## Alaska Department of Revenue Permanent Fund Dividend Division

## Overview of the 2015 Dividend Calculation

To help smooth out year-to-year volatility in dividend amounts, the amount of each year's dividend is calculated using a formula that averages the Permanent Fund's realized earnings over the previous five years. Here is how it works:

**1. Add** the Fund's statutory net income\* from the previous five years.

	(in millions/rounded
FY 2011	2,143
FY 2012	1,568
FY 2013	2,928
FY 2014	3,531
FY 2015	2,907
Total	13,077

2. Multiply by statutory 21% for an average of the five year earnings

3. Divide in half for the statutory percentage of earnings allocated for dividends

4. Add FY 2013 Permanent Fund Dividend Fund beginning balance

5. Subtract prior year obligations, designated state expenses and cost of operating the Permanent Fund Dividend Division

**Subtract** reserves for payment of prior year dividends

7. **Divide** by the estimated number of eligible dividend applicants

\*More information is available at www.apfc.org or www.pfd.alaska.gov