## PUBLIC NOTICE

## January 28, 2020

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is seeking comments on the 2018 Draft Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report. Every two years, DEC is required to report on the condition of Alaska's waters according to the federal Clean Water Act (CWA). This report categorizes waterbodies and includes the CWA reporting requirements for 305(b) and 303(d) list of impaired waters. The Integrated Report also helps the State prioritize waters for appropriate action such as data gathering, watershed protection, and restoration of impaired waters.

The 2018 Integrated Report reflects changes to previous years' reports. DEC is proposing a number of changes to existing waterbody classifications, including identifying healthy waters and removing waters from the impaired list where there are now plans in place or more recent data shows the water to be healthy.

The full lists of waters and instructions for attending the public meeting remotely can be found on the DEC web site at: <u>http://dec.alaska.gov/water/water-quality/integrated-report/.aspx</u>

The public meeting will be held at 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage and concurrently at the 43335 Kalifornsky Beach Road, Suite 11, Soldotna on February 4, 2020 from 4 to 6 pm.

THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS IS 5 PM AKST February 27, 2020.

Written comments may be in letter, email, or fax. Submit written comments to: Amber Bethe 555 Cordova Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501 <u>amber.bethe@alaska.gov</u> Phone: 907-269-7955 Fax: 907-334-2415