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CHAPTER 2

AREAWIDE LAND MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Introduction

This chapter contains areawide land management policies for each of the major resource or land use categories affected by the plan: forestry; fish and wildlife; settlement; subsurface resources; shoreline development; recreation; cultural and scenic resources; mariculture; and, materials. The chapter also contains policies for transportation and utilities; instream flow; and public access. Finally, the chapter contains summaries of how the plan affects each of the major resources.

The policies in this chapter consist of goals and management guidelines. Goals are the general condition the department is trying to achieve and the guidelines are specific directives that will be applied to land and water management decisions as resource use and development occur.

All activities on tidelands, submerged lands and uplands within the coastal zone must be

consistent with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. All state uplands are within the coastal zone except land in Management Unit 6 - Lake George and Management Unit 22 - Valdez Mountains. The ACMP standards (6 AAC 80) and the Forest Resources and Practices Regulations (11 AAC 95) are contained in Appendix C.

This chapter compiles policies that, until now, were scattered throughout various agency operating manuals, policy handbooks, statements of decision-making criteria, or similar internal documents. Compiling these policies into one chapter makes them visible, and makes it clear before significant amounts of time and money are committed what will be required by the Department of Natural Resources of anyone planning to use state lands.

Definitions

For definitions commonly used in this chapter, see the glossary in Appendix A.