact point for filing permit applications and local comprehensive plan amend-  
230 ments and for obtaining information on permit and local comprehensive plan amendment requirements.

- 231 (b) Identification of the individual or people within each respective agency who will be responsible  
232 for processing the expedited permit application or local comprehensive plan amendment for that agency;
- 233 (c) A mandatory pre-application review process to reduce permitting conflicts by providing guid-  
234 ance to applicants regarding the permits needed from each agency and governmental entity, site planning and  
235 development, site suitability and limitations, facility design, and steps the applicant can take to ensure expedi-  
236 tious permit application and local comprehensive plan amendment review. As a part of this process, the first  
237 interagency meeting to discuss a project shall be held within [fourteen (14)] days after the [office]'s determina-  
238 tion that the project is eligible for expedited review. Subsequent interagency meetings may be scheduled to  
239 accommodate the needs of participating local governments that are unable to meet public notice requirements  
240 for executing a memorandum of agreement within this timeframe. This accommodation may not exceed [forty-  
241 five (45)] days from the [office]'s determination that the project is eligible for expedited review;
- 242 (d) The preparation of a single coordinated project description form and checklist and an agree-  
243 ment by state and regional agencies to reduce the burden on an applicant to provide duplicate information to  
244 multiple agencies;
- 245 (e) Establishment of a process for the adoption and review of any comprehensive plan amendment  
246 needed by any certified project within [ninety (90)] days after the submission of an application for a compre-  
247 hensive plan amendment. However, the memorandum of agreement may not prevent affected parties from  
248 appealing or participating in this expedited plan amendment process and any review or appeals of decisions  
249 made under this paragraph; and
- 250 (f) Additional incentives for an applicant who proposes a project that provides a net ecosystem  
251 benefit
- 252 (13) The applicant, the regional permit action team, and participating local governments may agree to  
253 incorporate into a single document the permits, licenses, and approvals that are obtained through the exped-  
254 ited permit process. This consolidated permit is subject to the summary hearing provisions set forth in sub-  
255 section (17).
- 256 (14) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law:
- 257 (a) Local comprehensive plan amendments for projects qualified under this section are exempt  
258 from the twice-a-year limits provision in [insert citation]; and
- 259 (b) Projects qualified under this section are not subject to interstate highway level of service stan-  
260 dards adopted by the [department of transportation] for concurrency purposes. The memorandum of agree-  
261 ment must include a process by which the applicant will be assessed a fair share of the cost of mitigating the  
262 project's significant traffic impacts. The agreement must also specify whether the significant traffic impacts on  
263 the interstate system will be mitigated through the implementation of a project or payment of funds to the  
264 [department of transportation]. Where funds are paid, the [department of transportation] must include in the  
265 [five (5)] year work program transportation projects or project phases, in an amount equal to the funds re-  
266 ceived, to mitigate the traffic impacts associated with the proposed project.
- 267 (15) Challenges to state agency action in the expedited permitting process for projects processed under  
268 this section are subject to the summary hearing provisions of [insert citation], except that the [administrative  
269 law judge]'s decision shall be in the form of recommended order and shall not constitute the final action of the  
270 state agency. In those proceedings where the action of only [one (1)] agency of the state is challenged, the  
271 agency of the state shall issue the final order within [ten (10)] working days of receipt of the [administrative law  
272 judge]'s recommended order. In those proceedings where the actions of more than [one (1)] agency of the state  
273 are challenged, the [governor] shall issue the final order within [ten (10)] working days of receipt of the [ad-  
274 ministrative law judge]'s recommended order. The participating agencies of the state may opt at the prelimi-  
275 nary hearing conference to allow the [administrative law judge]'s decision to constitute the final agency action.  
276 If a participating local government agrees to participate in the summary hearing provisions for purposes of  
277 review of local government comprehensive plan amendments, [insert citation] apply.
- 278 (16) This expedited permitting process shall not modify, qualify, or otherwise alter existing agency  
279 nonprocedural standards for permit applications or local comprehensive plan amendments, unless expressly  
280 authorized by law. If it is determined that the applicant is not eligible to use this process, the applicant may

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281 apply for permitting of the project through the normal permitting processes.

282 (17) The [office] shall be responsible for certifying a business as eligible for undergoing expedited  
283 review under this section. A county or municipal government may recommend to the [office of tourism, trade,  
284 and economic development] that a project meeting the minimum job creation threshold undergo expedited  
285 review.

286 (18) The [office], working with the agencies participating in the memoranda of agreement, shall pro-  
287 vide technical assistance in preparing permit applications and local comprehensive plan amendments for counties  
288 having a population of less than [seventy-five thousand (75,000)] residents, or counties having fewer than [one  
289 hundred thousand (100,000)] residents which are contiguous to counties having fewer than [seventy-five thou-  
290 sand (75,000)] residents. Additional assistance may include, but not be limited to, guidance in land develop-  
291 ment regulations and permitting processes, working cooperatively with state, regional, and local entities to  
292 identify areas within these counties which may be suitable and adaptable for pre-clearance review of specified  
293 types of land uses and other activities requiring permits.

294 (19) The following projects are ineligible for review under this part:

295 (a) A project funded and operated by a local government, as defined in [insert citation], and located  
296 within that government's jurisdiction.

297 (b) A project, the primary purpose of which is to:

298 (i) Effect the final disposal of solid waste, biomedical waste, or hazardous waste in this state.

299 (ii) Produce electrical power, unless the production of electricity is incidental and not the  
300 primary function of the project.

301 (iii) Extract natural resources.

302 (iv) Produce oil.

303 (v) Construct, maintain, or operate an oil, petroleum, natural gas, or sewage pipeline.

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305 Section 8. [Administrative Costs]. The sum of [one hundred thousand (100,000)] dollars is appropri-  
306 ated from the [General Revenue Fund] to the [department of management services] to fund the administrative  
307 costs to establish and implement an Internet site for the [One-Stop Permitting System].

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309 Section 9. [Revenue Offset]. Effective [insert date], the sum of [three million (3,000,000)] dollars is  
310 appropriated from nonrecurring general revenue to the [Executive Branch Administered Funds] to be used to  
311 offset the potential decline in revenues as a result of the expedited [One-Stop Permitting System]. The funds  
312 shall be held in reserve by the [executive office of the governor] until the principals of the [revenue estimating  
313 conference] have determined the amount of loss of permit fees associated with applications submitted pursu-  
314 ant to the one-stop permitting process.

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316 Section 10. [Severability]. [Insert severability clause.]

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318 Section 11. [Repealer]. [Insert repealer clause.]

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320 Section 12. [Effective Date]. [Insert effective date.]