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PRESS RELEASE

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### **Cancellation of Potter Marsh Discovery Day**

May 7, 2020 (Statewide) – While Potter Marsh itself remains open to the public through the summer, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) is disappointed to announce that the Potter Marsh Discovery Day event, originally scheduled for June 6, has been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. This annual event which features nature and outdoor-related activities, displays, and events conducted by the ADF&G and our many partners typically attracts 800-1,200 people.

Joe Meehan, Refuge Program Coordinator with the department stated, “with the COVID-19 pandemic in progress, we just didn’t feel comfortable bringing that many people together in one place.” Meehan wants to assure visitors that, provided appropriate social distancing is maintained, the Potter Marsh boardwalk is a wonderful place to get outdoors and with the spring bird migration in full swing, it is an exciting time to visit Potter Marsh. Meehan also anticipates the Discovery Day event will return in 2021, provided public health concerns allow.

Potter Marsh is located within the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge at milepost 117 on the Seward Highway, just 10 miles south of downtown Anchorage. There are ½ miles of elevated boardwalk that is accessible to those with mobility challenges. In a typical year, over 150,000 visits are made to the boardwalk. More information is available at [www.refuges.adfg.alaska.gov](http://www.refuges.adfg.alaska.gov). Educational resources and kids’ outdoor activities that can be done at the marsh can be found at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=educators.homeorschool>.

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