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Subject: Alaska Registration Deadline Extension for Commercial Passenger Vessels

Dear Commercial Passenger Vessel Operator:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) requires the owner or operator of a commercial passenger vessel intending to operate in Alaska marine waters to register by March 1 annually (AS 46.03.461 and 18 AAC 69.010).

DEC has determined that the ongoing uncertainty with resuming commercial passenger vessel operations in Alaska demonstrates a reasonable basis to waive compliance with the March 1, 2021 registration deadline and waste plan submittals (18 AAC 69.018). For the 2021 season only, commercial passenger vessel registration, the Nonhazardous Solid Waste Offloading and Disposal Plan, and the Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Substance Offloading Plan must be submitted no less than 60 days prior to each commercial passenger vessel's anticipated initial operating date in Alaska marine waters.

Please note that while the registration and waste plan submittal deadlines are being extended, other deadlines will remain the same. Operators who choose to delay registering must allow adequate time for the DEC review of required submittals for wastewater discharging vessels. DEC requests that operators submit a Notice of Intent 45-60 days prior to entering Alaska marine waters to ensure that the vessel obtains permit coverage in time. Should permit coverage not be approved, vessels will need to hold wastewater or discharge to shore facilities until they are approved for discharge in Alaska waters.

Please feel free to contact myself at (907) 465-5138 (sarah.mutter@alaska.gov), Albert Faure at (907) 465-5279 (albert.faure@alaska.gov), or Johnny Zutz at (907) 465-5317 (johnny.zutz@alaska.gov) if you have any registration question. We look forward to working with you during 2021.

Sincerely,

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