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Apply Online for Your 2008 PFD Starting January 1

Juneau – The 2008 PFD application period opens January 1, 2008, at 12:01 a.m. To encourage more Alaskans to apply online, the PFD Division is continuing its Early Direct Deposit option. Applicants who apply online in January and select and qualify for direct deposit will be paid on October 2, 2008. All other eligible applicants who select and qualify for direct deposit will be paid on October 16, 2008. The PFD Division will begin mailing checks to all other eligible applicants November 14, 2008.

Every Alaskan can apply online for their 2008 PFD. Alaskans who register for a myAlaska account can electronically sign their PFD application through the state's myAlaska program. Visit www.pfd.alaska.gov to learn more about the electronic signature option or to set up a myAlaska account now.

Any adult who received a 2007 PFD can set up a myAlaska account to eSign their application with an Alaska driver's license or an Alaska ID. Adults with a myAlaska account can also apply online and electronically sign their children's' PFD applications. Alaskans who already have a myAlaska account do not need to set up another account. Applicants who do not wish to use an electronic signature can still apply online and mail a printed signature page to the PFD Division.

PFD Division Director Debbie Richter said, "The online application process is a "win" in every way for applicants. It is more secure than mail, provides immediate confirmation of filing, and allows January filers with direct deposit to receive their dividends earlier. We are hoping for at least 470,000 online filers this year."

According to PFD Division Manager Amy Skow, in 2007 the Division received 420,596 online applications, two thirds of the total 629,000 valid applications received for the 2007 PFD. Skow estimates that the Division will receive more online applications during 2008, and she encourages Alaskans to discover for themselves the convenience of signing electronically.

Division staff in the Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau Offices can assist those wanting to set up a myAlaska electronic signature account. Alaskans without computer access may apply online using public computers available in the PFD Offices, at public libraries and at Legislative Information Offices.

The 2008 PFD application period runs from January 1 through March 31, 2008. The online application will be available at 12:01 am on January 1, 2008. The 2008 dividend amount will be announced mid-September, 2008.

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