



## **DEC NEWS**

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### **For Immediate Release**

### **DEC commissioner announces new deputy**

**June 7, 2005 (Juneau)**—Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Kurt Fredriksson today announced the appointment of Dan Easton as his deputy commissioner. Easton is currently the department's division of water director.

“Dan brings a wealth of knowledge and Alaska-based experience to the position,” Commissioner Fredriksson said. “His extensive experience with Alaska’s environmental laws, his common sense approach to applying those laws, and his excellent ability to lead and communicate make him the prime candidate for this position. Dan will serve as an integral part of DEC's executive management team and will help carry out the goals and priorities of the Murkowski administration.”

“I am looking forward to the challenges of the deputy commissioner position and grateful for the opportunity to work with Commissioner Fredriksson and the Murkowski administration. My private sector experience suggests that everyone benefits when complex environmental rules can be untangled and explained in a way that makes sense. It is that perspective and focus I intend to bring to the position,” Easton said.

Easton began working for DEC in Fairbanks in 1981, followed by ten years as owner/manager of his own environmental engineering firm, before returning to DEC as director of facility construction and operations, and director of the water division.

Easton is a registered professional engineer with 25 years experience in environmental engineering and sciences. He holds a Bachelors of Engineering Degree from the University of Maryland and a Masters of Civil Engineering Degree from George Washington University. Easton lives in Juneau with his wife, Rebecca, and two boys, Joel and Zach, ages 14 and 9. As deputy commissioner, he will earn \$78,828 a year.

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