Memorandum

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Subject: Public Service

Navigability Customers:

· Attorneys - Private and State

Riparian landowners who wish to understand their ownership rights

Recreational boaters and floaters who wish to use Alaska's navigable waters

 State and Federal Agencies - Ownership and jurisdictional issues relating to minerals, gravel, access and subsistence questions.

· Commercial Guides - Access, permitting, and ownership problems

Service Provided:

- · Navigability determinations preparation, field inspection, and research
- Answer access and public ownership questions
- Comment on public transportation plans involving navigable waters and gravel resources below the ordinary high water line.
- Assist federal agencies such as BLM and Coast Guard as they prepare navigability determinations.
- Litigation support to the Attorney Generals Office

Services affected by current budget

- Response time has slowed
- Have to prioritize projects
- · Have dropped support to the AK Water Resources Board and the Departments Planning Projects

Improve service

 The Navigability Section needs a 1/3 -1/2 time NRT position to assist with research, filing, and computer entry.