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Subject: Alaska Registration Deadline - Second 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 and to submit all cruise ship fees by June 1 annually (18 AAC 69.010 and 18 AAC 69.015, respectively). On February 17, 2021, DEC extended the commercial passenger vessel registration and waste plan submittal deadlines after determining that there was a reasonable basis to grant a waiver for these deadlines (18 AAC 69.018).

In response to the evolving conditions affecting the 2021 Alaska cruise ship season, and after determining that there is a reasonable basis to grant a waiver for the deadlines in accordance with 18 AAC 69.018, DEC is amending and further extending the deadlines identified in the February 17, 2021 letter as follows:

- Commercial passenger vessel registrations, nonhazardous solid waste offloading and disposal plans, and hazardous waste and hazardous substance offloading plans must be submitted to DEC no less than 40 days prior to each commercial passenger vessel's anticipated initial operating date in Alaska marine waters; and
- The cruise ship fee deadline will be extended to July 1, 2021.

Please note that while the registration, waste plan submittal, and fee 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 recommends that discharging vessels submit their Vessel Specific Sampling Plan as early as possible prior to arrival. DEC also 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.

We look forward to working with you during the 2021 season. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Mutter at (907) 465-5138 ([sarah.mutter@alaska.gov](mailto:sarah.mutter@alaska.gov)), Albert Faure at (907) 465-5279 ([albert.faure@alaska.gov](mailto:albert.faure@alaska.gov)), or Johnny Zutz at (907) 465-5317 ([johnny.zutz@alaska.gov](mailto:johnny.zutz@alaska.gov)).

Sincerely,

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Randy Bates  
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