

Water Rights Declaration Deadline

April 30 is the deadline for filing declarations of existing water rights for those areas of Alaska not previously covered by such filing periods, according to the Alaska Division of Lands.

Users of water from a natural source such as a lake, stream or underground strata are advised to file their declarations in order to have their water rights certified, said Joe Keenan, acting director of the land agency.

The general areas open for filing during the current period include the Copper River Basin and Interior, Northwest and Arctic Alaska.

The specific recording districts involved are the Aleutian Islands, Bethel, Bristol Bay, Cape Nome, Chitina, Cordova, Fairbanks Fairhaven, Fort Gibbon, Iliamna, Kuskokwim, Kvichak, McCarthy, Manley Hot Springs, Mt. McKinley, Nenana, Noatak - Kobuk, Nulato, Rampart, Talkeetna, Valdez and Wade Hampton recording districts.

Necessary forms and full information can be obtained in person from any Division office in Anchorage, Fairbanks or Juneau, or by mail from the Anchorage office at 344 Sixth Ave., Keenan stated.