

State of Alaska FY2017 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Environmental Conservation Office of the Commissioner Component Budget Summary

Component: Office of the Commissioner

Contribution to Department's Mission

Provide support and policy direction to the divisions in the Department.

Core Services

- Develop partnerships and work cooperatively with the regulated community and other government and non-governmental stakeholders to protect human health and the environment.
- Lead department employees to accomplish Department priorities.
- Represent the department's authorities and responsibilities on the Governor's cabinet.
- Work with the legislature on the department's budget and legislative priorities.
- Represent the department's authorities and responsibilities on the Exxon Valdez Trustees Council.
- Adjudicate administrative appeals of department decisions.
- Approve department regulations for public notice and adopt final regulation changes for filing with the Lieutenant Governor.
- Advise the Office of the Governor on the preparation and implementation of an Alaska climate change strategy and serve as chair of the Climate Change Sub-Cabinet.
- Serve on the Oceans Sub-Cabinet, Fisheries Sub-Cabinet, Resources Sub-Cabinet, and the Rural Action Sub-Cabinet.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2015Advanced Critical Environmental Impact Statements for Resource Development Projects

- Greater Moose's Tooth (GMT-1) Environmental Impact Statement for oil development in the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A)
- BOEM Lease Sales 193 Second Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
- Donlin Gold Mine /Natural Gas Pipeline – scoping for Environmental Impact Statement
- Alaska LNG Project Environmental Impact Statement
- Alaska Standalone Pipeline Project Environmental Impact Statement

Advanced Critical Regulations

- Drinking water lead standards regulations – Amendments were made to reduce the amount of lead allowed in materials that come in contact with drinking water.
- Fairbanks air quality regulations and control plan – Adopted regulations and an update to the State Air Quality Control Plan to address fine particulate matter (PM2.5) air pollution in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The regulations included the initial air quality control plan for the air quality problem area and supporting regulations on the use of dry wood and coal for heating, emission standards for new wood heaters, outdoor open burning, visible emissions from wood and coal heaters, and commercial wood selling. The goal of the plan and regulations is to protect human health and air quality as required by federal law by promoting the use of efficient, effective and affordable heating sources.
- Air quality and transportation conformity regulations - Updated air regulations that apply to federally funded transportation projects to ensure that these projects do not have a negative effect on air quality. Updated the designation of the Mendenhall Valley area of Juneau to an “attainment” area for coarse particulate matter (PM-10). Amended regulations to reflect federal changes in monitoring, reference method testing, and air quality modeling demonstrations.
- Contaminated sites qualified environmental professional regulation - Adopted regulation revisions on individuals who may qualify to conduct environmental work at contaminated sites and underground storage tank sites providing greater flexibility in meeting the requirements for a qualified environmental professional and allowing more individuals with various combinations of education and work experience to conduct environmental work.
- Radiation regulations - Adopted changes in the regulations dealing with radiation protection and discharge and disposal of radioactive materials to reference current federal radiation standards.
- Air quality permitting and emission fees - DEC is required to evaluate air permit fee rates every four years.

Based on this fee study the regulations were adjusted for administration fees, compliance fees, and emission fee rates.

- Spill prevention and response regulations – Modernized the regulations to incorporate the use of current communications technology, such as electronic mail.

Responded to Appeals

- Cruise Ship General Permit Appeal

Served on Committees and Workgroups

- Alaska Food Resources Working Group – assists the state agency work group formed to focus on recommending policies and measures to increase the purchase and consumption of local wild seafood and farm products, with the goal of building Alaska's food economy.
- Alaska Regional Interagency Working Group on Coordination of Domestic Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska – assists the working group to look for areas where federal agencies can better work together to facilitate safe and environmentally responsible energy development in Alaska. The group includes representatives from federal agencies with responsibilities related to energy permitting, energy development, and oil spill preparedness and response in and offshore of Alaska.
- Alaska Large Projects Working Group – works with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Corp of Engineers and Alaska Department of Natural Resources to coordinate energy projects permitting and eliminate duplication of efforts.
- Arctic Policy Council – assists the intergovernmental forum that addresses issues faced by the Arctic governments (Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, and the United States) and the indigenous people of the Arctic.
- Alaska Ocean Observing System (AOOS) – serve on the board to provide policy guidance on the work of the group with a focus on safe marine operations, coastal hazard mitigation, tracking ecosystem and climate trends, and water quality monitoring.
- Alaska Climate Change Executive Roundtable (ACCER) – serve on the board comprised of senior-level executives from both federal and non-federal agencies in Alaska. ACCER and the Alaska region Landscape Conservation Cooperatives serve as the primary conduits for stakeholder input to the Alaska Climate Science Center (CSC). ACCER meets twice annually to provide guidance in the development of the Alaska CSC's Annual Action Plan and to review progress over the previous year. The Alaska CSC works to improve the understanding of how Alaska's ecosystems, natural resources, and cultural resources will respond to changing climate regimes.

Notified the Public with Timely Advisories, Announcements, and Releases

- 22 media availabilities/press conferences
- 2 public service announcements
- 28 press releases

Special Events

- Supported the Division of Air Quality in hosting a press conference on May 18 to recognize businesses participating in the new Moisture Disclosure Program. The voluntary, statewide program is part of DEC's "Burn Wise" campaign, which aims to educate Alaskans on better burning practices while saving money and reducing the harmful effects of wood smoke.
- Supported the Division of Environmental Health in hosting an open house and press availability in Kodiak on July 16 to kick off the Department's Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris Airlift/Barge Project. Representatives from the marine debris community in Alaska spoke about the effects of marine debris and provided additional information about what is being done to address the issue in Alaska.

Comments on Proposed Federal Rules

- Participated with other state agencies on the development of comments on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Waters of the U.S. rule and the proposed Clean Power Plan rule.

Employee Training

- Provided new employee orientations in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks.
- Provided media training for employees in Juneau, Anchorage, and Fairbanks.
- Provided legislative training for employees in Juneau, Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Key Component Challenges

Reductions in FY2016 eliminated a Program Coordinator focused on workforce development and special projects. These duties have been distributed to other Commissioner’s Office and Department staff. Additional reductions reduced contractual support for the Department’s regulations review. The 2014 legislature passed House Bill 140, which requires development of the estimated costs to the public to comply with proposed regulations. While the Department is still able to comply with this requirement, the reduction may impact how quickly regulations move through the process.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2017

None.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

AS 46.03.010; AS 46.08.040; AS 46.08.050

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Office of the Commissioner Personal Services Information				
Authorized Positions			Personal Services Costs	
	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor		
Full-time	8	8	Annual Salaries	802,234
Part-time	0	0	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	402,107
			<i>Less 2.57% Vacancy Factor</i>	(30,941)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
Totals	8	8	Total Personal Services	1,173,400

Position Classification Summary					
Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Commissioner	1	0	0	0	1
Dep Commissioner	0	0	1	0	1
Deputy Director	1	0	0	0	1
Economist III	1	0	0	0	1
Environ Program Spec IV	0	0	1	0	1
Exec Secretary III	0	0	1	0	1
Information Officer III	0	0	1	0	1
Spec Asst To The Comm II	0	0	1	0	1
Totals	3	0	5	0	8

Component Detail All Funds
Department of Environmental Conservation

Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Conference Committee	FY2016 Authorized	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor	FY2016 Management Plan vs FY2017 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	1,018.8	1,065.4	1,053.4	1,173.4	1,173.4	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	40.2	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	44.4	184.3	184.3	64.3	64.3	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	6.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	1,110.0	1,282.8	1,270.8	1,270.8	1,270.8	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:							
1002Fed Rcpts (Fed)	316.1	557.6	557.6	557.6	557.6	0.0	0.0%
1004Gen Fund (UGF)	727.4	696.8	684.8	684.8	684.8	0.0	0.0%
1007I/A Rcpts (Other)	66.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	0.0	0.0%
1018EVOSS (Other)	0.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	6.9	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	727.4	696.8	684.8	684.8	684.8	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	66.5	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	316.1	557.6	557.6	557.6	557.6	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	8	7	7	8	8	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Environmental Conservation

Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2016 Conference Committee To FY2016 Authorized *****												
FY2016 Conference Committee												
ConfCom		1,282.8	1,065.4	22.5	184.3	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	7	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts		557.6										
1004 Gen Fund		696.8										
1007 I/A Rcpts		21.5										
1018 EVOSS		6.9										
Reduction to Available Funds for Regulations Notice, Review, and Comment												
Unalloc		-12.0	-12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-12.0										
This will reduce the amount of contractual funds available to support the Department's regulations review. The 2014 legislature passed House Bill 140 which requires development of the estimated costs to the public to comply with proposed regulations.												
Subtotal		1,270.8	1,053.4	22.5	184.3	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	7	0	0
***** Changes From FY2016 Authorized To FY2016 Management Plan *****												
Align Authority to Comply with Vacancy Factor Guidelines												
LIT		0.0	120.0	0.0	-120.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
A line item transfer from contractual to personal services is required to meet the vacancy factor guidelines. This has no impact on services to the public.												
Transfer Manager for Rural and Tribal Environmental Issues (18-7756) from Water Quality												
Trin		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1	0	0
Per the memo approved on April 7, a current Department employee was placed in acting status, effective June 1, 2015, in PCN 18-7756 as the Department's Manager for Rural and Tribal Environmental Issues, located in the Commissioner's Office.												
Subtotal		1,270.8	1,173.4	22.5	64.3	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	8	0	0
***** Changes From FY2016 Management Plan To FY2017 Governor *****												
Transfer Out FY2016 One-Time Salary Reductions to Unallocated in FY2017												
SalAdj		12.8	12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		12.8										
Restore UGF FY2016 Salary Increases because cuts taken in other expenditure lines.												
Reverse FY2016 One-Time Unrestricted General Fund Salary Adjustments in FY2017 Budget Request												
SalAdj		-12.8	-12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-12.8										

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
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Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
Cost of living adjustment for certain bargaining units: \$25.8												
Year three cost of living adjustment for non-covered employees - 2.5%: \$15.2												
Year three cost of living adjustment for Alaska State Employees Association/General Government Unit - 2.5%: \$10.6												
	Totals	1,270.8	1,173.4	22.5	64.3	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	8	0	0

Personal Services Expenditure Detail
Department of Environmental Conservation

Scenario: FY2017 Governor (12995)
Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

PCN	Job Class Title	Time Status	Retire Code	Barg Unit	Location	Salary Sched	Range / Step	Comp Months	Split / Count	Annual Salaries	COLA	Premium Pay	Annual Benefits	Total Costs	UGF Amount
18-7000	Commissioner	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	0L	12.0		137,712	0	0	62,086	199,798	199,798
18-7007	Exec Secretary III	FT	A	XE	Juneau	E05	16M	12.0		75,381	0	0	41,959	117,340	5,867
18-7084	Dep Commissioner	FT	A	XE	Juneau	E05	28M / N	12.0		156,501	0	0	67,356	223,857	223,857
18-7150	Environ Program Spec IV	FT	A	GP	Juneau	205	20K	12.0		90,564	0	0	47,769	138,333	0
18-7659	Information Officer III	FT	A	GP	Juneau	205	20G	12.0		84,192	0	0	45,591	129,783	6,489
18-7754	Spec Asst To The Comm II	FT	A	XE	Juneau	N05	23B / C	12.0		92,507	0	0	47,813	140,320	7,016
18-7756	Deputy Director	FT	A	XE	Anchorage	N00	25A	12.0		96,060	0	0	49,027	145,087	0
18-7861	Economist III	FT	A	GP	Anchorage	200	20B / C	12.0		69,317	0	0	40,506	109,823	109,823
													Total Salary Costs:	802,234	
													Total COLA:	0	
													Total Premium Pay:	0	
													Total Benefits:	402,107	
													Total Pre-Vacancy:	1,204,341	
													Minus Vacancy Adjustment of 2.57%:	(30,941)	
													Total Post-Vacancy:	1,173,400	
													Plus Lump Sum Premium Pay:	0	
													Personal Services Line 100:	1,173,400	

	Total Positions	New	Deleted
Full Time Positions:	8	0	0
Part Time Positions:	0	0	0
Non Permanent Positions:	0	0	0
Positions in Component:	8	0	0

Total Component Months: 96.0

PCN Funding Sources:	Pre-Vacancy	Post-Vacancy	Percent
1002 Federal Receipts	498,104	485,307	41.36%
1004 General Fund Receipts	552,850	538,647	45.90%
1007 Interagency Receipts	153,387	149,446	12.74%
Total PCN Funding:	1,204,341	1,173,400	100.00%

Note: If a position is split, an asterisk (*) will appear in the Split/Count column. If the split position is also counted in the component, two asterisks (**) will appear in this column. [No valid job title] appearing in the Job Class Title indicates that the PCN has an invalid class code or invalid range for the class code effective date of this scenario.

Line Item Detail
Department of Environmental Conservation
Travel

Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
72000	Travel		40.2	22.5	22.5
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
72000 Travel Detail Totals			40.2	22.5	22.5
72110	Employee Travel (Instate)	In state employee travel (including but not limited to): Airfare, Surface Transport, Lodging, Meals and Incidentals.	26.2	21.8	21.8
72410	Employee Travel (Out of state)	Out of state employee travel (including but not limited to): Air Fare, Surface Transport, Lodging, Meals and Incidentals.	14.0	0.7	0.7

Line Item Detail
Department of Environmental Conservation
Services

Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

Line Number	Line Name			FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
73000	Services			44.4	64.3	64.3
				FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation				
73000 Services Detail Totals				44.4	64.3	64.3
73025	Education Services		Education Services (including but not limited to): Training/Conferences, Memberships, Employee Tuition and Test Monitor/Proctor.	3.1	6.0	6.0
73150	Information Technlgy		Information Technology (including but not limited to): IT Training, Consulting, Equipment Leases, and Software Licensing and Maintenance.	1.7	0.2	0.2
73156	Telecommunication		Telecommunications (including but not limited to): Television, Long Distance, Cell Phones, and Other Wireless Charges.	4.6	5.6	5.6
73450	Advertising & Promos		Advertising and Promotions.	1.3	0.9	0.9
73750	Other Services (Non IA Svcs)		Services (including but not limited to): Interpreters, Non-Board/Commission Honorarium, Printing, Professional Services Not Listed in Other Categories.	2.9	2.5	2.5
73806	IT-Telecommunication	Enterprise Technology Services	RSA to the Department of Administration for Telecommunication Services.	0.1	0.1	0.1
73812	Legal	Legislation/Regulations	RSA to the Department of Law for Legal Services.	1.2	20.2	20.2
73819	Commission Sales (IA Svcs)	State Travel Office	State Travel Office (STO) fees.	0.8	0.6	0.6
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	Administrative Services	RSA to the Division of Administrative Services for managed costs included in the departmental cost allocation plan such as reception, state travel coordination telecommunications, etc.	26.5	26.0	27.8
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	Food Safety & Sanitation	RSA to the Division of Environmental Health for the split receptionist position in the Fairbanks office.	1.8	1.8	0.0
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	Office of the Commissioner	RSA to the Division of Administrative Services for Commissioner's Office Recruitment and Training Coordinator support.	0.4	0.4	0.4

Line Item Detail
Department of Environmental Conservation
Commodities

Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
74000	Commodities		6.6	10.6	10.6
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
74000 Commodities Detail Totals			6.6	10.6	10.6
74200	Business	Business Commodities (including but not limited to): Books, Equipment and Subscriptions.	6.6	10.6	10.6

Restricted Revenue Detail
Department of Environmental Conservation

Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

Master Account	Revenue Description				FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
51010	Federal Receipts				316.1	557.6	557.6
Detail Information							
Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
51010	Federal Receipts		18XXXXX1	11100	316.1	557.6	557.6
	Tasks performed in the Commissioner's Office are eligible for federal funding. These funds are collected as an indirect charge on federal personal services expended on direct costs.						

Restricted Revenue Detail
Department of Environmental Conservation

Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

Master Account	Revenue Description				FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
51015	Interagency Receipts				66.5	21.5	21.5
Detail Information							
Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
59100	Natural Resources RSA from the Department of Natural Resources for work with the State Pipeline Coordinators Office.	Project Management & Permitting		11100	7.8	11.9	11.9
59180	Environmental Consvn General administrative and program support.	Department-wide		11100	58.7	9.6	9.6

Restricted Revenue Detail
Department of Environmental Conservation

Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

Master Account	Revenue Description	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
51392	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement	0.0	6.9	6.9

Detail Information					FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
Revenue Amount	Revenue Description	Component	Collocation Code	AKSAS Fund			
51392	Exxon Valdez Settlmt Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement funds.		18XXXXX2	33070	0.0	6.9	6.9

Interagency Services
Department of Environmental Conservation

Component: Office of the Commissioner (633)
RDU: Administration (202)

Expenditure Account		Service Description	Service Type	Servicing Agency	FY2015 Actuals	FY2016 Management Plan	FY2017 Governor
73806	IT-Telecommunication	RSA to the Department of Administration for Telecommunication Services.	Inter-dept	Enterprise Technology Services	0.1	0.1	0.1
73806 IT-Telecommunication subtotal:					0.1	0.1	0.1
73812	Legal	RSA to the Department of Law for Legal Services.	Inter-dept	Legislation/Regulations	1.2	20.2	20.2
73812 Legal subtotal:					1.2	20.2	20.2
73819	Commission Sales (IA Svcs)	State Travel Office (STO) fees.	Inter-dept	State Travel Office	0.8	0.6	0.6
73819 Commission Sales (IA Svcs) subtotal:					0.8	0.6	0.6
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	RSA to the Division of Administrative Services for managed costs included in the departmental cost allocation plan such as reception, state travel coordination telecommunications, etc.	Intra-dept	Administrative Services	26.5	26.0	27.8
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	RSA to the Division of Environmental Health for the split receptionist position in the Fairbanks office.	Intra-dept	Food Safety & Sanitation	1.8	1.8	0.0
73979	Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs)	RSA to the Division of Administrative Services for Commissioner's Office Recruitment and Training Coordinator support.	Intra-dept	Office of the Commissioner	0.4	0.4	0.4
73979 Mgmt/Consulting (IA Svcs) subtotal:					28.7	28.2	28.2
Office of the Commissioner total:					30.8	49.1	49.1
Grand Total:					30.8	49.1	49.1