

# Water board targets mining

Mining and associated water quality issues will be discussed by the Alaska Water Resources Board at its semi-annual meeting in Anchorage Wednesday and Thursday in the Wilda Marston Theater of the Loussac Library.

The sessions begin at 9 a.m. each day, and the public is invited to attend and speak to the board during the public comment session. The public comment period begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The seven member board, headed by Peg Tileston of Anchorage, is a citizens' advisory group to the governor on water-related issues, including water use, water quality and planning.

The meeting will open Wednesday with a report from the Department of Natural Resources on the water rights, dam safety and water resources data collection programs.

The Department of Environmental Conservation will follow with reports of its surface and groundwater quality programs. The primary focus of the meeting will be on surface mining in Alaska and the associated water quality and quantity issues. A broad range of state and federal agencies will address the board on this topic.

Additional presentations will be made to the board on mariculture development and the state's navigability program Thursday morning.