

DIVISION OF WATER FY95 OPTION 1

This option assumes that the Division of Water will not be merged with another division within DNR and that the Director's position and support will need to be funded from DOW's FY95 budget.

Staffing under Option 1:

- * Lay off 1 Hydro II in Anchorage (PFT)
- * Leave vacant positions vacant
 - 1 Hydro II in Fairbanks (PFT)
 - 2 NRT I/II one in Fairbanks, one in Anchorage (PFT)
 - 1 DPC II in Anchorage (PPT)

Changes in Service:

Due to General Fund (GF) reduction of \$101.1K in FY 95, implementing Option 1, keeps the Division of Water as an independent division within DNR. This benefits DNR and the public in that time and effort put in to bringing "Water" as a resource to the attention of the people of the state and other resource agencies (state, federal and local government) would be maintained. The participation of DOW in the Western States Water Council, The Presidents Water Policy Council, and the Alaska Water Management Council (22 state and federal agencies) will continue with DOW as an equal partner, with status as a full division. This demonstrates that the state and DNR are committed to actively manage Alaska's water resources.

Option 1 also results in not filling two positions in the Fairbanks, Northern Regional Office, (Hydro II and NRT I/II) and two positions in Anchorage, Southcentral Region (NRT I/II and DPC II). In Fairbanks not filling the NRT position will result in an increase to a already major water rights backlog. The existing staff of one adjudicator will only be able to keep up with the initiation of new applications (no adjudication or permitting) and with the adjudication of Temporary Water Use Permits needed for construction and oil and gas exploration and development. Other projects that will take time away from adjudication and will not get the attention they will require include the Fort Knox, Ryan Gold, and Healy Clean Coal projects. A one person staff results in limited access to the public for general water management, water rights and specific casefile questions. The Hydrologist position in the Fairbanks office is critical to the Division ability to respond to proposed development projects in that region as they relate to the projects ability to obtain water, and the effects of taking water (other water users and the environment). Additional projects to those listed above include; continued work with DEC related to placer mining and Total Maximum Daily Loads, continued hydrologic studies at the Healy Coal Mine, and the joint USGS/DOW Minnie Street groundwater contamination project.

In the Southcentral Office a NRT I/II will not be filled. The FY95 budget does not provide general funds to fill this position, with or without the Director's funding. If program receipts become available in excess of anticipated revenues DOW may fill this position. The southcentral Region has a major backlog of water rights files which the existing staff of 3.5 adjudicators has shown progress towards decreasing at the expense of other water management tasks. The backlog will likely be maintained or increase depending on the amount of development activity in the region. Water rights applications could be backlogged for a year or longer under current budget levels. In addition the DPC II position will not be filled resulting in a backlog of water management and hydrologic data not being entered into several important data base systems that are used by DOW, other state agencies, the private sector and the public. Current and accurate data is important to good water resource management and decision making.

The Southcentral Office will also be forced to layoff a Hydro. II position (currently filled). This is the only hydrologist on staff with specific expertise in groundwater hydrology. In a region as dependent on groundwater as southcentral is, this represents a loss of ability within DNR to respond to and manage this critical resource.

The FY95 budget authorized cut an additional \$121.9K in GF/PR based on the total PR received in FY93. It is anticipated that DOW will be required to request from LB&A authorization to collect and spend PR in excess of FY95 authorized.

OPTION 1

DIVISION OF WATER FY 95 BUDGET							
	71000	72000	73000	74000	75000		
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE *	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DAM SAFETY	96.9	8.5	39.9	4.5	0.0	0.0	149.8
HYDROLOGIC SURVEY	518.4	9.6	36.7	7.6	2.0	0.0	574.3
MGMT & DEV	506.2	21.7	124.0	14.7	0.0	0.0	666.6
NAVIGABILITY	133.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	133.4
CIP	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	1254.9	39.8	200.6	26.8	2.0	0.0	1524.1
FUNDING SOURCE	FED	GFM	GF	GF/PR	IA	OTHERS	
	1002	1003	1004	1005	1007		
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DAM SAFETY	30.0	0.0	79.9	39.9	0.0	0.0	149.8
HYDROLOGIC SURVEY	21.7	0.0	326.6	45.8	180.2	0.0	574.3
MGMT & DEV	10.0	0.0	491.6	165.0	0.0	0.0	666.6
NAVIGABILITY	0.0	0.0	133.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	133.4
CIP	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	61.7	0.0	1031.5	250.7	180.2	0.0	1524.1
POSITIONS	PFT	PPT	NP	SM	TOTAL		
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE	0	0	0	0	0		
DAM SAFETY	1.1	0	0	0	1.1		
HYDROLOGIC SURVEY	8.6	1.0	0	0	9.6		
MGMT & DEV	10.2	0	0	0	10.2		
NAVIGABILITY	2.1	0	0	0	2.1		
CIP	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	22.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	23.0		

* Director's Office funded from existing Division of Water FY95 budget.

- A. Lay off 1 Hydro II in Anchorage (PFT).
- B. Leave all vacant positions vacant.
 - 1. 1 Hydro II in Fairbanks (PFT).
 - 2. 2 NRT I/II, one in Fairbanks and one in Anchorage (PFT).
 - 3. 1 DPC in Anchorage (PPT).
- C. 200-500 funds at minimum required to operate the division.