

From: [Edwards, Alice L S \(DEC\)](#)
To: [Smith, Rebecca T \(DEC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Fairbanks Wood Burning
Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 10:34:57 AM

Can you make sure that this comment got into our summary sheet/log and record?

From: Fishwick, Claire (DEC)
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2019 9:34 AM
To: Edwards, Alice L S (DEC) <alice.edwards@alaska.gov>
Cc: Mendivil, Gary A (DEC) <gary.mendivil@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: Fairbanks Wood Burning

If you like, I'll send her a note and let her know that we've accepted her email as a comment. I'll could also send her the public notice. Claire

From: Edwards, Alice L S (DEC)
Sent: Monday, July 1, 2019 9:20 AM
To: Fishwick, Claire (DEC) <claire.fishwick@alaska.gov>
Cc: Mendivil, Gary A (DEC) <gary.mendivil@alaska.gov>; Edwards, Alice L S (DEC) <alice.edwards@alaska.gov>
Subject: RE: Fairbanks Wood Burning

Claire: I think this would be considered a public comment to the regulation package. Perhaps, we should handle it with the rest? Let me know if you want an individualized response.

Alice

From: DEC-Commissioner (DEC sponsored)
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2019 9:13 AM
To: Edwards, Alice L S (DEC) <alice.edwards@alaska.gov>
Cc: Fishwick, Claire (DEC) <claire.fishwick@alaska.gov>
Subject: FW: Fairbanks Wood Burning

Hi Alice,

Here's a message to the Commissioner. Could someone please respond to her? Maybe she doesn't realize she can make comments..... Claire

From: Angela Modrell [<mailto:adesh2078@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, June 30, 2019 9:31 PM
To: DEC-Commissioner (DEC sponsored) <DEC.Commissioner@alaska.gov>
Subject: Fairbanks Wood Burning

Mr. Commissioner,

Thank you for taking a moment to read my concern. My family and I live in Fairbanks, Alaska where the EPA and Alaska DEC are making plans to ban wood burning during the winter, a readily renewable and abundant source to heat homes in Alaska where temperatures typically stay below zero during the winter months.

The EPA and DEC use the excuse of non-attainment for PM2.5 during the winter as the reason to encourage the use of electricity and #1 diesel instead of burning wood. The unique geography of Fairbanks and inversion created by the cold temperatures keeps the exhaust and even steam from rising out of the valleys. While I understand this can be a health issue, so is the unhealthy air I am currently breathing on June 29, 2019 created by the lightening caused wildland fires outside of Fairbanks.

My point being, nature will find a way to renew itself, the smoke is going to happen, whether we use the trees or not, nature will start her renewal process with or without the help of humans. Banning wood burning takes away the most readily available and least expensive source of heat for Alaskans. Could we please use common sense and allow the symbiotic relationship between people and forests by allowing residents to remove dead trees for use in heating their homes, which removes the excess fuels which feeds the wildland fires during the summer.

Thank you for your time,

Angela Modrell

"If it was easy, everyone would do it."