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### **Disaster Unemployment Assistance Deadline is August 8 for Some Workers Impacted by Yukon, Kuskokwim Floods**

JUNEAU, Alaska—For some workers affected by flooding in Alaska, the deadline to apply for disaster unemployment assistance is August 8.

DUA is available to residents and workers in the Yupiit and Lower Yukon Regional Educational Assistance Areas, who lost work due to ice jams and flooding on the Yukon and Kuskokwim rivers earlier this spring.

“DUA is a federal program that provides financial assistance to workers, including self-employed workers, who became unemployed as a direct result of the flooding,” Chief of Unemployment Insurance Bill Kramer said.

The communities affected by the August 8 deadline include Akiak, Akiachak, Tuluksak, Emmonak, Russian Mission, Kotlik and Alakanuk.

Disaster unemployment benefits are based on an individual's 2008 earnings. The benefit amount can range from \$102 to \$370 per week, plus \$24 each for up to three dependents. DUA benefits are not payable to individuals who qualify for regular unemployment insurance benefits.

Individuals interested in applying for assistance may call 1-888-252-2557 until 3 p.m. on August 8.

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