

Department of Natural Resources

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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PUBLIC ORDER

Extension of the 2019 Fire Season

Whereas, the period from April 1 to August 31, inclusive, of each year has been designated the fire season pursuant to AS 41.15.050; and,

Whereas, the State Forester has determined under AS 41.15.050 that past and present prevailing weather conditions have caused extremely dry and smoky conditions; and,

Whereas, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources may, at any time, proclaim an additional period for all or any portion of the state when weather or other conditions require action for the protection of forest land under AS 41.15.050; and,

Whereas, the unprecedented fire risk conditions for South Central and the Kenai Peninsula regions and the ongoing large project fires in these areas have created statewide challenges for wildland fire response agencies; and,

Whereas, any new fires will further stress the overall response capabilities statewide, it has been determined that the Burn Permit requirement (AS 41.15.060, 11 AAC 95.412) is necessary to ensure the safety of the public statewide during the remainder of the fire season and,

IT IS HEREBY THE ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER, to extend the designated fire season to September 30th, 2019, effective August 26, 2019 at / A.M. (P.M.) Alaska Daily Standard Time.

Failure to obey this order shall constitute grounds for prosecution pursuant to Sec. AS 41.15.140.

Corri Feige, Commissioner

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