# Instructions for Forms 6000 and 6020 (Formerly Forms 611 and 611SF) 2013 Alaska Corporation Net Income Tax Return

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#### WHAT'S NEW

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The Alaska Department of Revenue Tax Division (DOR) is currently implementing a new tax revenue management system. The system will allow us to process refunds more quickly, communicate with taxpayers in a more timely manner, and to account for information that we are required to report to the legislature. Looking forward, we are working on providing the ability for corporate taxpayers to file their returns electronically. Visit our website at www.tax. alaska.gov for the current status of the 2013 filing season.

#### Filing Extension for 2013

The DOR has extended the filing due date for calendar year 2013 corporate income tax returns from April 15, 2014 to **May 15, 2014**, to allow corporations to take advantage of new online tax return filing capabilities that are expected to be available April 28, 2014. If you have filed a federal extension of time to file, the extended due date remains October 15, 2014. This also does not change or extend any payment due date.

The new system requires certain form changes and process improvements. See "Form Changes" and "Avoid Common Mistakes" for further information. Two important points to note:



#### **Amended Returns**

As announced in the Notice dated 8/21/13, the DOR no longer accepts amended returns on Forms 611X or 611N. An amended return must be filed as a complete return. If you are amending a 2013 return, the form has a checkbox on page 1 to indicate "amended return." If you are amending a return for 2012, or an

earlier tax year, you must file a complete return, and write "Amended Return," preferably in red, across the top of the amended return. If you are amending your return to claim a tax attribute such as a net operating loss, unused capital losses, or excess charitable contributions, then you must attach new Form 6385 Tax Attribute Carryovers. See "Amended Returns" below for more information.



#### Schedule B

To ensure timely return processing, you must properly complete Schedule B, if the return is a consolidated Alaska income tax return. Schedule B must show all corporations, other than the taxpayer shown on page 1, with nexus in Alaska. Reference to, or reproduction of, the federal Form 851 is not acceptable. If Schedule B is not properly completed, the return will be delayed for us to contact you. See "Specific Instructions" below for more details.

#### **Form Changes**

We have renumbered certain forms starting in 2013. The old and new numbers are shown in the table below. See further information under "Avoid Common Mistakes" and refer to "Specific Instructions" for help in preparing your return.

Form	Old Number	New Number
Corporation Net Income Tax Return	611	6000
Corporation Net Income Tax Return – Short Form	611SF	6020
Oil and Gas Corporation Net Income Tax Return	650	6100
Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations	708	6220
Payment Voucher	711	6240
Application for Voluntary Disclosure	615	6750

Within Form 6000, you will note some key changes:

- The return has been redesigned to accommodate amended returns including changes to Schedule C, and ability to report carrybacks of net operating losses and capital losses.
- A box has added to page 1 to report the NAICS code of the taxpayer listed on page 1. If this is a consolidated Alaska return, then other corporations in the consolidated Alaska group must report their NAICS codes on Schedule B, line 1. The NAICS code is required for every Alaska taxpayer.
- Checkboxes on page 1, "Return Information" have been added or modified.

New checkboxes:

- Amended return
- Amended return to report Internal Revenue Service (IRS) audit change
- o Amended return to make a protective claim

- Small corporation exemption (see instructions on page 5 for further information)
- Personal Holding Company

Modified checkboxes:

- o Checkbox for "Estimated tax payments based on annualized method" has been removed from page 1, "Return Information." The checkbox can now be found on Form 6220 Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations.
- O Checkbox for "Public Law 86-272" now applies only to the corporation listed on page 1. If this is a consolidated Alaska return, then any other corporation in the consolidated Alaska group will check the "P.L. 86-272" box on Schedule B, line 1 next to that corporation's name, if P.L. 86-272 is applicable to that corporation.
- Checkbox to indicate a new address has been moved on page 1, to the "Mailing Address" line of the address section.
- Report only the net operating loss (NOL) utilized in the current year on Schedule A, line 2. This must be identified as either a carryover or a carryback in the spaces provided on line 2.
- The Alaska credit for prior year minimum tax is entered directly on Schedule A, line 11, rather than on Schedule E— Other Taxes.
- Schedule I Apportionment Factor requires by-company detail of factor numerators (property, payroll, and sales). The corporations listed on Schedule I must match the list of corporations on Schedule B, line 1 (plus the taxpayer listed on page 1), unless the corporation is claiming exemption under P.L. 86-272, or is an Alaska insurance company.
- Report only the excess capital loss (from other tax years)
  utilized in the current year on Schedule J, line 9. This must
  be identified as either a carryover or a carryback in the
  spaces provided on line 9.

#### **New Form**

Form 6385 Tax Attribute Carryovers has been developed to claim carryovers or carrybacks of tax attributes such as net operating loss, unused capital loss, or excess charitable contribution from prior tax years. In addition, this form is required if you are claiming the Alaska credit for prior year minimum tax on Schedule A, line 11.

#### **Additions to Instructions**

We have added instructions and other information for the following:

- Schedule K Charitable Contribution: We have added a
  worksheet to calculate the taxable income for purposes
  of limitation of the charitable contribution deduction. This
  worksheet will also calculate the amount of charitable
  contribution carryover to be converted to net operating loss.
  See Appendix A.
- Schedule L Dividends-Received Deduction (DRD): We have added a worksheet to calculate the limitation under 0405-6000i Rev 01/01/14 - page 2

Internal Revenue Code Section 246, for Alaska purposes. See Appendix B.

#### **Legislative Changes Effective for 2013**

Effective for tax years beginning after 12/31/12, certain small corporations are exempt from Alaska corporate income tax. This exemption applies to an Alaska corporation that is a qualified small business and that meets the active business requirement in Internal Revenue Code Section 1202(e), as that subsection read on January 1, 2012. There are restrictions that apply to certain industries including transportation, utility, extractive, or fisheries business, and other requirements. This exemption will sunset in 2023.

Effective 7/1/13, the film production tax credit program was expanded from a total of \$100M to \$300M, under SB 23. The credit certificate may be used within six years (formerly three years). This legislation also expands the tax types against which the credit may be taken. In addition to corporate income tax, the credit may be taken against Production Tax, Property Tax, Mining Tax, Fisheries Business Tax, and certain taxes paid by insurance companies. The legislation also set a sunset date of 7/1/23 for some of the provisions.

Effective for tax years beginning on or after 8/26/13, the tax rates and tax brackets are changed. The lowest tax rate of 1% was lowered to zero, and applies to taxable income up to \$25,000. For taxable income of \$25,000 to \$49,000, the tax rate is 2%. The top marginal tax rate remains at 9.4%, but the taxable income point at which this rate applies was raised from \$90,000 to \$222,000. See Tax Table B below for more information about tax rates and tax brackets.

In 2013, the legislature passed SB 83 which exempted certain income received by a regional aquaculture association or a salmon hatchery permit holder. This change was retroactive, effective for tax years beginning after 6/30/07.

SB 83 also changed the way in which Alaska applies the "look-back interest" rules for long-term contracts. Alaska adopts the Internal Revenue Code, including Section 460. Until modified by the legislation, the Alaska interest rates were used in the calculation of look-back interest. Under the legislation, federal interest rates are used. The law change was effective 9/20/13. For administrative convenience, we will apply the new rule to look-back interest reported on all tax years that begin in 2013.

#### **Other Recent Legislative Changes**

SB 83 also changed the interest rates applicable to delinquent taxes. Effective 1/1/14, the Alaska interest rates decrease from 11% compounded quarterly, to 3.75%¹ calculated as simple interest. For delinquent balances outstanding at 1/1/14, interest will be calculated at 3.75% on the balance of tax due. The payoff amount at any date after 12/31/13 will include the tax balance, accrued interest at 3.75% from 1/1/14, and any interest balance at 12/31/13.

SB 21, passed in 2013, granted a corporate income tax credit for qualified oil and gas service industry expenditures under AS 43.20.049. The amount of credit is 10% of qualified expenditures, up to a maximum of \$10,000,000 per tax year. The law is effective for tax years beginning after 12/31/13. Expenditures that qualify for this credit are those incurred in Alaska which are directly attributable to the in-state manufacture or modification of tangible

personal property used to explore, develop or produce oil or gas. The credit may be carried forward for five years. See the Notice dated 9/12/13 on our website at:

www.tax.state.ak.us/programs/whatsnew.aspx.

#### **Tax Rate Tables**

For calendar-year tax returns, and any other tax period that began prior to 8/26/13, use Tax Table A. For any tax period that began on or after 8/26/13, use Tax Table B below.

TAX RATE TABLE A (tax years beginning before 8/26/13)				
(1) At Least	(2) But Less Than	(3) Your Tax is	(4) Plus	(5) Of The Amount Over
-0-	10,000	-0-	1%	-0-
10,000	20,000	100	2%	10,000
20,000	30,000	300	3%	20,000
30,000	40,000	600	4%	30,000
40,000	50,000	1,000	5%	40,000
50,000	60,000	1,500	6%	50,000
60,000	70,000	2,100	7%	60,000
70,000	80,000	2,800	8%	70,000
80,000	90,000	3,600	9%	80,000
90,000 or mo	re	4,500	9.4%	90,000

TAX RATE TABLE B (tax years beginning on or after 8/26/13)				
(1) At Least	(2) But Less Than	(3) Your Tax is	(4) Plus	(5) Of The Amount Over
-0-	25,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
25,000	49,000	-0-	2%	25,000
49,000	74,000	480	3%	49,000
74,000	99,000	1230	4%	74,000
99,000	124,000	2230	5%	99,000
124,000	148,000	3480	6%	124,000
148,000	173,000	4920	7%	148,000
173,000	198,000	6670	8%	173,000
198,000	222,000	8670	9%	198,000
222,000 or m	ore	10,830	9.4%	222,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Current as of date of publication.

#### If You Need Help

If you have questions, need additional information or require other assistance, please call:

Juneau: 907-465-2320 Anchorage: 907-269-6620

Current tax forms and instructions are available online at: www.tax.alaska.gov.

#### **Avoid Common Mistakes**

To facilitate the processing of your return, be sure to do the following:

- Use the correct form and schedules. Non-affiliated corporations operating solely in Alaska are encouraged to use the short form, Form 6020. All other corporations (except oil and gas corporations) must use the standard Form 6000. Oil and gas corporations must file Form 6100 or Form 6150.
- 2) File with the correct taxpayer name. If the Alaska taxpayer is a member of a federal consolidated group, then the name on the Alaska return will often be different than the name on the federal return. See specific instructions on page 10 regarding taxpayer identification. Unless the corporation changed its name, enter the name as it appeared in the prior return. If the name on this return is different from the name reported on the prior return, then complete question 4 of Schedule B (Form 6000 only).
- 3) The water's edge combined reporting method is mandatory in Alaska for all corporations except oil and gas corporations. A separate-company tax return is not permitted. (See "Combined Report" and "Unitary Group or Unitary Business" on page 7.)
- 4) Provide the name and phone number of a contact person who can answer any question that the DOR may have regarding the return. This must be an officer or employee who is authorized to answer any such questions. Generally, the DOR cannot discuss taxpayer information with an outside party unless there is a Power of Attorney. (See "Paid Preparer Authorization" on page 6.)
- 5) If this is a consolidated Alaska return, then you must complete Schedule B, listing all members of the Alaska consolidated group, except the taxpayer listed on page 1. Do not list all members of the federal consolidated group, unless all of those corporations have nexus in Alaska. The requirement for Schedule B is not fulfilled by attaching federal Form 851 data.
- 6) If this taxpayer and one or more other Alaska taxpayers are included in a consolidated federal return, these same taxpayers must file a consolidated Alaska return, if they are part of the same unitary group.
- 7) Attach a schedule as required by the forms. Schedules providing detail, by company, are required as explained in the instructions. Attaching complete schedules will ensure a valid filing and prevent unnecessary correspondence with the DOR. Be sure that attached schedules are properly referenced and agree to the totals reported on the form.
- 8) Attach a copy of the signed federal income tax return of the taxpayer as filed with the IRS. If the federal income tax return

was electronically filed, you must attach a copy of the signed appropriate federal Form 8453 or Form 8879. Do not attach a pro-forma return. Send only the portions of the federal return specified in the instructions on page 6 if the federal return exceeds 50 pages.

9) To avoid interest and penalties, pay any tax due within two and one-half months of the tax year-end and file the return within 30 days of the due date for the federal return. Note that the thirty days may or may not correspond to the 15th day of the following month.

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

#### Who Must File

Every corporation having nexus with the state must file an Alaska Corporation Net Income Tax Return. Nexus, sometimes referred to as "doing business" within the state, is the act of conducting business activity within the state and may exist as a result of a corporation's direct activity, the activity of its employees or agents, or through its interest in a partnership or limited liability company.

Nexus-creating activities may include, but are not limited to:

- owning or using property in the state, including leased or mobile property;
- 2) presence of employees in the state for business purposes;
- 3) making sales into the state; or
- 4) the generation of income from sources within the state without regard to whether there is a physical presence in the state.

#### Which Form to Use

Form 6000 is the standard Alaska Corporation Net Income Tax Return form designed to accommodate any taxpayer including the most complex filing under the water's edge method. The standard form must be used whenever the taxpayer 1) has nexus or business activity outside of Alaska, 2) is a member of an affiliated group or 3) reports non-business income.

The short form, Form 6020, is designed for taxpayers with less complex filing requirements. The short form is available to a taxpayer that 1) conducts business only in Alaska, 2) is not a member of an affiliated group, and 3) reports no non-business income.

#### **Sub-Chapter S Corporation (S Corporation)**

An S Corporation doing business in Alaska is required to file an Alaska return. Generally, an S Corporation will satisfy its filing requirement by filing Form 6000 (pages 1 and 2) or Form 6020 (page 1), with the "S Corporation" box on page 1 checked. Alaska does not impose a tax on the S Corporation for pass-through items of income or loss. Schedule A lines 1 – 17 should not be completed unless a corporate-level tax is applicable. Attach a copy of pages 1 through 4 of the federal Form 1120S and Form 7004, if applicable.

Alaska imposes both the federal excess net passive income tax and the corporate-level tax on built-in gains. These taxes are calculated at the highest Alaska marginal tax rate of 9.4%. However, the Alaska capital gains rate of 4.5% may apply in some

cases. If corporate-level taxes are imposed, attach copies of the schedules and forms calculating the federal tax and the Alaska tax. Enter the corporate-level taxes on Form 6020, Schedule E, line 3, or Form 6000, Schedule E, line 5 as appropriate.

#### **Small Corporation Exemption**

Effective for tax periods beginning after 12/31/2012, certain small corporations are exempt from Alaska corporate income tax. To qualify for the exemption, the corporation and its affiliates must be a qualified small business meeting the requirements below:

Eighty percent (determined by value) of the corporation's assets, including assets of all affiliates, must be used in the active conduct of one or more qualified trades or businesses. A "qualified trade or business" is any business except the following:

- Performance of services in health, law, engineering, architecture, accounting, actuarial science, performing arts, consulting, athletics, financial services, brokerage services, or any other business where the principal asset of the business is the reputation or skill of one or more of its employees
- Banking, insurance, financing, leasing, investing, or similar business
- Farming including timber
- Business involving production or extraction for which a depletion allowance could be claimed
- Hotel, motel, restaurant, or similar business
- Construction, transportation, utility, or fisheries business

The corporation's total assets, including assets of all affiliates, may not exceed \$50 million. This includes cash and the adjusted basis of other assets. This is measured at the beginning of each tax year to determine if the corporation is eligible for the exemption for that taxable year.

The corporation must be engaged in an active business as described in Internal Revenue Code Section 1202(e) as that subsection read on January 1, 2012. This includes certain start-up operations.

Important Note: All corporations which are members of the same parent-subsidiary controlled group are treated as a single corporation when determining whether a corporation is exempt as a Small Corporation. The controlled group includes any corporation connected through stock ownership with a common parent corporation if more than 50 percent of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock is owned by the parent or one or more of the corporations within the group.

#### How to Claim Exemption as a Small Corporation

A corporation that claims exemption under AS 43.20.012(a) (3) must still file a complete Alaska corporate income tax return reporting all income and expenses, on Form 6000 or 6020, except that no tax is calculated. The following is required to claim the exemption:

1) On page 1, in the "Return Information" section, check the "Small corporation exemption" box.

- 2) You must attach a copy of pages 1 5 of the corporation's federal income tax return (Form 1120, 1120-F, etc.), as actually filed with the IRS. If the Form 1120 was not filed electronically, the copy must be of the signed original return. If the Form 1120 was filed electronically, you must include a copy of the appropriate Form 8453 or Form 8879 to show that the return was filed electronically.
- 3) You must attach a copy of federal Form 851 if the corporation was a member of a federal consolidated group.
- 4) If the corporation is part of a foreign-based parent-subsidiary controlled group, then you must attach a copy of (SEC) Form 20-F, or other audited financial statements that readily discloses gross assets and the nature of business operations.

#### **Partnership**

A partnership doing business in the state, having one or more corporations in the ownership chain, must file Form 6900 Alaska Partnership Information Return along with supporting schedules and a copy of the signed federal Form 1065, pages 1-5.

The partnership return is due 30 days after the federal due date of the Form 1065. See separate instructions for Form 6900.

**Caution:** A Publicly Traded Partnership (PTP) is generally taxed as a corporation, and so must file Form 6000 (or Form 6020, if applicable). A PTP does not file Form 6900, unless it files as a partnership for federal tax purposes.

#### **Limited Liability Company (LLC)**

An LLC doing business in the state must file an Alaska return consistent with its federal tax status. If the LLC is characterized as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, the LLC must file a return in accordance with the instructions applicable to corporations. An LLC with corporate member(s) characterized as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, must follow the instructions applicable to partnerships, above.

#### **Exempt Organization**

Generally, an exempt organization is subject to the Alaska Corporation Net Income Tax to the same extent it is subject to tax under the Internal Revenue Code. If you file federal Form 990-T with the IRS, complete Form 6000 or 6020 reporting the taxable income or loss and calculate any applicable tax. Attach a signed copy of Form 990-T. An exempt organization does not file an Alaska return if it is not required to file Form 990-T.

Certain income received by a regional aquaculture association or a salmon hatchery permit holder is exempt from tax under Alaska law.

#### **Return Due Date**

The Alaska return must be filed within 30 days of the date on which the corporation's federal income tax return is required to be filed. Thus, the due date is not necessarily the 15th day of the month following the federal due date. However, for 2013 calendar-year returns only, the DOR has extended the filing due date for calendar year 2013 corporate income tax returns from April 15, 2014 to **May 15, 2014**, to allow corporations to take advantage of new online

tax return filing capabilities. This extension does not change or extend any payment due date.

#### **Extension of Time to File**

A federal extension automatically extends the Alaska filing due date to 30 days after the federal extended due date. This is also true if the IRS extends a due date because of events such as a natural disaster. Be sure to attach a copy of your federal extension to your Alaska return. An extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay.

#### **Payment Due Date**

Full payment of the Alaska tax must be made on or before the 15th day of the third month after the close of the tax year. See instructions for "Estimated Tax Payments" below, and "Payment of Tax" on page 8.

#### Where to Send Return

Mail the return with attachments to:

TAX DIVISION
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
PO BOX 110420
JUNEAU AK 99811-0420

#### **Who Must Sign**

The return must be signed by an authorized officer of the corporation.

#### **Paid Preparer Authorization**

If the corporation wants to allow the DOR to discuss its tax return with the paid preparer who signed it, check the applicable box in the signature area of the return. This authorization applies only to the preparer whose signature appears at the bottom of the return. It does not apply to the firm.

If the applicable box is checked, the corporation is authorizing the DOR to call the paid preparer to answer any questions that arise during the processing of the return. The corporation is also authorizing the paid preparer to:

- Call the DOR for information about the processing of the return or the status of any related refund or payment, and
- 2) Respond to certain DOR notices about math errors, offsets, and return preparation.

The corporation is not authorizing the paid preparer to receive any refund check, bind the corporation to anything (including any additional tax liability), or otherwise represent the corporation before the DOR.

If the corporation wants to revoke the authorization, it must file a Form 774 Power of Attorney.

#### **Estimated Tax Payments**

Payment of estimated tax is required as provided under Internal Revenue Code Section 6655. A corporation that fails to pay the proper estimated tax when due will be subject to an underpayment penalty for the period of underpayment. If estimated tax was

underpaid, complete and attach Form 6220 Underpayment of Estimated Tax by Corporations. If the corporation is relying on the Adjusted Seasonal Installment Method or the Annualized Income Installment Method, the applicable box on Form 6220 must be checked. See separate instructions for Form 6220.

#### **Quick Refund**

A corporation that has overpaid its estimated tax for the tax year may apply for quick refund if the overpayment is:

- At least 10% of the expected tax liability and
- At least \$500

The corporation applies for the refund by completing Form 6230 Alaska Corporation Application for Quick Refund of Estimated Tax.

#### Filing a Consolidated Return

Two or more Alaska taxpayers included in the same federal consolidated return, who are in the same unitary business, must file a consolidated Alaska return. Additionally, two or more taxpayers may elect to file a consolidated return if they qualify to join in a consolidated federal return, and are in the same unitary business. Foreign corporations are treated as domestic corporations for purposes of determining eligibility to file a consolidated Alaska return. If any two taxpayers join in filing a consolidated Alaska return, all eligible taxpayers must be included in the consolidated return.

Alaska consolidated returns resemble, but do not mirror, the federal consolidated return. In an Alaska consolidated return, the federal consolidation rules are applied to construct the Alaska consolidated items; namely capital gain net income, charitable contributions, the dividends-received deduction, income tax, credits, and other taxes. If a taxpayer is a member of an affiliated group, then the taxpayer is required to determine its taxable income using the water's edge combined method of reporting. (See "Combined Report" on page 7.) An affiliated group is a group of corporations in which 50% or more of the voting stock of each member of the group is owned, directly or indirectly, by one or more corporate or non-corporate common owner(s), or by one or more of the members of the group.

The taxable incomes of all taxpayers are then consolidated to comprise the consolidated Alaska return.

#### **Adoption of the Internal Revenue Code**

Under AS 43.20.021, Alaska adopts the Internal Revenue Code, Sections 1–1399 and 6001–7872, with full force and effect, unless excepted to or modified by other provisions of Alaska law. In addition, AS 43.20.160 and AS 43.20.300 require the DOR to apply, as far as practicable, the administrative and judicial interpretations of the federal income tax law.

Note that Alaska law does not adopt Internal Revenue Code Sections 1400–1400U, which grant tax benefits for activities in certain geographic zones, including those in "Enterprise Zones" and "Gulf Opportunity Zones." If the taxpayer qualifies for special federal treatment under these code sections, this may require that the taxpayer recompute some federal-based credits or deductions, for Alaska purposes.

#### **Attachment of Federal Return**

The corporation filing the Alaska return must provide a complete copy of its signed federal income tax return (Form 1120, 1120S, 990-T, etc.). The copy must be of the return actually filed with the IRS for the same taxable year. If the Alaska return is based on a combined report, then a copy of the federal return filed by any of the members of the combined group must be attached.

A pro-forma return will not fulfill this requirement. Failure to provide the required federal return(s) will result in the Alaska return being deemed incomplete, and penalties may apply.

If Form 1120 is electronically filed, attach a copy of the appropriate Form 8453 or Form 8879, which must show the signature.

**Note:** If the federal return exceeds 50 pages, a corporation may submit the following portions of the required federal return in lieu of the entire federal return:

- A copy of pages 1 through 5 of federal Form 1120, pages 1 through 4 of Form 1120S, pages 1 through 6 of the Form 1120F, etc. for the tax year.
- If Form 1120 is electronically filed, attach a copy of the appropriate Form 8453 or Form 8879 (signed), as filed with the IRS.
- 3) Where a consolidated federal return is filed, attach copies of the schedules prepared for the computation of consolidated taxable income. The schedules must show the separate taxable incomes for each member of the federal consolidated group with the consolidating eliminations and adjustments made to arrive at consolidated taxable income.
- 4) Schedules M-3 and supporting schedules.
- 5) Schedule D and supporting schedules.
- 6) Form 4797 and supporting schedules.
- Credits: If claimed on the Alaska return, include copies of Form 3800 with applicable supporting federal forms, and copies of federal forms supporting any credits not reported on Form 3800.
- 8) Extension: Form 7004, if applicable.

#### **Electronic Filing of Federal Return Information**

Federal tax return information can be filed in digital file format. Digital documents are accepted in .pdf or .tif format, only on the following media: CDs, DVDs, or thumb drives. All media must be physically labeled with Taxpayer Name, EIN and tax year. If multiple discs or thumb drives are used, they must be sequentially numbered. The federal tax return information should start with pages 1 through 5 of the federal tax return filed with the IRS. The DOR does not accept pro-forma returns.



We are working on providing the capability for corporate taxpayers to file their Alaska returns electronically. Visit our website at **www.tax. alaska.gov** for current status of the 2013 filing season.

#### **Combined Report**

Whenever two or more corporations are engaged in a unitary business conducted within and outside Alaska, the members of the unitary group that are Alaska taxpayers must apportion the combined income of the group to measure their Alaska taxable income. For all corporations except oil and gas corporations, the water's edge combined reporting method is required; it is not elective.

A water's edge report generally combines only those members of the worldwide unitary group that: 1) have a significant connection to, or presence in, the U.S.; 2) are tax haven corporations as defined in AS 43.20.145(a)(5); or 3) foreign corporations that have nexus with Alaska. In general, a corporation has a significant connection to the U.S. if it has an average overall U.S. factor of at least 20%. To construct the water's edge combined group, start with the taxpayer's worldwide affiliated group, remove non-unitary affiliates, then remove unitary affiliates that have less than 20% average U.S. factors, except that tax haven corporations remain part of the combined group.

The 20% U.S. factor threshold must be determined on a companyby-company basis and, unlike the apportionment factor, includes intercompany sales.

A corporation with nexus in Alaska, but which does not have 20% or greater average U.S. factors, must file a return using the water's edge method of reporting in which it is combined with all members of the unitary group with 20% or greater U.S. factors.

Please refer to Alaska Regulation 15 AAC 20.300 to correctly report the income of any unitary foreign corporation that does business in Alaska, or that meets the 20% U.S. factor threshold test. Note that the income of a foreign corporation is reported on the basis of the entire corporation, which may not equal the income reported on the Form 1120-F.

#### **Unitary Group or Unitary Business**

A business is unitary if the entities involved are under common direction (formal or informal) and activities within and without the state are contributory and complementary in nature, such that profits of the group are inextricably related. Tests of unitary determination include functional integration, centralized management, and economies of scale.

Determination of whether the activities constitute a unitary trade or business depends on the facts of each case. The following factors are considered to be indications of a unitary trade or business, and the presence of any of these factors creates a presumption that the activities constitute a single trade or business.

- Same type of business. Corporations are generally engaged in a unitary trade or business when the activities are in the same general line of business. For example, corporations that operate a chain of retail grocery stores are almost always engaged in a unitary business.
- 2) Steps in a vertical process. Corporations are engaged in a unitary trade or business when engaged in different steps in a vertically structured enterprise. For example, corporations that explore for and mine copper ores, concentrate, smelt and refine the copper ores, and fabricate the refined copper into consumer products are engaged in a unitary trade or business regardless of the fact that the various steps in the process are

operated substantially independently of each other and with only general supervision from the executive offices.

- 3) Strong centralized management. Corporations that might otherwise be considered as engaged in more than one trade or business are engaged in one unitary trade or business when there is strong centralized management. Some indications of strong centralized management are:
  - (a) the existence of centralized departments that perform the normal functions that a truly independent business would perform for itself, such as accounting, personnel, insurance, legal, purchasing, advertising or financing; or
  - (b) centralized executive officers who are involved in planning, operations or coordination.

#### **Allocation and Apportionment of Income**

A taxpayer with business income attributable to sources within and outside Alaska must apportion such income. To calculate the apportionment factor, use Schedule I – Apportionment Factor.

Apportionment refers to the division of business income among states by the use of an apportionment formula.

Allocation refers to the assignment of non-business income to a particular state.

Alaska applies both the transactional and functional tests of business income. Income resulting from transactions or activities that are within the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business are business income. Income from tangible or intangible property is business income, if the acquisition, management, and disposition of the property constitute integral parts of the taxpayer's regular trade or business. Income meeting either the functional or the transactional test is business income. Income from transactions or activity that is unusual or infrequent is not considered non-business income solely because of the unusual or infrequent nature of the income, activity, or transaction.

Non-business income is all income other than business income.

### Combined Affiliates Having Different Accounting Periods

The income of all affiliates included in a combined report must be determined on the basis of the same accounting period. Generally, the accounting period used in the return should be that of the common parent. Where no common parent exists, the income of the combined affiliates should be determined on the basis of the taxpayer's annual accounting period.

Generally, when it is necessary to convert an affiliate to the annual accounting period of the taxpayer, an interim closing of the books should be made for the members whose accounting period differs from the common parent and/or taxpayer. If no substantial misstatement of income results, a pro-rata conversion may be used.

#### Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

A REIT that meets the 50% ownership test is required to be included in the combined group. The taxpayer may not claim an Alaska dividends-received deduction for the REIT dividends received, if the REIT income is included in the combined report net of the dividends-paid deduction.

#### Public Law (P.L.) 86-272

A corporation claiming P.L. 86-272 protection files a return and checks the P.L. 86-272 box on page 1 under "Return Information." The corporation is not required to complete the remainder of the return, except to sign the return.

If a corporation claiming P.L. 86-272 protection is a member of an Alaska consolidated group, then that corporation must be listed on Schedule B, line 1, and check the appropriate box on that line. The corporation will still be a member of the Alaska combined group. That corporation will report no numerator values for property, payroll, or sales on Schedule I, but will be included in the denominator. The corporation must be correctly listed on Schedule B, to be considered as having made a protective Alaska filing.

#### **Insurance Companies**

Alaska includes insurance companies in the combined group, with apportionment factors calculated under Alaska Regulation 15 AAC 20.610. If an insurance company pays Alaska premium tax under AS 21.09.210, then that company is exempt from corporate income tax. This is accomplished by excluding that company's numerator values from the numerators of the combined group.

#### **Payment of Tax**

Tax payments can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), wire transfer or check.

When an estimated tax payment is \$100,000 or greater, or a payment with a return is \$150,000 or greater, payment must be made by EFT or wire transfer, see Alaska Regulation 15 AAC 05.310.

As we implement the new tax revenue management system, we are transitioning from using the Online Tax Information System Payment Center (OTIS), to a new web-based portal named "Revenue Online." Since this is a transition year, these instructions refer to both systems.

A taxpayer may pay taxes electronically by using OTIS or Revenue Online at www.tax.alaska.gov. These systems may also be used to print a payment voucher for a payment to be made by wire or check.

OTIS and Revenue Online accommodate Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit payments. OTIS and Revenue Online do not accept ACH credit or credit card transactions. If a taxpayer is using OTIS, the taxpayer must be registered online in "myAlaska." As we transition to Revenue Online, the taxpayer will register directly with Revenue Online. A first-time taxpayer should contact the DOR at 907-465-2320 or visit www.tax.alaska.gov for information.

If a bank account has a debit block, any online payment request will be rejected by the bank. Rejected payments may result in late payment penalties and interest. If a bank account has a debit block, the taxpayer is encouraged to contact its bank before making an online payment to register the State of Alaska as an authorized ACH debit originator. The company ID for the Alaska Department of Revenue is 0000902050.

A taxpayer making a payment by wire transfer is required to notify the State of Alaska, Treasury Division by 2:00 p.m. the business day prior to the wire transfer settlement date. Prepare the payment voucher on OTIS or Revenue Online and email to cashmgmt@ alaska.gov. If the payment covers multiple tax years, prepare a separate voucher for each year.

Make checks payable to the State of Alaska. Note that if the total payment exceeds \$100,000, the payment is required to be paid by EFT or wire transfer.

A check must be submitted with the appropriate return or payment voucher. Payment vouchers can be found on OTIS or Revenue Online, or you may use Form 6240.

Mail check with return or payment voucher to:

TAX DIVISION
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
PO BOX 110420
JUNEAU AK 99811-0420

#### **Alaska Interest Rates**

Beginning on 1/1/14, Alaska interest is calculated at 3.75%², simple interest. Effective 1/1/14, the Alaska interest rates decreased from 11% compounded quarterly, to 3.75% calculated as simple interest. For delinquent balances outstanding at 1/1/14, interest will be calculated at 3.75% of the balance of tax due. The payoff-amount at any date after 12/31/13 will include the tax balance, accrued interest at 3.75% from 1/1/14, and the interest balance at 12/31/13. For rates prior to 1/1/14, refer to our website at www.tax.alaska.gov.

#### **Amended Returns**

An amended return must be filed as a complete return. If you are amending a 2013 return, the form has a checkbox on page 1 to indicate "amended return." If you are amending a return for 2012, or an earlier tax year, you must file a complete return, and write "Amended Return," preferably in red, across the top of the amended return. If you are amending your return to claim a carryover of tax attributes such as a net operating loss, unused capital losses, or excess charitable contributions, then you must attach new Form 6385 Tax Attribute Carryovers. This form may also be used to claim a Carryback of NOL or capital losses.

If the federal return was also amended, a complete copy must be attached. An amended Alaska return is required if the federal return is amended, or adjusted by the IRS.

The Tax Division no longer accepts amended returns on Forms 611X or 611N.

#### **Adjustments to Federal Income Tax Liability**

A corporation is required to file an amended Alaska return to report any amendment of the taxpayer's federal income tax return, or re-computation of tax by the IRS. The Alaska amended return must be filed with full payment of any additional tax within 60 days after the final determination of the federal adjustment to avoid assessment of a penalty for failure to file. If the date that the adjustment is finalized is later than the date on federal Form 4549 or 4549A, the reason must be satisfactorily explained to avoid assessment of a penalty for failure to file. An alteration to the taxpayer's federal income tax return includes any alteration to the return of any member of the combined group of the taxpayer.

Note: The taxpayer's obligation to report and pay additional tax resulting from adjustments to federal income tax liability is not affected by the expiration of the statute of limitations period for the taxpayer's original Alaska Corporation Net Income Tax return.

#### **Protective Claim**

A protective refund claim is filed to preserve the taxpayer's right to claim a refund when the taxpayer's right to the refund is contingent on future events and may not be determinable until after the statute of limitations expires. A protective refund claim is made by submitting an amended return, checking the box for a protective claim, and including a written statement that clearly identifies the basis for the claim, as well as the contingency affecting the claim. Any claimed overpayment is not refunded until the matter is resolved. We will treat the amended return as an "information return."

If it is necessary to amend your return while a protective claim is pending, do not take into account changes reported on the protective claim.

Once the relevant matter is resolved, the claim is perfected by filing a follow-up amended return which reports the Alaska tax liability, as finally resolved.

#### Late Filing of Return

A corporation that does not file its complete return by the due date, including extension, is subject to a failure to file penalty of 5% of the unpaid tax for each 30 day period or portion of a period the return is late, up to a maximum of 25% of the unpaid tax.

#### **Late Payment of Tax**

A corporation that does not pay the full amount of tax due within 2-1/2 months after the close of the tax year is subject to a failure to pay penalty of 5% of the unpaid tax for each 30 day period or portion of a period the payment is late, up to a maximum of 25% of the unpaid tax. If during any period or portion of a period, both the failure to file and failure to pay penalties are applicable, only the failure to file penalty is imposed.

#### **Voluntary Disclosure Program**

Alaska provides a Voluntary Disclosure Program to qualified taxpayers. The taxpayer must voluntarily come forward, have never filed an Alaska corporate tax return, have not been the subject of an inquiry from the DOR, and meet other requirements. Certain penalties are waived, but tax and interest must be fully paid. For additional information, please see Form 6750 and the associated instructions.

#### **Disclaimers**

When this form was drafted, the current year federal tax forms were not finalized. Therefore, references to lines and schedules on federal forms may not be accurate. Nothing in these instructions or associated forms should be read to conflict with Alaska statutes or regulations.

These instructions are presented to assist the taxpayer in preparing a corporate return for Alaska. Every effort is made to ensure that the instructions are accurate and helpful. The instructions are not

intended to address every legal situation. The taxpayer is advised to consult Alaska Statutes Title 43, Chapters 05, 19, and 20 and related regulations, and to consult a legal advisor.

#### **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

These instructions are generally applicable to the standard Form 6000, but may be applicable to the short Form 6020, as specified. Instructions specific to Form 6020 are on page 14.

#### **Taxpayer Identification**

Enter the name and federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) of the taxpayer. If this is a consolidated Alaska return, enter the name and EIN of one taxpayer included in the consolidated filing. Do not use the name of the federal consolidated group ("XXX Corporation and Subs"). All other Alaska taxpayers are listed on Schedule B, line 1.

If the common parent of the federal consolidated group is an Alaska taxpayer, use its name and EIN on page 1. Otherwise select the taxpayer with the largest Alaska presence. Continue to use that name and EIN for subsequent tax periods until the taxpayer leaves the Alaska consolidated group or the common parent becomes an Alaska taxpayer. If this taxpayer or consolidated group has previously filed under the name and EIN of a common parent not having nexus in Alaska, change the designated taxpayer according to these instructions and complete Schedule B, question 4.

#### **Contact Person**

Provide the name, email address, and telephone number of an individual to whom correspondence regarding this return should be directed. This must be an officer or employee authorized to receive confidential tax information. Generally, the DOR cannot discuss tax matters with an outside party unless there is a Power of Attorney (see "Paid Preparer Authorization" on page 6).

#### **Return Information**

Check all boxes that apply.

- □ Final Alaska return: Check this box if you do not expect to have nexus in Alaska after this tax year.
- Amended return: Check this box if this return is an amended return. You must file a complete return to amend.
   Be sure to attach a statement explaining the changes being reported. (See instructions for related checkboxes below.)
- A federal extension automatically extends the Alaska filing due date. If a federal extension is in effect for the taxpayer, check "yes" here and attach a copy of Form 7004 to the return.
- Public Law 86-272 (P.L. 86-272): Check this box if the corporation named on page 1 is claiming protection under P.L. 86-272. If this is a consolidated return, and another Alaska corporation is claiming protection under P.L. 86-272, then that corporation checks the appropriate box on Schedule B, line 1. See "Public Law (P.L.) 86-272" discussion on page 8.
- □ Affiliated group includes tax haven corporations:
  AS 43.20.145(a)(5) requires that a corporation doing business in a tax haven country must be included in the combined group.

- □ Election to waive carryback period for net operating loss: Check this box if the tax return shows a net operating loss on Schedule A, line 1, and you are electing to waive the carryback period. This election is state-specific; a federal waiver is not effective. The election is made for the entire net operating loss; a partial election is not allowed. The election must be made on a timely-filed return (including extensions). Alaska follows federal rules where a taxpayer wants to make a late election or to revoke an election, as applicable.
- □ Small corporation exemption: Check this box if the corporation is claiming exemption from tax under AS 43.20.012(a)(3). To be exempt, the corporation must meet certain asset limit requirements, and its principal business must not be in certain industries. The corporation must file a complete Alaska return reporting all income and expense items, but does not calculate Alaska income tax on Schedule D, and does not report Other Taxes on Schedule E. If the corporation is a member of a federal consolidated group, you must attach federal Form 851 to the Alaska return. See "Small Corporation Exemption" on page 5 for further details.
- If this is an amended return filed to report audit changes by the Internal Revenue Service, check the appropriate additional box. You must attach a complete copy of the federal audit report "RAR" showing federal changes by company.
- □ If this is an amended return filed to make a protective claim, check the additional box, and attach a statement explaining the protective claim. See additional instructions for "Protective Claim" on page 9.

#### Schedule A - Net Income Tax Summary

Line 2, Alaska net operating loss (NOL) deduction: If there is Alaska taxable income reported on line 1, then enter the amount of NOL to be utilized in the current year in the space provided on line 2. Form 6385 Tax Attribute Carryovers must be attached to claim NOLs being carried forward from previous years.

If this is an amended return filed to claim a carryback from a year after 2013, enter the amount of carryback to be utilized in the space on line 2. Use Form 6385 to identify the loss years.

Do not enter the federal net operating loss deduction. The Alaska net operating loss deduction may differ from the federal net operating loss as a result of state adjustments to federal taxable income, differences between the federal consolidated group and the water's edge combined group, and the amount of income or loss apportioned to other states.

The application of an Alaska net operating loss is governed by applicable Internal Revenue Code provisions.

**Line 7, Other Alaska incentive credits:** Enter amount from Form 6300, line 29 to report Alaska incentive credits that are not refundable credits. This includes the Income Tax Education Credit.

Line 11, Alaska credit for prior year minimum tax: The Alaska credit for prior year minimum tax (AMT credit) is based on the federal AMT credit, multiplied by 18% and apportioned, if appropriate. The Alaska credit may not exceed the cumulative Alaska alternative minimum tax previously paid to Alaska since

the 1987 tax year, net of prior year Alaska AMT credit previously applied. For further details, please refer to Alaska Regulation 15 AAC 20.135(f) and (g).

Use the worksheet below to calculate the amount of Alaska AMT credit allowable in the current year. You must complete and attach Form 6385 Tax Attribute Carryovers.

### Alaska Credit for Prior Year Minimum Tax Worksheet (see instructions above)

1.	Credit for prior year minimum tax from Form 1120, Schedule J attributable to the combined group	
2.	Multiply line 1 by 18%	
3.	Apportionment factor	
4.	Apportioned tentative credit. Multiply line 2 by line 3	
5.	Alaska alternative minimum tax previously paid from line 10 of Form 6385 Tax Attribute Carryovers. You must attach Form 6385 to the return.	
6.	Alaska credit for prior year minimum tax. Lesser of line 4 or 5. Enter here and on Schedule A, line 11	

**Line 17, Overpayment credited to estimated tax**: This is a binding election and the overpayment cannot be re-applied at a later date. See federal Treas. Reg. 301.6402-3(a) and (d).

If this is an amended return filed to report an additional overpayment (in excess of the overpayment reported on the original return), then you can make the election to carry the additional overpayment to the next succeeding year, only if the amended return is filed before the payment due date for the succeeding tax year. This is also true if the original return did not report an overpayment, but the amended return shows an overpayment.

### Schedule B – Taxpayer Information (Form 6000 only)

Line 1, Alaska taxpayer information: This schedule must be completed if the Alaska return is a consolidated return. List each member of the Alaska consolidated group on Schedule B, except the taxpayer shown on page 1. If the corporation is claiming protection under P.L. 86-272, or is exempt as an Alaska insurance company (pays Alaska premium tax under AS 21.09.210), then check the appropriate box next to that corporation's name on line 1. Otherwise, check the boxes indicating which activities (property, payroll, sales) that corporation has in Alaska. The list of corporations on Schedule B must agree to the corporations reporting Alaska factors on Schedule I, except those corporations claiming exemption under P.L. 86-272 or Alaska insurance companies.

If a corporation is protected under P.L. 86-272, and the corporation is joining in filing an Alaska consolidated return as a protective measure, then that corporation must be properly listed on Schedule B to effect a protective filing.

**Caution:** If Schedule B is not properly completed, then the DOR may determine that a particular corporation, doing business in Alaska, has not filed a tax return, and may subject the corporation to a penalty for failure to file.

**Do not list affiliated corporations that are not Alaska taxpayers.** Replicating the federal Form 851 information does not constitute a properly completed Schedule B.

#### Schedule C - Tax Payment Record

Enter the dates and amounts of estimated tax payments made for the tax year. If a payment was made under a name and EIN different from the taxpayer shown on page 1, identify the payer by notation in the area below the "Estimated Payments" section. Total payments must equal Schedule A, line 10.

If this is an amended return, use the section "Amended return only" to account for payments made, and refunds received, based on the original return, or as last amended, or adjusted by the DOR.

#### Schedule D – Alaska Tax Computation

If you are claiming exemption as a Small Corporation (see page 5), do not complete Schedule D.

Line 2, Net capital gain: Enter amount from Schedule J, line 18.

**Line 4, Tax on ordinary income:** Use the correct Tax Rate Table to compute the tax on line 4. Use Tax Table A if this tax year begins before 8/26/13. This includes returns filed for calendar year 2013. Use Tax Table B if this tax year begins on or after 8/26/13. The tax rate tables are on page 3 of these instructions.

If the corporation is a Personal Holding Company (PHC), the corporation must calculate its tax on Schedule D using the graduated rates in addition to the 12.6% add-on tax that is reported on Schedule E, line 4.

## Schedule E – Other Taxes (Form 6000 only)

If you are claiming exemption as a Small Corporation (see page 5), do not complete Schedule E.

Line 1, Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT): In column A, report the amount of the federal AMT that is applicable to the water's edge combined group from federal Schedule J. Multiply the amount in column A by 18% and enter the result in column B.

**Line 4, Personal Holding Company (PHC) tax:** Report the PHC tax of 12.6%, apportioned if appropriate. This tax is assessed <u>in addition</u> to tax calculated at ordinary tax rates on Schedule D.

**Line 5, Other taxes:** Report on line 5 any other federal taxes, or additions to tax liability, applicable through Alaska's adoption of the Internal Revenue Code under AS 43.20.021(a). In addition, use this line to report other taxes, and additions to tax liability, required under other Alaska tax statutes. Such taxes include, but are not limited to:

- "Look-back interest" is based on federal interest rates, and apportioned to Alaska (18% does not apply). Attach a copy of federal Form 8866 or 8697, as applicable.
- Recapture of (federal) low-income housing credit must be multiplied by 18% and apportioned, if applicable. Attach a copy of federal Form 8611.
- Recapture of Alaska investment tax credit is subject to federal recapture rules, to the extent that the investment originally
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generated an Alaska investment tax credit. The subject amount is then multiplied by 18%, but is not apportioned.

- □ S corporations use line 5 to report built-in gains or excess net passive income taxes. Attach a statement showing the tax calculation and apportionment, if applicable.
- Increase in tax liability due to cessation of commercial operations of a gas storage facility under AS 43.20.046(h).
   Use Form 6321 to calculate the increase in tax liability, and attach to return.
- Increase in tax liability due to cessation of commercial operations of a liquefied natural gas storage facility under AS 43.20.047(h). Use Form 6323 to calculate the increase in tax liability, and attach to return.

### Schedule H – Computation of Alaska Income (Form 6000 only)

Line 1: Enter the federal taxable income or (loss), before deductions for federal net operating loss and federal dividends-received deduction ("FTI"). Generally, this will be line 28 of the federal income tax return of the taxpayer. This should agree to the federal return required to be attached to the Alaska return. Taxpayers included in a consolidated federal return should enter the FTI of the federal consolidated return on line 1 of Schedule H. If the taxpayer is not affiliated with another corporation, skip lines 2a-2g and enter the amount from line 1 on line 3.

Line 28 will not be applicable in certain situations. If the taxpayer is subject to federal minimum taxable income requirements, or if the taxpayer is deducting contributions to a Merchant Marine capital construction fund, then the taxpayer will calculate its FTI as Form 1120 line 30, increased by the sum of lines 29a and 29b on federal Form 1120. See federal instructions for Form 1120, line 30 for more information on these special situations.

Lines 2a-2g: Taxpayers using the combined method of reporting (water's edge taxpayers) must complete lines 2a-2g. These lines of Schedule H report the income of the corporations that are added to or removed from those included in line 1 to arrive at the net income before modifications of the water's edge group. Skip directly to line 3 if the taxpayer is not required to use the combined method of reporting.

**Line 2a:** Enter the FTI reported on the federal tax return(s) of all domestic unitary corporations not included in line 1 with 20% or greater U.S. factors. Attach a schedule, by company.

**Line 2b:** Enter the income of unitary foreign corporations of the water's edge group. Include any foreign corporation with 20% or greater U.S. factors. Attach a schedule, by company.

The income of a foreign corporation is the taxable income before net operating loss determined under the Internal Revenue Code, subject to modification under Alaska law, as if the corporation were a domestic corporation. Alternatively, the taxpayer may elect to report the book income of the foreign corporation, or its Earnings and Profits, as reported on federal Form 5471. Please refer to 15 AAC 20.300(e) and (f) for further information.

Note that the income of the foreign corporation must be reported for the entire corporation. The corporation may not report federal taxable income shown on federal Form 1120-F, unless the Form 1120-F includes all income of the corporation.

**Line 2c:** Enter income reported by tax haven corporations. Also use this line to report the foreign sales corporation's profit, including federally exempt foreign trade income and allowing for deductions attributable to exempt foreign trade income.

**Line 2d:** Remove the income or loss of companies included in line 1 that are not included in the unitary business of the taxpayer(s). **Attach a schedule, by company.** 

**Line 2e:** Remove the income or loss of companies included in line 1 that are part of the taxpayer's unitary business but whose U.S. factors average less than 20%. **Attach a schedule, by company.** 

Line 2f: Enter the adjustment for intercompany transactions that are necessary to reflect the combined income of the water's edge combined group. The incomes of the companies represented in lines 1 through 2e may or may not include adjustments to, or the elimination of, intercompany profits as required under the combined method of reporting. An intercompany transaction of a federal consolidated group may not be an intercompany transaction of the water's edge group. This may include the reversal of a consolidating elimination or adjustment from the consolidated federal return, the initiation of an elimination, or adjustment for inter-group transactions that are not reflected in the income reported on lines 1 or 2a-2e, or a combination of the two.

Alaska regulations provide that intercompany transactions between any two members of the combined group, if those two members join in a consolidated federal return, must be accounted for in the combined report in the same manner as the transaction is accounted for in the consolidated federal return. Refer to Alaska Regulation 15 AAC 20.300(m).

The most common adjustment is for intercompany profits residing in beginning and ending inventory. Reverse end-of-year intercompany profit eliminations between corporations within and outside of the water's edge group to the extent they are included in the measure of income reported on lines 1 through 2e. Reverse beginning-of-year intercompany profits on transactions between corporations within the water's edge combined group to the extent they were not reversed in the measure of income reported on lines 1 through 2e.

**Line 6b:** Enter the dividends paid by members of the water's edge combined group to other members of the combined group (intercompany dividends). Do not enter dividends between members of a federal consolidated group that were eliminated in the federal consolidated return. (Also see instructions for Schedule L on page 14.)

Line 6f: Enter any non-business income or loss claimed and attach schedule by category of income. Enter on line 4b expenses incurred to produce non-business income. You must attach a schedule of all non-business income claimed by type of income and by company name.

**Line 6g:** Enter amount of capital gain income from federal Form 1120, line 8 reported by members of the combined group. Do not include any capital gain income excluded as non-business income on line 6f.

**Line 10:** Enter non-business income or loss allocated to Alaska and **attach schedule by category of income.** 

**Line 11a:** Enter the taxpayer's Alaska capital and Section 1231 gains and losses from Schedule J, line 20.

**Line 11b:** Enter the taxpayer's Alaska charitable contribution deduction from Schedule K, line 10.

Line 11c: Enter the taxpayer's Alaska dividends-received deduction as limited under IRC Section 246. Use the worksheet in Appendix B to calculate the allowable deduction, and enter the amount on line 11c.

### Schedule I – Apportionment Factor (Form 6000 only)

Schedule I must be completed by taxpayers with business activity both within and outside of Alaska. Note that the list of taxpayers listed on lines 1, 5, or 9 must match the list of taxpayers listed on Schedule B, plus the taxpayer named on page 1 of the tax return. The only exceptions are corporations claiming exemption under P.L. 86-272, or Alaska insurance companies.

If all business activity is within Alaska, skip lines 1-13 and enter 1.0 on line 14.

Taxpayers using the combined method of reporting are required to include a schedule of the calculation of the apportionment formula in columnar format disclosing for each corporation the total property, payroll, and sales and the amount of Alaska property, payroll, and sales.

All factor calculations (lines 4, 8, 12, and 14) must be rounded to the sixth decimal place. If both the numerator and denominator (for a particular factor) are zero, disregard that factor and divide line 13 by the remaining number of factors and enter the result on line 14.

#### **Property Factor:** See 15 AAC 19.141 – 202.

The property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the value of real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used within Alaska during the tax year to produce business income. The denominator is the value of all real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used to generate business income. Rents do not include royalties or amounts paid for services or supplies in connection with rented property.

Property used in the production of non-business income is not included in the factor. Construction in progress is not included in the factor.

Owned property is valued at its original cost averaged over the tax year. In general, original cost is the unadjusted basis for federal income tax purposes at the time of acquisition adjusted by subsequent additions, improvements, or partial dispositions. The average value of owned property is computed by averaging the property values at the beginning and end of the tax year. Rented property is valued at eight times the annual rents paid.

#### Payroll Factor: See 15 AAC 19.211-241.

The payroll factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the compensation paid within Alaska during the tax year to produce business income. The denominator is the total compensation paid during the tax year to produce business income.

The term "compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions and any other form of remuneration paid directly to employees for personal services. Payments made to an independent contractor, or to any person not properly classified as an employee, are excluded.

**Sales Factor:** See 15 AAC 19.251 - 302.

The sales factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross receipts derived during the tax year from transactions and activities attributable to Alaska in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or business. The denominator is the total gross receipts derived during the tax year from transactions and activities in the regular course of the corporation's trade or business.

# Schedule J – Alaska Capital and Section 1231 Gains And Losses (Form 6000 only)

Schedule J is used to calculate the taxpayer's Alaska net capital gain. Gains and losses are measured after allocation and apportionment. Enter the taxpayer's current gains and losses, before any federal limitations, according to their character. Corporations that conduct business both within and without Alaska enter total gains and losses on lines 1, 5, and 11 and enter non-business capital gain or loss on lines 6 and 12 as appropriate. Enter the portion of non-business gain or loss that is allocable to Alaska on lines 8 and 14, as appropriate. Taxpayers using the combined method of reporting should report the gains and losses of the entire combined group.

**Line 1:** Enter in column A the current Section 1231 gains and (losses) from federal Form 4797, line 7 attributable to the combined group. <u>Do not</u> use the amount from Form 4797, line 17, which includes ordinary gains and losses.

**Line 2:** The taxpayer's non-recaptured net Section 1231 losses are based on the apportioned Section 1231 gains and losses in prior years and may not correspond to the taxpayer's federal non-recaptured net Section 1231 losses.

**Line 5:** Enter the amount from federal Schedule D, the sum of lines 1-5 attributable to the combined group. Do not use line 7 which includes federal unused capital loss carryover. (See line 9 instructions below to report Alaska unused capital losses.)

**Line 9:** Enter on line 9 the Alaska excess capital loss to be <u>utilized</u> in the current year. The Alaska excess capital loss is the taxpayer's allocated and apportioned net capital losses from prior years. Do not enter the taxpayer's federal capital loss carryover from federal Schedule D.

If the capital loss was generated in a year prior to the current year, enter the amount of carryover to be utilized, in the space provided on line 9. Form 6385 Tax Attribute Carryovers must be completed and attached to the tax return.

**Special capital loss carryback notes:** If this is an amended return filed to claim a capital loss carryback, enter the amount of carryback to be <u>utilized</u> in the current year, in the space provided on line 9. Use Form 6385 to identify the loss years. Note that a capital loss carryback cannot create or increase a current net operating loss. This may require an iterative process to calculate the allowable capital loss carryback. In this situation, you would prepare the return with the following steps:

- 1. Schedule H (Alaska Income) through line 10
- Schedule J (capital gains/losses) including capital loss carryover to current year, but excluding capital loss carryback
- 3. Schedule K (charitable contributions)
- 4. Schedule L (dividends-received deduction)

- Calculate as-if Alaska taxable income (Schedule A, line 1) using items 1 – 4 above.
  - If as-if taxable income is greater than zero, then a capital loss carryback may be partially or fully allowable
  - If as-if taxable income is less than, or equal to zero, then a capital loss carryback is not allowable.
- Enter the allowable capital loss carryback in the space provided on Schedule J, line 9
- 7. Complete the remainder of the return.

**Line 11:** Enter the amount of long-term capital gains and losses from Schedule D, the sum of lines 8 – 10, plus lines 12 – 14). <u>Do not</u> use the amount from line 15, as it includes Section 1231 gains and losses which must be reported on Schedule J, line 1.

**Line 17:** If line 10 is a gain and line 16 is a loss, offset the loss from line 16 against the gain from line 10 and enter the result, on line 17, but not less than zero.

**Line 18:** If line 16 is a gain and line 10 is a loss, offset the loss from line 10 against the gain from line 16 and enter the result, on line 18, but not less than zero. This is the taxpayer's net capital gain. Enter the taxpayer's net capital gain on line 2, column A of Schedule D.

**Line 20:** Add lines 17, 18, and 19 and enter the result on Schedule H, line 11a.

### Schedule K – Alaska Charitable Contribution Deduction (Form 6000 only)

The taxpayer's Alaska charitable contribution deduction may differ from its federal charitable contribution deduction as a result of allocation and apportionment, the 10% taxable income limitation, Income Tax Education Credit contributions, and differences in carryover values. Schedule K is used to measure the taxpayer's Alaska charitable contribution deduction limited by its Alaska taxable income.

**Line 1:** Enter the taxpayer's current charitable contributions before any federal deduction limitations and exclusive of any federal excess contribution carryover.

**Line 2:** Enter contributions that were used to generate an Income Tax Education Credit, that are included in line 1. Line 2 should not exceed \$9,800,000.

**Line 6:** Enter the taxpayer's Alaska excess contribution carryover from prior years from line 6 of Form 6385 Tax Attribute Carryovers.

**Line 8:** Enter the Alaska taxable income for deduction limitation purposes. Use worksheet in Appendix A to calculate the limitation and to calculate the amount of charitable contribution carryover to convert to net operating loss, if applicable.

## Schedule L – Alaska Dividends-Received Deduction (Form 6000 only)

The Alaska dividends-received deduction is based on the allocated and apportioned dividends included in Alaska taxable income and is limited to Alaska taxable income in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 246(b).

Lines 2a-2d: Enter the amounts of dividends already deducted, or accounted for, on Schedule H, that are included in Schedule L, line 1. These would include intercompany dividends, Section 78 gross-up, foreign dividends, and dividends deducted on Schedule H as non-business income. These dividends are not eligible for a dividends-received deduction, because they have already been deducted.

Lines 8 and 9: Enter the allocated and apportioned dividends from line 7, according to the appropriate deduction percentage in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 243 – 247, in column A of line 8 and multiply across. Enter the sum of line 8a – d column C in line 9. Use the worksheet in Appendix B to calculate the amount of dividends allowable based upon Alaska taxable income (Internal Revenue Code Section 246). Carry the amount of allowable dividend-received deductions to Schedule H line 11c.

#### **SHORT FORM 6020**

Form 6020 is available to non-affiliated corporations with business activity limited to Alaska and who report no non-business income. Corporations that are members of an affiliated group, have nexus outside of Alaska, or that report non-business income must file using the standard Form 6000. In addition, corporations that are claiming a capital loss carryback must use the standard Form 6000.

Form 6020 instructions below are limited to those that are unique to the short form. Where the standard and short forms are compatible, refer to the appropriate instruction to the standard Form 6000.

#### Schedule B

**Line 1:** Enter the federal taxable income or (loss) from the taxpayer's federal income tax return.

**Line 2a:** Enter the amount of taxes based on or measured by net income that are deducted in the federal return.

Line 2b: Enter any other state-specific additions to federal taxable income in calculating Alaska taxable income. Attach a schedule of modifications by category.

Qualified contributions for which an Income Tax Education Credit is claimed (Form 6310, line 2) are reported here.

**Line 3c:** Enter other state-specific subtractions from federal taxable income in calculating Alaska taxable income. **Attach a schedule of modifications by category.** 

**Note:** Be aware that the charitable contribution and dividendsreceived deduction limitations are based on the corporation's Alaska taxable income and not its federal taxable income.

It is possible that state modifications, such as the income tax addback, can affect these limitations such that the corporation's Alaska deduction is different from the deduction allowed on its federal Form 1120. Taxpayers using the short Form 6000 will encounter these differences infrequently. Generally, an Alaska modification is necessary if the corporation's charitable contribution or dividendsreceived deduction was limited on its federal return.

Schedules K and L from page 6 of the standard Form 6000 can be used to determine the Alaska charitable contribution and dividends-

received deductions. Enter on lines 2b and 3c (as appropriate) the difference between the federal deductions included in lines 1 or 3b of Schedule B and the Alaska deductions calculated on Schedules K or L.

#### Schedule D

**Line 2, Net Capital Gain:** If the you are reporting capital gain income, complete and attach Schedule J of the standard Form 6000. Complete column C through line 18, and enter this amount on Line 2 of Schedule D. However, if you are claiming a capital loss carryback, you must use the standard Form 6000, not the short form.

#### Schedule E

**Line 3, Other taxes.** Refer to instructions on page 11 for Form 6000 Schedule E, line 5.

### Appendix A

# Worksheet for Charitable Contribution Deduction Taxable income for deduction limitation (Schedule K, line 8)

Enter sum of Schedule H, lines 9-11a, Schedule H (taxable income before charitable contribution), but not less than zero		
Enter amount of capital loss carryback utilized included in Schedule J, line 9		
Taxable income before charitable contribution, capital loss carryback, and net operating loss. Add lines 1-2		
Is there a Net Operating Loss carryforward available to reduce taxable income in the current year?	☐ Yes	☐ No
If you answered "no" STOP. Enter amount from line 3 on Schedule K, line 8		
If you answered "yes" then complete the remainder of this worksheet to determine if any charitable contributions are converted to net operating loss		
NOL carryforward available (exclude carryback) Enter as a positive number		
Taxable income before charitable contribution, capital loss carryback, after NOL carryforward. Subtract line 5 from line 3, but not less than 0		
Multiply line 3 by 10%		
Multiply line 6 by 10%		
Enter amount from Schedule K, line 7		
If line 9 is less than line 8, STOP. Charitable contributions are fully deductible, and there is no charitable contribution carryover. Enter the amount from line 6 on Schedule K, line 8. If line 9 is more than line 8, complete remainder of worksheet		
Enter lesser of line 9 or line 8		
Subtract line 10 from line 9. If less than zero, enter 0		
Subtract line 8 from line 7		
Enter lesser of line 11 or 12. This is the amount of charitable contributions converted to NOL		
Subtract line 13 from line 11. This is the portion of the unallowed charitable contributions that is carried over as charitable contributions		
	Enter amount of capital loss carryback utilized included in Schedule J, line 9  Taxable income before charitable contribution, capital loss carryback, and net operating loss. Add lines 1-2  Is there a Net Operating Loss carryforward available to reduce taxable income in the current year?  If you answered "no" STOP. Enter amount from line 3 on Schedule K, line 8  If you answered "yes" then complete the remainder of this worksheet to determine if any charitable contributions are converted to net operating loss  NOL carryforward available (exclude carryback) Enter as a positive number  Taxable income before charitable contribution, capital loss carryback, after NOL carryforward. Subtract line 5 from line 3, but not less than 0  Multiply line 3 by 10%  Multiply line 6 by 10%  Enter amount from Schedule K, line 7  If line 9 is less than line 8, STOP. Charitable contributions are fully deductible, and there is no charitable contribution carryover. Enter the amount from line 6 on Schedule K, line 9 is more than line 8, complete remainder of worksheet  Enter lesser of line 9 or line 8  Subtract line 10 from line 9. If less than zero, enter 0  Subtract line 8 from line 7  Enter lesser of line 11 or 12. This is the amount of charitable contributions converted to NOL  Subtract line 13 from line 11. This is the portion of the unallowed charitable contributions that is carried over as charitable	Enter amount of capital loss carryback utilized included in Schedule J, line 9  Taxable income before charitable contribution, capital loss carryback, and net operating loss. Add lines 1-2  Is there a Net Operating Loss carryforward available to reduce taxable income in the current year?  If you answered "no" STOP. Enter amount from line 3 on Schedule K, line 8  If you answered "yes" then complete the remainder of this worksheet to determine if any charitable contributions are converted to net operating loss  NOL carryforward available (exclude carryback) Enter as a positive number  Taxable income before charitable contribution, capital loss carryback, after NOL carryforward. Subtract line 5 from line 3, but not less than 0  Multiply line 3 by 10%  Multiply line 6 by 10%  Enter amount from Schedule K, line 7  If line 9 is less than line 8, STOP. Charitable contributions are fully deductible, and there is no charitable contribution carryover. Enter the amount from line 6 on Schedule K, line 8. If line 9 is more than line 8, complete remainder of worksheet  Enter lesser of line 9 or line 8  Subtract line 10 from line 9. If less than zero, enter 0  Subtract line 8 from line 7  Enter lesser of line 11 or 12. This is the amount of charitable contributions converted to NOL  Subtract line 13 from line 11. This is the portion of the unallowed charitable contributions that is carried over as charitable

### Appendix B

### **Worksheet for Dividends-Received Deduction (DRD)**

		Α	В
1.	Enter sum of lines 9-11b from Schedule H		
2.	Add back capital loss carryback amount included in Schedule J, line 9		
3.	Add lines 12. If < 0, STOP. Enter amount from Schedule L, line 9 on Schedule H, line 11c		
4.	Enter in worksheet columns A and B, the amount from Schedule L, line 8a, column C (attributable to dividends qualifying for 100% DRD)		
5.	Subtract line 4 from line 3, but not less than zero		
6.	Multiply line 5 by 80%		
7.	Enter amount from Schedule L, line 8b column C, plus the amount from Schedule L, line 8d column C, plus the amount from Schedule L, line 8f column C that is attributable to dividends from 20%-or-more owned corporations		
8.	Enter in worksheet columns A and B, the smaller of line 6 or line 7. If line 7 is greater than line 6, stop here		
9.	Enter amount from Schedule L, line 8b column A, plus the amount from Schedule L, line 8d column A, plus the part of the dividends on Schedule L, line 8f column A from 20%-ormore-owned corporations which are eligible for a DRD		
10.	Subtract line 9 from line 6, but not less than zero		
11.	Multiply line 10 by 70%		
12.	Subtract Schedule L, line 8a column C from Schedule L line 9		
13.	Subtract line 7 from line 12		
14.	Enter in columns A and B, the smaller of line 11 or line 13		
15.	Dividends-received deduction after limitation . Add amounts in column B. Enter the result here and on Schedule H, line 11c		