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According to Alaska Statute 12, the Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys is charged with conducting geological and geophysical surveys to determine the potential of Alaska lands for production of metals, minerals, fuels, and geothermal resources; the location and supplies of ground water and sedimentary materials; the potential geologic and seismic hazards to highways, roads, bridges, and other installations; and seismic events and engineering geology; and shall conduct other surveys and investigations as will advance knowledge of the geology of Alaska.

In addition, the Division shall collect, evaluate, and publish data on the underground, surface, and coastal waters of the state. It shall also require, process, and file data from well drilling logs.

DGGS performs numerous functions, all under the jurisdiction of the State Geologist, including: (1) mineral claims, especially petroleum, (2) geologic water), geologic hazard and geotechnical studies, and (3) mineral resource surveys.

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THE ALASKA HERITAGE RESOURCES SURVEY

The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) is Alaska's inventory of documented prehistoric and historic sites.

Contained on card files in Anchorage, the AHRS lists the locations of sites of such diverse nature as National Historic Landmarks, properties on the National Register of Historic Places, and places where an aboriginal hunter sat and flaked a new stone tip for his spear. Other types of sites listed in the inventory include parts of historic trails (the famed Iditarod dog-sled trail, for example), old roadhouses, and bridges.

PURPOSE

The Alaska Historic Preservation Act is the primary state law that protects historic and prehistoric sites on state land or land controlled by the state. Under Alaska Statute (13.36.1002), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is mandated to establish an inventory of sites and to "sponsor, engage in, and direct fundamental research into the archaeology of the state and encourage and coordinate archaeological research and investigation undertaken in the state..."

The DNR Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) maintains the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey. Originally housed in the Alaska Division of Parks, the inventory was consolidated in 1982 within DGGS-DNR's data-gathering and evaluating branch. AHRS is closely meshed with the activities of DGGS archaeologists, geologists, and historians. DGGS plans to computerize the card files in 1985.

SITE DATA

Begun in 1971, the Heritage Resources Survey contained nearly 9,000 entries of historic and prehistoric sites by early 1984. Each site is listed on a



DGGS staff excavating Nlununqua *ashkan-Ingak* site, Moose River, Kenai Peninsula, July 1983. Crossed center of photograph are not cultural, but were set up to protect human skull being excavated. Photograph by Douglas Roper DGGS

file card and is located on U.S. Geological Survey topographic quadrangle maps at both the 1:63,360 and 1:250,000 scales. Each site is assigned a unique number.

Card entries for the AHRS contain information on site name, latitude and longitude, location, site significance, bibliographic citation, artifact storage, and ownership status. Coding for computer storage and retrieval is also located on each card.

ACCESS RESTRICTED

The information contained in the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey is restricted. It is available only

to representatives of federal, state, or local governments on official business; native groups; legitimate scientific researchers; and individuals or groups conducting cultural-resource surveys for the inventory of historic and prehistoric properties. The inventory is not open to the general public.

Access to the AHRS is restricted to protect sites from unauthorized digging and vandalism. Such restriction is provided by state law and the federal Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.

Access to the AHRS may be authorized by the Chief of the Alaska Archaeological Survey within DGGS-Anchorage, or by the State Historic Preservation Officer, DNR Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage 99501