

SENATE BILL NO. 51

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/11/19

Referred: Resources, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring the designation of state water as outstanding national resource water**
2 **to occur by law; relating to the authority of the Department of Environmental**
3 **Conservation, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Natural**
4 **Resources to nominate water for designation as outstanding national resource water;**
5 **relating to management of outstanding national resource water by the Department of**
6 **Environmental Conservation; and providing for an effective date."**

7 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

8 * **Section 1.** AS 46.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 **Sec. 46.03.085. Outstanding national resource water.** (a) Water of the state
10 may be designated as outstanding national resource water, as described in federal
11 regulation and this section, only by law.

12 (b) The department shall accept nominations of water for designation as
13 outstanding national resource water. The department may forward a nomination for

1 outstanding national resource water to the legislature only if the department, the
2 Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Natural Resources agree to
3 recommend designation of the water to the legislature.

4 (c) Water of the state may not be managed as outstanding national resource
5 water unless the water has been designated as outstanding national resource water
6 under (a) of this section.

7 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).