



Climate Change Statutes

STATE OF ALASKA

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§ 44.37.200. Carbon sequestration studies and recommendations

(a) The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the commissioner of environmental conservation, shall conduct research, surveys, and appropriate studies relating to carbon sequestration.

(b) The commissioner of natural resources, in consultation with the commissioner of environmental conservation, shall

(1) prepare the reports required by AS 44.37.200--44.37.220 and conduct the assessment described in AS 44.37.210;

(2) recommend policies or programs to enhance the ability of the state to participate in systems of carbon trading; the recommendations may include potential policies or programs designed to optimize economic benefits to private landowners participating in carbon transactions; the policies or programs may include identifying existing nonprofit organizations or other public or private entities or the potential of creating nonprofit organizations or other public or private entities capable of serving as assemblers of carbon credits or as intermediaries on behalf of producers in carbon-trading systems;

(3) encourage the production of educational and advisory materials regarding carbon sequestration on state and private land and participation in systems of carbon emissions trading;

(4) identify and recommend areas of research needed to better understand and quantify the process of carbon sequestration; and

(5) review the carbon sequestration programs and policies of other states.