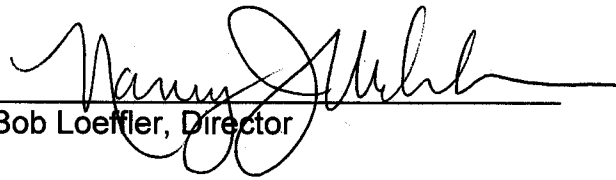


**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER
DIRECTOR'S DECISION**

Governor Tony Knowles has declared the Bristol Bay area to be an economic disaster area after an extremely poor fishing season in 2002. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water currently has 492 shore fishery leases authorized in the Bristol Bay area.

Under the authority of AS 38.05.020 and AS 38.05.035, to assist the affected Bristol Bay shore fishery (setnet) lease holders, the Division of Mining, Land and Water will extend the 2002 rental payment due dates for the Bristol Bay lease holders to February 20, 2003. In addition, late fees will be waived if rental payments are made on or before February 20, 2003. This payment extension applies to 2002 payments only.

for 

Bob Loeffler, Director

11-20-02
Date

cc: Richard B. Thompson, Regional Manager
Financial Services Section