

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOLICITATION FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

On

Listing Methodology for Water Quality Impairments from Aquatic Invasive Species

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is requesting public review and comment on DEC's draft Listing Methodology for Determining Water Quality Impairments from Invasive Species.

Every two years DEC submits an Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report to the US Environmental Protection Agency on the health of Alaska's waters. This Integrated Report, includes the list of waters impaired by pollutants. This list is known known as the "impaired waters list" as required under Clean Water Act Section 303(d) or Category 5 waters. The report should also include a list of waters that are impaired due to aquatic invasive species. These waters are placed in Category 4c. The draft listing methodology describes the process DEC will use to add or remove a water from Alaska's Category 4c for invasive species.

DEC encourages the public to submit comments for consideration by the Department in the application and use of this listing methodology.

Alaska's draft listing methodology is available on-line at  
<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wqsar/waterbody/integratedreport.htm>

This public notice runs from June 28 – July 28, 2016. Public comments must be submitted in writing through email, fax or mail and directed to the contact below by 5:00 PM July 28, 2016.

**For questions, copies of the draft guidance or to submit written comments contact:**

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DEC in consultation with the Departments of Fish and Game and Natural Resources will review all comments submitted for consideration in revision to the aquatic invasive species listing methodology.